



**30TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

24 October 2021

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty and ever-living God,
strengthen our faith, hope and love.
May we do with loving hearts
what you ask of us
and come to share the life you promise.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

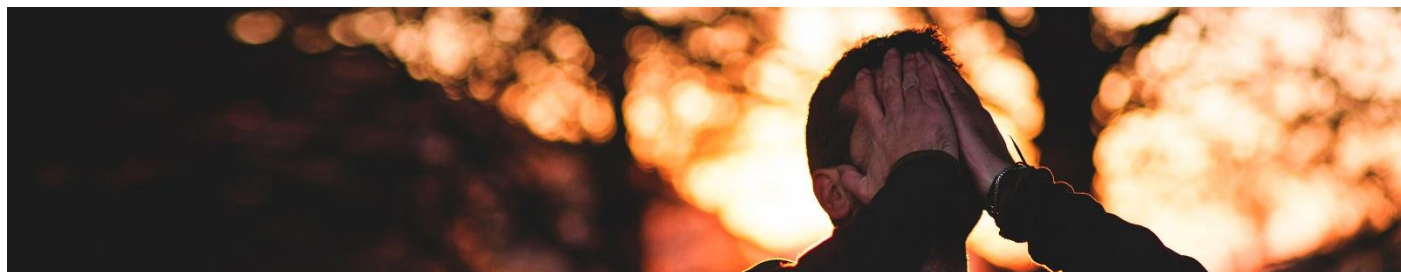
Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



REFLECTION on Mark 10:46-52 by Father Michael Tate

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. *He* knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. *We* believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For all taking part in next week's climate summit in Glasgow (31 October – 12 November), that they will pledge to take the actions needed to protect the earth, our common home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For disadvantaged countries and communities, that they will be given a just share of vaccines and resources to deal with the COVID pandemic. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Catholic Church in Australia, that the next phase of the Plenary Council process will be inclusive, transforming and Spirit-led. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the children of Australia, that National Children's Week (23 – 31 October) will highlight their right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are responsible for workplace safety, that they will ensure that all employees are protected from bullying, harassment and exploitation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including

Michael Crosby, Karen Suitor, Bob Haigh, Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our recently deceased, Norma Flack... .. and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face and live with joy for ever.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,
Bring to perfection within us
your loving teaching
so that it may have a lasting effect in our lives.
Amen.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

After more than eighteen months it is exciting to be challenged to live with Covid. We still need to be cautious and adhere to the well-known rules but it's time for reuniting with family and community. Before Covid I met with my youngest sister every two or three months in Sydney for lunch, now I will be able to travel to Sydney and enjoy this special treat.

I am extremely grateful to the many parishioners in Braidwood who spent time preparing the church for Norma Flack's funeral. A wonderful job and a great example of community in action. I can also announce that the new Deputy Principal for St. Bede's school is Mark Chifley, a person of great experience who will be an asset to the community. On Tuesday this week, the Heritage Architect will visit Braidwood to see progress on the roof.

Over the past few decades there has been an amazing interest in genealogy, creating an additional burden on parish secretaries. In Yass there were at least 4 enquiries each week and an archivist dealt with this time consuming task. Following on from this interest, the NSW Government insists on an audit of cemeteries under ownership of the church each year.....penalties apply. Braidwood and Bungendore have 4 cemeteries on church land at Nerriga, Araluen, Hoskinstown and Gundaroo. The one I'm most concerned about is at Gundaroo, desperately in need of attention, having had one email and two phone calls about its condition in the past five months. Knowing the cost of the burial plots these days these cemeteries can be an asset for the community.

The annual clergy retreat at Galong will be held 15-19th November and I will attend. The Director will be Bishop Eugene Hurley who has been a friend of mine for nearly fifty years. Please remember our clergy in your prayers as Covid has been very difficult for them.

Blessings and stay safe,
Yours in Christ,
Mick Burke

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Mick Burke

Mobile: 0448 414 541

Pastoral Associate: Br Brian Berg

Braidwood Contact Numbers: Ph. 4842 2444;

Mobile: 0408 687 915

Parish email: braidwood@cg.org.au

Parish Website: <http://cg.org.au/braidwood/Home.aaspx>

Br. Brian email: bcberg@edmundrice.org

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Marylou Gorham Ph. 4842 2413

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's School Hall.

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays commencing 26th October at 10am in the Presbytery courtyard.

Meditation: recommences Thursday 21st October in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 9 November. Place TBA

Krawarree Mass for this month is cancelled.

October markets are cancelled.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all the loving parishioners who turned out to clean the church, arrange the flowers and generally make sure it was ready for Norma's funeral. It was much appreciated by the family.

The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the roof repairs. Mass will now be held in the St Bede's school hall, Saturdays at 6pm. The hall can accommodate 40 people under the 4sqm rule so I would appreciate, if you intend to join us, your letting us know so that seating can be arranged accordingly. **From now on all are welcome, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are still mandatory and communion will be distributed as before. Phone 4842 2444; Helen 0430 169 849 or Brian 0408 687 915. The 2 collections will once again be taken up during Mass.

Our weekday, Tuesday, Mass will recommence next Tuesday at 10am. Weather permitting it will be held in the Presbytery courtyard. Contingent on the numbers – bad weather it will be in the meeting room. Brian can have up to 20 fully vaccinated visitors in his home ☺

Petition to decline the Assisted suicide/dying bill to be presented to the NSW parliament is on the table at the back if anyone would like to sign it.

Readings for next week: 30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B:

1st: Deut.6:2-6. 2nd: Hebrews 7:23-28. Gospel: Mark 12:28-34.

Take care, keep safe and look out for each other, Helen Hart