



**30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

29 October 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God,

strengthen our faith, hope and love.

May we act with loving hearts and come to share the life you promised.

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 the letter of St 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 22:34-40

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 of Matthew 22:34-40 by Greg Sunter

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the millions of innocent children, women and men caught up in brutal warfare, especially in Israel and Gaza, but also in Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan and other places, that the warring parties will agree to a ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid to flow through. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all who have blessed us with generous love, that they will rejoice on seeing their love bear good fruit in our lives. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the quiet volunteers doing the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and all charities that their care for the poor will ease the hardship and isolation that so many suffer. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for our faith community, that the celebration of All Saints and All Souls Days this week will enliven our hope in Jesus' promise of eternal life. (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 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 those who have died recently

John Hockey and Frances Minogue. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will forever delight in God's beauty and goodness. (Pause) Lord, hear us

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, bring to perfection within us the commandment of love you gave us. 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.

Father Tony writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Two feast days begin the month of November:

All Saints (November 1)

All Souls (November 2).

It is a curious thing that St. Paul would write to Christians addressing them as 'saints' or those 'called to be saints':

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints (Romans 1:7).

That's it: a saint is someone who is loved by God, knows this to be true through experience, and tries to live as Christ lived.

Most of the time we don't notice them of course, but there are saints all over the place. Some of the saints are clearly visible – think St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Mary of the Cross, etc. – since God wants it this way, but most of the time saints are far from view:

The eyes of faith behold a wonderful scene: that of a countless number of lay people, both women and men, busy at work in their daily life and activity, oftentimes far from view and quite unacclaimed by the world, unknown to the world's great personages but nonetheless looked upon in love by the Father, untiring labourers who work in the Lord's vineyard.

Confident and steadfast through the power of God's grace, these are the humble yet great builders of the Kingdom of God in history (John Paul II, Vocation and Mission of Lay People, 1988).

You might stick that quote on the fridge door. It is very encouraging, especially when the going gets tough.

Blessings,

Father Tony

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday. Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; raffle. Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Cathy reports that the home cooking is greatly appreciated by the customers. Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011

Head Count concludes this weekend.

Last October Rosary: this Saturday. Our thanks to Melisa Mass, who provided the Hallow App.

First Thursday Community lunch at the Club November 2, commencing at 11.30am.

"Come Holy Spirit! You are warmly invited to the Archbishop's Teaching Day for Charismatic Renewal on Saturday 4 November from 8:30am to 2pm at Haydon Hall, Franklin Street, Manuka ACT. Speakers are Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Lalith Perera (founder of Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka). Holy Mass, worship, preaching, prayer ministry and free BBQ lunch. To register, <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133486>. For more information call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Tim 0404 805 082."

Bungendore Rodeo Sunday 5th November. Juniors from 8am and main event from 12 noon. Tickets available online or at the gate on day: adults \$25, Kids 12-16 \$15, Under 12 free

Farewell lunch for Eileen Dempsey at Vanilla Cafe on Thursday 9 November at 12 noon. RSVP Monday 6th November to Germaine 0418 422 277 or Helen Hart on 0430 169 849

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.

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

Ecumenical Advent Women's' Breakfast, 2nd December 8-9.30am Old Sunday School hall. Hosted by St Bede's Prayer Groups. \$12 (exact cash amount) in envelope with your name to James' coffee window please. RSVP: 27th November.

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

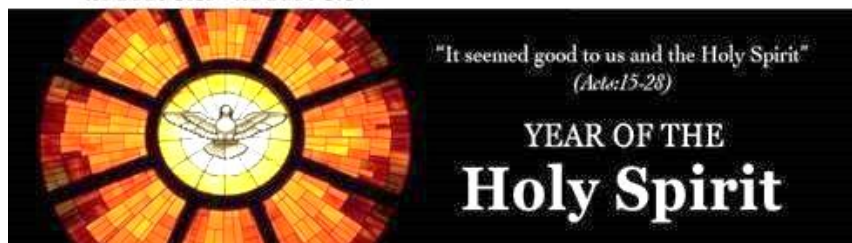
Next week: 1st: Mal. 1:14-2:2,8-10. 2nd: 1 Thess. 2:7-9,13. Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

Ministries for our Mass:	28 Oct	4 Nov	11 Nov	18 Nov	25 Nov
Welcomer:	Geraldine	Helen P	Cathy F	Geraldine	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)				
Reader 1:	Ann T	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine	Ann T
Reader 2:	Wendy H	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Wendy H
Ministries of service:	27 Oct	3 Nov	10 Nov	17 Nov	24 Nov
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy	Joy	Cathy
Cleaning:	Pauline & Wendy				
Counters: 1 st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H		5 th Helen Bopping	
3 rd Sunday: Brenda		4 th : Phil Owen			
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster or get a substitute from the list on the reverse side of the roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.					

Take care of each other,
Helen

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024



St Bede's

Invites all women to an Ecumenical Advent Prayer Breakfast



**On: Saturday 2nd December 8am-9.30am,
Old Sunday School Hall, Wilson St.**

Cost: \$12 in a marked envelope with your name and exact cash to James' coffee window.

We are unable to give refunds due to purchasing costs.

RSVP with money by 27th November

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.