



28TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
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Midweek Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*Father,
The hand of your loving kindness
powerfully yet gently guides all the moments of our day.
Go before us in our pilgrimage of life,
anticipate our needs and prevent our falling.
Send your Spirit to unite us in faith,
that sharing in your service,
we may rejoice in your presence.
Amen.*

FIRST READING A reading from Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to

the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in ‘all whom they found, good and evil alike’. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king’s (God’s) question to the wedding guest? ‘My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?’ The guest might have replied: ‘Because of dire poverty’, or ‘Lack of time’, but the story goes on, ‘But the guest was silent’. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That the Church, by its welcoming and hospitality, will draw all people to the banquet of life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations suffering from drought, famine and the pandemic will be helped by nations who have plenty. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will accept God's invitation to the feast by living our lives as true followers of Christ. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and housebound will be shown compassion, including Dennis Dempsey, Bobbie Beale, Ann McDougall, Val Biggers, Celia Roach, Cilla Ryan, and Mark Sissian. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will forever enjoy the heavenly feast, especially Bob Bradley, Maria Pullen and Billy George. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

We pray that your love be the foundation of our lives.

May our love for you find expression in our care for others.

Amen.



Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

Mass last Saturday evening was attended by 35 parishioners. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures will have to be observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Tuesday Masses: 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: Everyone is welcome to Adoration every Friday 9am-10 am as an opportunity for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. [Please feel free to come at any time during this hour for as long as you desire.](#) Lighting of candles for special intentions is available. Entry is up the side ramp entrance of the church.

Social Justice Group: meets in the Church Sunday 7th November at 10.30am.

We welcome our interim Administrator, Father Praveen, who will be living here with Brother Brian, and welcome the opportunity to get to know him.

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn invite all to join in a Public Forum (Zoomed) on Thursday 22nd October 5 to 6.30pm, on the topic: **How can *The Light from the Southern Cross* shine in dioceses?** **Speakers:** Susan Pascoe AM and Virginia Bourke. **FORUM CHAIR** Andrea Dean. Further information about the speakers and Zoom details are on the attached flyer, or visit www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events

“The Light from the Southern Cross (Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia)” is the historic review of governance in parishes and dioceses across Australia. It was produced by lay Catholics and clergy, having been commissioned by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious of Australia to canvas options for Church governance in the wake of the Sexual Abuse Royal Commission. It has received broad acclamation in Australia and internationally. The majority of recommendations can be put in place now in parishes and dioceses nationally. This forum will examine the relevant recommendations from the report, and provide advice on how to go about these essential elements of reform. **Contact** Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

See the attachment for more detail

Julian Laffan is looking for old photos of St Bede’s school and/or pupils/classes. There is to be a 200 years of Catholic Schooling celebration this year and St. Bede’s is going to be one of those highlighted.

If you have any photos please either email them to Julian or ring the school for a time to take them in to be scanned.

Radio Church is looking for people interested in contributing through the reading of prayers and Scripture for our weekly ecumenical service on Braidwood Community Radio. If interested please talk with Bro Brian or email drjuliefletcher@gmail.com

Next week’s Readings: 1st: Isaiah 45:1,4-6. 2nd: 1 Thess. 1:1-5. Gospel: Matt. 22:15-16

Ministry Rosters for Restrictive Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
10 Oct	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Cathy F	Helen H
17 Oct	James	Cathy F	Helen B/Germaine	Helen H
24 Oct	Geoff	Geraldine	Trish/Ann	Helen H
31 Oct	Felix	Helen P	Rod/Wendy M-B	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won’t be attending Mass so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Masks are not yet mandatory but recommended. Please feel free to wear one to Mass if you wish.

Look after yourselves,
Helen Hart