



30TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
25 October 2020
Liturgy and Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty ever-living God,
Strengthen our faith, hope and love.
May we do with loving hearts
what you ask of us.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

FIRST READING A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection on the Gospel - What Holy Families Can Look Like

In the summer of 2020, our parish, and the world, lost a vessel of unconditional love when Matt died of brain cancer at the age of 55. Matt adored his wife, Katie, and was an incomparable dad to his three kids. Though not a Catholic himself, he actively supported Katie in raising a Catholic family and all five could be found every Sunday morning in their favoured front pew at our church.

Family and friends gathered for a funeral Mass with the song "All Are Welcome" resounding in the nave: "Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live". That is precisely what Matt and Katie did in their 31 years of marriage. They built a house where love could and did grow and safely live.

On that funeral day, as I looked at Matt's family, standing in their usual front row, I felt like we were seeing the magnificent love of God made visible in our midst. Katie, strong, honest, and unassumingly good; Parker, the oldest son, born with a brain disorder, who had grown up in the parish, teaching us all the gifts of specially abled people; Lily, the daughter of colour who was adopted as a baby, an exploring spirit who found a niche on the Aldi staff and who returned to live at home these last few months to be nearby; and Reed, adopted as a baby, now mature beyond his school years, who began his remarkable eulogy with: "I am my father's favourite black son".

There they stood that February morning in their pew, shoulder to shoulder, holding each other's hands as the song resounded in the nave. The beloved family embodies the broad, vast, and inclusive love of God. And in their generosity, they have called out the best in us all for nearly 30 years. GPBS 20/10/2020



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That nations will show compassion for strangers and refugees.
(*pause*) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who counsel and care for others will be richly blessed for their work.
(*pause*) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will show our love of God in the way we deal with others.
(*pause*) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick, including

Dennis Dempsey, Ann McDougall, Val Biggers, Celia Roach, Cilla Ryan, and Mark Sissian, will hold fast to the Lord who is their strength. (*pause*) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be raised to eternal life, especially

Wendy Blandon, Carmel Elliot, Colleen Clarke and Les Millikin (*pause*) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

*May the power of your love
continue its saving work among us
and bring us to the joy you promise.*

Amen.



Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

Mass last Saturday evening was attended by 33 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.

Weekend Mass: Vigil Saturdays 6.00pm

Tuesday Mass: 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.

The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Tuesday 27th October immediately following the 10am Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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 visit www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events

Next week's Readings: 1st: Apoc. 7:2-4,9-11. 2nd: 1 Jn.3:1-3. Gospel: Matt. 5:1-12.

Ministry Rosters for Restrictive Masses

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