



27th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

8 October 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty and eternal God,
your goodness is beyond what our spirit can touch.
Lead us to seek beyond our reach and give us the courage to stand before your truth.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent

some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew 21: 33-43 by GPBS 26/9/23

Let God be God

I asked a friend, Don, how life was going for him, and he said that things were horrible at work. His wife's friend's husband had been out of work a year or so back and Don paved the way for him to

get an interview where he worked. Don's company hired him, and Don felt pretty good he was able to help someone out.

But things haven't turned out so well. The guy Don helped quickly got designs on taking over Don's job, and he's making Don's life miserable. He constantly second-guesses Don in front of their colleagues. He finds reasons to talk to Don's clients behind his back. He spreads false rumours to try to undermine Don's authority with his staff.

As it turns out, the new guy is actually shooting himself in the foot. The bosses and staff, originally impressed with his initiative, have come to see how self-serving he is. It won't be long before he's out of work again, which saddens Don because the guy had a pretty good deal for himself— before he started angling to get more and more. In this week's gospel, Jesus tells a parable about people who had a pretty good deal – in fact a covenant with God almighty. But instead of enjoying the vineyard God prepared, they wanted it all for themselves. The good news this week is that there is only one God – and it's not me and it's not you. We just work for God.

The Commissioning

Choose your foundation stones carefully – fit them together wisely.

We have chosen the life pattern of Jesus for our foundation.

You will not be disappointed.

Like Jesus, we will show compassion.

Like Jesus, we will welcome the stranger.

Like Jesus, we will bring renewal and healing.

Like Jesus, we will not bow before people of power.

Like Jesus, we will not flinch at the sight of our cross.

Your foundation is rock solid – you have chosen your foundation wisely.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all students preparing for their HSC which begins next week. May their years of study be rewarded with good results. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the world-wide church, that the synodal process Pope Francis has set in motion will revitalise its missionary spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the churches of Africa and Latin America; that the vines of the Gospel planted there will bear abundant fruit for the kingdom of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Christian faithful around the world, that all the baptised in Christ will nourish their minds with what is true and noble and good. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the voters of Australia, that they will prepare carefully and conscientiously this week for the Voice referendum and vote for what they truly believe is just and best. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all seminarians preparing to be ordained ministers in the Australian church; that they will become caring pastors and joyful preachers of God's word. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially
Dennis Dempsey, Fr. Mick, 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 the recently deceased , . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be raised on high with Christ to the glory of God the Father. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Almighty God,
fill us with your life. Touch our lives and lead us to 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 (to be confirmed)

Dear Parishioners,

First Thursday Community Lunch at the Club: 5 October, commencing at 11.30am. All welcome.

Head Count continues this weekend.



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.

School reumes Tuesday 10th October.

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

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Old Cathedral Sts. Peter & Paul's Sunday 22 October 2023
12noon Mass & Lunch. Followed by Devotions (replaces Galong Marian Day)

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 at launch. (AMAZON, 200PP. \$25.00)

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

Save the Date: Ecumenical Advent Womens' Breakfast, 2nd December 8-9.30am Old Sunday School hall. Hosted by St Bede's Prayer Groups. More details to follow.

Advent Resource from Brisbane. In the past we have provided the prayer resources for Advent and Lent free of charge to parishioners. Unfortunately, due to the huge increase in our insurance premiums, we can no longer afford to do this. If you would like to purchase a copy of this Advent's 22 page prayers and reflections, entitled "With Expectant Hearts" (cost \$6.00) please copy and paste the email address: formation@bne.catholic.net.au or scan the QR code on the poster in the church.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Isaiah 5:1-7. 2nd: Phil. 4:6-9. Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43.

Next week: 1st: Isaiah 25:6-10. 2nd: Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20. Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9 Anglican reflection.

Ministries for our Mass:	7 Oct	14 Oct	21 Oct	28 Oct
Welcomer:	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)			
Reader 1:	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Ann T
Reader 2:	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H
Ministries of service:	6 Oct	13 Oct	20 Oct	27 Oct
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy
Cleaning:		Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Wendy
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



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.