



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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2 October 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Father,

Your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.

Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation.

Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 17:5-10 by Greg Sunter

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking

for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray in thanksgiving for all who have brought home to us the power of faith. May their example be an unfailing source of inspiration for us. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace in Ukraine and every place of armed conflict. May today's World Day of Non-Violence (2 October) move opponents to seek peaceful means of resolving their differences. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all living creatures. May the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October) strengthen our resolve to protect the habitat they need to survive and thrive. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for asylum seekers still stranded on Nauru and Manus Island and for all temporary visa holders in Australia. May their cruel ordeal be brought swiftly to a just end. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people struggling with anxiety and uncertainty. May family and friends accompany them with understanding, love and patience. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for one another. May we help each other nurture our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Michael Crosby, Geoff Bradley, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased Richie Simpson, Berri McAuliffe, Bruce Feehan, Paul Dann, Anne Paciorek ,. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be made welcome at the banquet of eternal life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty Father,
May the love of your Holy Trinity give us a share in your life.
Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am in the church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Requiem Mass: Berri McAuliffe 30 September at 11.00am

Dear Parishioners,



To Br Brian's 90th Birthday Celebration 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Date: 5th November 2022

Time: 7pm

Place: Braidwood Servicemen's Club

RSVP: 1st November

Braidwood@cq.org.au

The cost is \$35 per person which can be paid directly to the Office, Helen H or Germaine in advance or on the night.

A small contribution towards a birthday gift would be appreciated.

Last chance to buy tickets in the "Help Ukrainians" raffle, being conducted by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Wendy Hart has the tickets if you are interested. Wendy will be selling tickets before and after Mass during September to mid October It is being drawn in November.

The Markets were cancelled due to the bad weather. The raffle will be carried over to next month.

October calendar: now compiled. If you have anything you would like added, please let me know. **Don't forget the Lions Club Antique Fair on this long weekend.**

Readings for Mass: 1st: Hab. 1:2-3 - 2:2-4. 2nd: 2 Tim. 1:6-8,13-14. Gospel: 17:5-10.

Readings for next week: 1st: 2 Kings 5:14-17. 2nd: 2 Tim. 2:8-13. Gospel: Luke 17:11-19.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
1 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
8 Oct	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H
15 Oct		Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
22 Oct	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H

Ministries of service:	30 Sept.	7 Oct	14 Oct	21 Oct
Altar Decorating:	N/A (supplied)	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaning:	Pauline & Wendy		Bunny & Ella	

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H
3rd Sunday: Gabrielle K 4th: Phil Owen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other
Helen Hart