



**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C**

13 March 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
Help us to hear your Son.
Enlighten us with your word,
that we may find the way to your glory.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness

in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

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

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

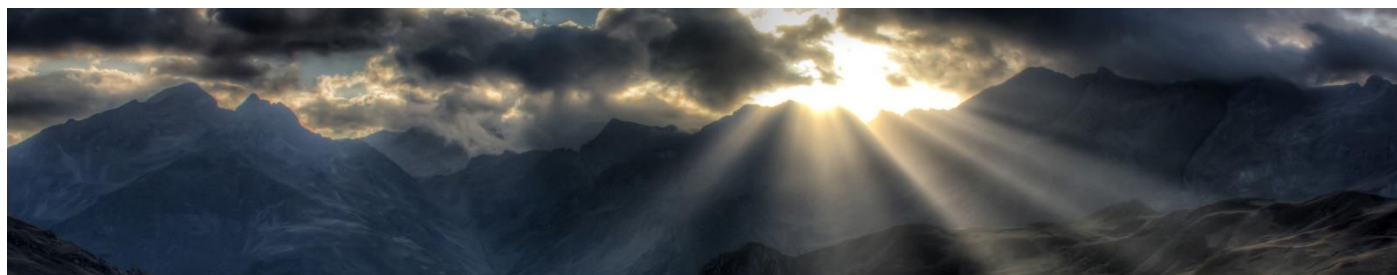
So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 9:28-36

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see. Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the people of Ukraine, that the killing, destruction and displacement they are suffering will end and negotiations for peace begin. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of every nation on earth, that they will renounce aggression and uphold the humanity we have in common. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the whole human family, that the troubling uncertainty of these times will draw us together in solidarity and hope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have lost loved ones, homes or livelihoods in the floods along Australia's east coast, that they will get the short and long-term support they need to recover. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For Australia's indigenous communities, that National Close the Gap Day (17 March) will help reduce the inequality of health outcomes they suffer. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all residents, staff and volunteers in aged care homes, that the unfulfilled recommendations of the Royal Commission will be implemented as a matter of urgency. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet and Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be comforted by loving family, friends and community. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the recently deceased: Bob Fletcher, John Shiels, Annmarie Rosengren (Minogue) Rod Diacono, Kevin Thorne, Father Henry Byrne, Joy Vanzimen and Father Laurie Blake. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be filled with the glory of Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

we rejoice that you are our creator and ruler.

As we call upon your generosity,

renew us and keep us in your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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 at the Presbytery.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

World Day of Prayer: cancelled due to continued wet weather

Weddings for March: Tuesdays 22nd and Wednesday 30th.

Dear Parishioners,

The church is open for Masses. Masks are no longer mandatory but please continue to use them for as long as you wish.

St Patrick's Day Mass at Nerriga. Once again the Catholic Women from Nowra are coming to Nerriga to celebrate St Patrick's Day. A retired priest, Father Pat, accompanies them and celebrates the Mass at 11.30am. This is followed by lunch at the pub. These are the ladies who attended the recent Mass at Nerriga. They enjoyed that day and cordially invite any interested parishioners to join them for St Patrick's Day.

Update on the Church work: We have secured a cleaning company who commenced the major clean on Tuesday 8th. Ray and Ben are busy cleaning the gables.

What are we doing special during Lent to prepare us for Easter? The MenAlive weekend will be held on the Saturday 2nd April and Sunday 3rd April on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, in Bungendore. Whilst it is a great opportunity for all men in our region to be challenged by our faith and support each other in this journey, already six men from outside have applied to attend. Please contact Brian 0408 687 915 or Bungendore 6238 1247 if you would like to attend.

For the women of our region there will be a day retreat held on Saturday 9th April, to be led by Phil Billington and the theme will be the Eucharist. Phil has conducted retreats and seminars in many parts of Australia and I'm truly delighted she has accepted my invitation. Eileen Glass will also join the women of our region towards the end of the year for a day retreat. Contact Bungendore 6238 1247

CHRISM MASS – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Project Compassion boxes are available in the church at Mass time.

Readings for next week: 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

1st: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15. 2nd: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12. Gospel: Luke 13:1-9.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
12 Mar	Felix	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
19 Mar	James	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
26 Mar	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
2 Apl	James	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Brian	Helen H

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

Take care,
Helen Hart

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY:	VIGIL 6.00PM – St Bede’s, Braidwood 8.30AM – St Mary’s, Bungendore 10.30AM – St Joseph’s, Gundaroo
MONDAY CHRISM Mass	– 5.00PM – St Christopher’s Cathedral, Manuka
TUESDAY:	10.00AM – St Bede’s, Braidwood
WEDNESDAY:	9.00AM – St Mary’s, Bungendore
THURSDAY:	7.00PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, St Bede’s, Braidwood 6.30PM with Adoration until 9PM - St Raphael’s Queanbeyan
FRIDAY:	10.00AM – Stations of the Cross, St Mary’s Bungendore; St Bede’s Braidwood 3.00PM – Celebration of the Passion; St Bede’s Braidwood
SATURDAY:	VIGIL 5.30PM – St Bede’s, Braidwood VIGIL 7.30PM – St Mary’s, Bungendore
EASTER SUNDAY:	8.30AM - St Mary’s, Bungendore 10.30AM – St Joseph’s, Gundaroo

Other dates for your calendar:

6 th April –	7.00PM - Second Rite of Reconciliation – St Raphael’s, Queanbeyan
St Patrick’s Day	11.00AM – Mass at Nerriga followed by lunch in the Pub