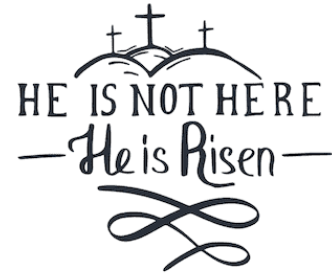




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24 April 2022

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### OPENING PRAYER

*God of mercy,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us new birth in the Spirit  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate Christ's resurrection,  
increase our awareness of these blessings.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. (R.)

## **SECOND READING:** A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

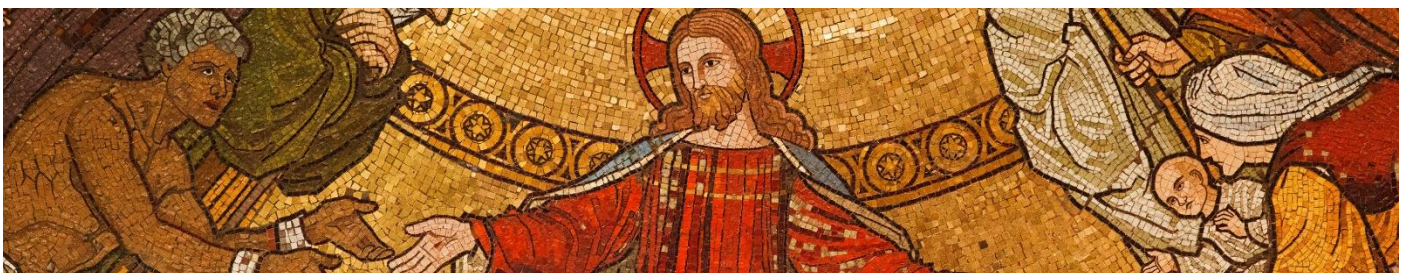
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them.

'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



## **We Have Seen the Lord!**

Thomas missed it. The Lord came into their midst, tangibly and audibly. But Thomas wasn't there. Even after the most tumultuous week of their lives, Thomas was not about to sit and reflect. He had places to go, people to see. In my secret biblical dating service, I think Thomas would make a good husband for Martha. He was practical, a man of action, a good model of service. He may have been out verifying the account of the women from the morning, or getting supplies for the group, or checking out the streets to hear if there was talk of lynching the whole bunch of them. It was certainly a dangerous time to go out for a mere stroll. Thomas had reasons not to be among them. But like Martha, his good intentions got in the way of the one thing that mattered. The only detail that escaped Thomas' attention that day was Jesus.

***How does activity keep you from prayer, contemplation, and the quiet? How can you accommodate room in your day to "see" the Lord?***

Look for the Lord in the faces of others, those who are dear and especially those who are less so. Seek the Lord in beauty, in stillness, and behind locked doors most of all.

***These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.***

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Reader: For the Church, that it be a visible sign of Christ's presence. (pause) Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For peace on earth, that nations will put aside division and hate and seek peace. (pause) Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who do not believe, that their doubt will turn to faith. (pause) Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For peace: that armed conflicts will cease immediately, particularly where the homes and lives of civilians are being destroyed. (pause) Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For this community, that we always place our trust in the risen Lord and bear witness to our faith. (pause) Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:**For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Ian Vardanega, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers: that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who have died, including Val Laurie, and our own deceased relatives and friends, that they will live forever with the risen Christ. (pause) Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Almighty God,*

*may the Easter blessings live forever in our minds and hearts.*

*Amen.*

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

**Weekday Mass: suspended until Mick returns.**

**Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.**

**Social Justice Group: Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery**

**Anzac Day Service: 9.30am in St Bede's Church.**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

**Anzac Day Service:** to be held in St Bede's Church, commencing at 9.30am. Please bring some Anzac biscuits to share at morning tea, following the service.

**Funeral for Val Laurie:** 4th May at 11.00am in St Bede's Church. Fr. Mark will celebrate the Mass.

### **Parish Dinner to Mark Completion of Repairs to the Roof**

Now that the work is complete, the Parish Council of St Bede's intends to mark the Completion of the Repairs to the Roof by holding a Parish Dinner. The completion of this work is a very significant occasion; the 700+ mm of rain that fell whilst the work was in progress has rigorously tested the roof! The slates were installed in 1880 to replace the original wood shingles from construction started circa 1856; hopefully it will be good for another 140+ years.

St Bede's is a key element of the heritage of the town, whose heritage significance is recognised on the State Heritage Register of New South Wales. Its presence is a significant part of the story of the town and its heritage for all the people of NSW.

The maintenance work that has now been carried out was essential to safeguard the structure of the church so it can continue as an enduring symbol of faith in the future, to tell the story of the people who settled the area and their vision. The work has ensured that St Bede's will not only continue to enrich the present, but to protect it for future generations. We have fulfilled this responsibility to future generations.

The Grant from Heritage NSW provided matching funds – 50%, to enable the Parish to carry out the repairs, which cost \$299,530.

In addition, the Braidwood Community Bank provided matching funding for cleaning up the extraordinary amount of dust dislodged during the roof repair, in particular the overheads, as well as the painting of the Gable Ends; the cost of the additional work was \$22,873.00. The BCB matched the parish funding by providing 50% i.e., \$ 11,437.50.

The dinner will be held at the Braidwood Services Club on Saturday 14 May 7.00PM for 7.30PM, cost \$25 per head. Please RSVP by 6 May to [braidwood@cg.org.au](mailto:braidwood@cg.org.au) or phone 4842 2444. We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will attend to celebrate this occasion to congratulate ourselves. It is a significant achievement!

In recognition of the support provided by the local member's predecessor, Mr John Barilaro and Heritage NSW, the parish has invited the local State MP Mrs Nichole Overall MP, to attend with her spouse as our guests and to make a few remarks. The Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mr James Griffin MP was unable to accept the invitation.

The Queanbeyan/Palerang Heritage Advisor Mr Pip Giovanelli (a resident of Krawarree) who has been an excellent source of wise counsel to guide the progress of the project to the very successful outcome, has also been invited with his spouse/partner as our guests.

In recognition of the generous support given by the Braidwood Community Bank, the Branch Manager Mr Nick Fry and his wife have accepted the invitation to be our guests. Ms Di Izzard a member of the BCB Board will also attend. The Braidwood and District Historical Society very helpfully facilitated the transfer of the Community Bank funds to St Bede's to comply with the Bank's Administrative requirements. The President of the BDHS Mr Peter Smith and his spouse have been invited, as our guests.

We also had wonderful support from many Community Organisations, who provided their backing to our multiple applications for grants from a variety of Government programs over a long period. These organisations have also been invited to attend, regrettably at their own expense – alas after the roof and gables, our coffers are pretty empty!

### **Supporting Community Organisations**

Braidwood Community Association, S. Murray, President; Braidwood Life Centre, M. Bakas, President; Country Women's Association Braidwood, Irene Huntly, President

St Vincent de Paul Society, Braidwood, C Ffrench, President; Braidwood Servicemen's Club, M Griggs, General Manager ; RSL Subbranch Braidwood, T Roach, President; Braidwood Visitor's Information Centre, M Tuckwell, Manager; Braidwood Lions Club, F Hansby, President; Braidwood APEX Club, T Vardanega, President; Braidwood Community Radio, G Walters, General Manager ; St Andrews Anglican Church, Rev. Rick Lewis; St Andrews Uniting Church, Dr. Julie Fletcher; St Bede's Primary School, M Gorham, Principal.  
Terry Roach Chair Finance Comm.

**Please return your Caritas Australia Project Compassion boxes.**

**School resumes on Wednesday 27 April.**

Church cleaners needed. Now that the church has been professionally cleaned, we need to keep it looking wonderful. If you are able to help with this ministry, please contact Helen on 04301 69849

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 5:12-16. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rev. 1:9-13,17-19. Gospel: John 20:19-31.

**Readings for next week:** 1st: Acts 5:27-32,40-41. 2nd: Rev. 5:11-14. Gospel: John 21:1-19.

### **Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Music/PP</b>
23 Apl.	Felix	Helen P	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
30 Apl	Geoff	Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
7 May	James	Geraldine	Wendy M-B/Brian	Helen H
14 May	Felix	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
21 May	Geoff	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H

<b>Ministries of Service:</b>	<b>30 April</b>	<b>7 May</b>	<b>14 May</b>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Cathy F	Helen P

**Cleaners: volunteers needed please.** Our lovely church needs to be kept clean. Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other, Helen Hart