



29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

22 October 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Lord, our God, Father of all,
guide us under the shadow of your wings.
Remove the blindness that cannot know you
and relieve the fear that would hide us from your sight.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-21 GPBS 17/10/23

Go from here as those who will do what is right in God's sight.

We will support those elected people who listen carefully and seek justice.

We will question those leaders who expect obedience no matter what.

We will advocate for those who are voiceless and beaten down.

We will protest hidden gender bias and the oppression of minorities.

We will stand with those who make clear the compassion of Christian values.

We will love those who are called "unlovable," such as convicted criminals, street people, and the mentally challenged.

You are those who will do what is right in God's sight.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for world leaders as United Nations Day approaches (24 October), that they will use all the power at their disposal to work for peace and especially to end the brutal bloodshed in the Holy Land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the church on this Mission Sunday, that 'all hearts will be on fire and all feet on the move' for the sake of the good news. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all participants in the Synod as the first session enters its final week, that they will become a leaven of synodality for the whole people of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our children preparing for the sacrament of First Communion, Nina, Tilly, Charlie, Jake, Jay, Mason, Jake, Jay and Sam. May they come to know Jesus more intimately. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Australia, whether First Nations, settlers, migrants or refugees, that we be united in our commitment to mutual respect, fairness and solidarity. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Jacki Ffrench, 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 John Hockey, Frances Minogue, Richard Stone, , . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and peace for ever. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, may your gift of faith help us to remain faithful and teach us the way to eternal life. 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 has been cancelled.

Head Count continues this weekend.

October Rosary: Please join us on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm. We are being led through our prayers by Melisa Mass, who uses the Hallow App.

Memorial Service for Richard Stone will be held at the Mongarlowe Fire Shed at 2pm on Saturday 21st October.

Would anyone like some shredded paper? Brian has been busy and there 6 bags for anyone who has chooks, other pets or who make compost. Just let Helen know.

The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27 October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden and warmly invites you to join us.

Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs, a well-known local personality, will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life. Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70 (until 14 October) and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700.

Please visit www.cgwomen.org.au to purchase tickets through Humanitix.

For further information contact Samantha Hazlett at samanthahazlett@icloud.com

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

Seminar on Services for the aging at the Club, Thursday 2 November, 9.30am –midday, on

services through Service NSW and Veteran's Home Care as well as assistance available from Seniors Rights Service and QPRC. Open to all community members, morning tea will be provided.

Braidwood Open Gardens November 4 & 5.

Book Launch of selected poems by Jeremy Lockhart Nelson Thus Passes the Glory of the World on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2.30pm 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

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

Save the Date: Ecumenical Advent Women's' 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. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to pay for these. 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 45:1,4-6. 2nd: 1 Thess. 1:1-5. Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21.

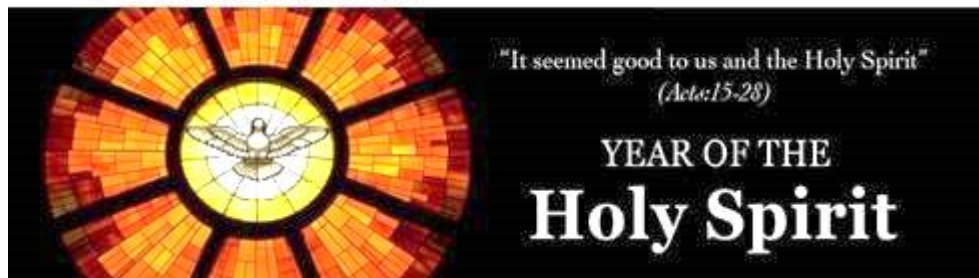
Next week: 1st: Exodus 22:20-26. 2nd: 1 Thess. 1:5-10. Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

Ministries for our Mass:	21 Oct	28 Oct	4 Nov	11 Nov	18 Nov
Welcomer:	Helen P	Geraldine	Helen P	Cathy F	Geraldine
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)				
Reader 1:	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine
Reader 2:	Germaine	Wendy H	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B
Ministries of service:	20 Oct	27 Oct	3 Nov	10 Nov	17 Nov
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy	Joy
Cleaning:	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

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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.