



25th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

24 September 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father, guide us according to your law of love.
May we love one another and come to perfection.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday 24th Sept. – theme "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay" In his message Pope Francis recalls that "migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation" and points out that some of the most visible causes of migration are " Persecutions, wars, atmospheric phenomena and dire poverty " .

In this regard, the Holy Father indicates in the Message that "Joint efforts are needed by individual countries and the international community to ensure that all enjoy the right not to be forced to emigrate, in other words, the chance to live in peace and with dignity in one's own country."

The Pope also asks "to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door" and adds that, "as we work to ensure that in every case migration is the fruit of a free decision, we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant".

"In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone," wrote Pope Francis.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all those struggling to decide whether to leave their homeland or stay, that today's World Day of Migrants and Refugees will help enlarge their freedom of choice. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who long for a peaceful world, that the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (26 September) will give them reason for hope. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Libya suffering devastation and great loss of life from catastrophic floods, that the world community will come to their relief with emergency and long-term aid. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for workers short-changed of their proper wage or entitlements, that their right to fair recompense and just employment will be fully upheld. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for youth workers, community leaders and the police, that their collective efforts to guide young people away from crime will bear much good fruit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the board members of Catholic health institutions, that they will be blessed with the wisdom they need to protect and promote a gospel-based ethic of life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Denis Dempsey, Ted Hart, Peter Gillan, Penny Crawford, Tony Riley, Jenny Bodman Ross Lawless, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers, that they may be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will share to the full in the glory of Christ. (pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Lord,
may we put into action the love we have learnt from you.
Amen.*

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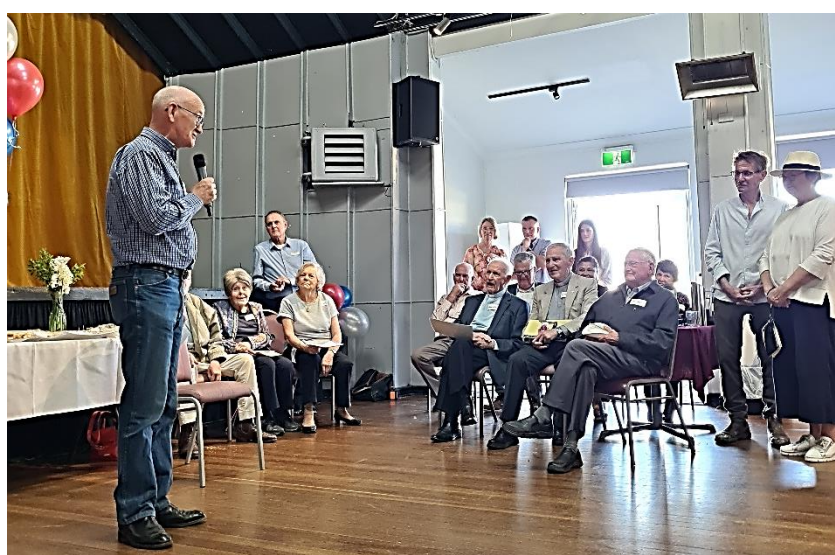
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Mass: Saturdays at 6.00pm. No weekday Masses for now.

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Krawarree Mass: 29 October at 11.00am

Thanks to all who attended Br. Brian's farewell. The catering was outstanding and everyone had an enjoyable time. We embarrassed Brian by saying nice things about him (all true but he denies it). Father Richard VG; MC Michael, Brian, pictured with Bishop Pat Power and Fr Hilton Roberts.



Dear Parishioners,

The Spring is with us in all her beauty. We pause during our Mass and thank God for the gifts of nature and grace. The early Christians were clearly a grateful bunch, giving the name 'Eucharist' to our treasured sacred celebration. The word, as you know, means 'thanksgiving,' and so the best way to prepare for Mass – both remotely and immediately – is to thank the Lord for everything we are and have.

We pray in a special way for Father Vincent Michael Thomas Burke! (I always address him in such fashion, having known him for years). Let's hope a couple of months recuperation finds him in better health, with a bright and fruitful retirement ahead of him.

The Archbishop has informed me that Father Joshua and I will be among you for perhaps 18 months. The towns and parishes of Bungendore and Braidwood – and the surrounding areas – do need a full-time priest. In the meantime, we will do our best – under-promising and hopefully over-delivering.

For many years, the Archdiocese has gathered each year to celebrate what was known as the Galong Procession – honouring the Our Lady, Mother of God. It took place either in May or October. The Archbishop has decided, for a number of reasons, to switch the venue to the newly restored Old Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul in Goulburn.

Construction of the Old Cathedral began in 1872, with rock quarried just outside Goulburn – Australia's first inland city. Believe it or not, it is the only Greenstone Church in the world, constructed with the rock that is – again, believe it or not – that is 440 million years old. It occupies a special place in world history.

Date Claimer: Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Old Cathedral Sts. Peter & Paul's Sunday 22 October 2023 12noon Mass & Lunch

Followed by Devotions

I think you will be very impressed with the restoration work. It is our intention to make the Old Cathedral a pre-eminent place of pilgrimage in Australia.

Blessings to one and all,

Father Tony

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm on Saturday 23 September Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly wood Raffle. Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Cathy reports that the home cooking is greatly appreciated by the customers. Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011

Braidwood Lions Antique Fair: The Braidwood Lions Club is running an Antique Fair from Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October in the historic National Theatre. For sale will be antiques, collectables, bric-a-brac, linen, porcelain, jewellery, vintage clothes, and furniture.

Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary Fete Saturday October 14th in the National Theatre.



Café of the Gate of Salvation Choir: Get ready for an October choral weekend! You, your family, neighbours and friends are enthusiastically invited to attend: **SATURDAY 14 October (Referendum Day) 7pm** in St Bede's Catholic Church: a concert and community singalong by Sydney's premier a cappella gospel choir, Cafe at the Gate of Salvation. **SUNDAY 15 October, 10am** in St Bede's Catholic Church: an ecumenical choral service, led by the choir, celebrating Br. Brian's contribution to the Braidwood community.

Braidwood Open Gardens November 4 & 5.

Book Launch of selected poems by Jeremy Lockhart Nelson "SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI" (THUS PASSES THE GLORY OF THE WORLD). The launch will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2.30 P.M. at the former church, 153 Sawyer's Ridge Road, Reidsdale. Book: \$20
RSVP to John Fulcher. Phone 0423 749 464 Email: jfulcher@gmail.com

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch Commemoration Dinner is on again this year at the National Theatre -11 Nov. Add it to your diary now so you don't miss out. Wonderful food, BYO drinks and exhilarating music from one of Braidwood's best music talents. A great time to dress up and enjoy great company in a delightful night out. Details and booking information coming soon.

Braidwood Quilt Event 2023 25/26 November Contact braidwoodquilterstextiles@gmail.com

Readings for Mass: 1st: Isaiah 55:6-9. 2nd: Phil. 1:20-24,27. Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16.

Next week: 1st: Ezek. 18:25-28. 2nd: Phil. 2:1-11. Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

Ministries for our Mass:	23 Sept	30 Sept	7 Oct	14 Oct	21 Oct
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)				
Reader 1:	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B
Reader 2:	Germaine	Wendy H	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine
Ministries of service:	29 Sept	6 Oct	13 Oct	20 Oct	
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret	
Cleaning:	Helen P & Sarah				
Counters: 1 st Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H		
3 rd Sunday:	Brenda		4 th : Phil Owen		
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.					

Take care of each other
Helen

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024



The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.