



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR C**

**30 October 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

God of power and mercy,  
only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise.  
May we love the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things  
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.  
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,  
how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,  
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,  
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,  
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

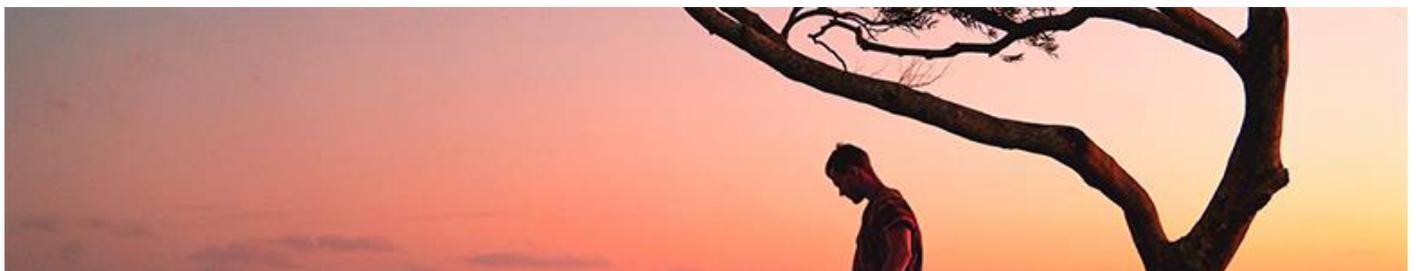
Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



### **REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 19:1-10 by Richard Leonard SJ**

This Gospel often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That church leaders, bishops, priests and deacons, will grow ever closer to you so that their lives will reflect your teaching. (pause) In your mercy:

Reader: That nations will respect the splendour of God's creation and care for the world and its people. (pause) In your mercy:

Reader: That those who have wealth and power will place themselves at the service of those in need. (pause) In your mercy:

Reader: That those who are lost may be found and know Christ's saving love. (pause) In your mercy:

Reader: That this community will always be ready to seek out and welcome outsiders. (pause) In your mercy:

Reader: That those who have died recently, including Richie Simpson, Berri McAuliffe . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, may enter the heavenly kingdom. (pause) In your mercy:

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,  
may the power of your love continue its saving work among us  
and bring us to the joy you promise.  
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 in the church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: now Wednesdays. Next is 2nd November at 9.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: 30 October at 11am. Lunch to follow in the hall.

Dear Parishioners,



Thank you to those who responded to me re attending Br Brian's 90th Birthday Celebration on 5th November Last call this week: email or phone Helen on 0430 169 849

The cost is \$35 per person, which may be paid directly to the Office, Helen H or Germaine in advance or on the night. A small contribution towards a birthday gift would be appreciated.

**News from the pews:** If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of "Walking Together" as the Archbishop is asking.

**Father Mark** has been appointed to the parish of Cooma/Bombala/Jindabyne, commencing 7 January 2023.

St John's Anglican church in Moruya is working towards creating a rainforest in their church grounds. To learn more of this interesting idea, go to this website [www.pozible.com/profile/moruya-micro-forest-1](http://www.pozible.com/profile/moruya-micro-forest-1)

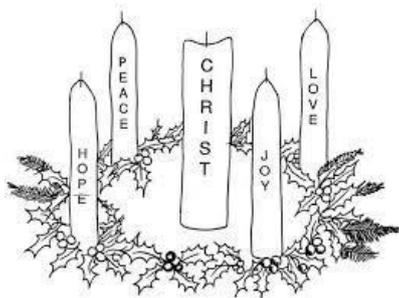
Radio Church Sundays 6pm, 88.9 FM.

**Once again the markets were cancelled due to the weather.** The raffle, however, was drawn at Mass last Saturday evening. The lucky winner was Clem Wilson, from Araluen.

**Men's Cursillo Retreat Weekend:** A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 24 Nov in a relaxed retreat setting. Contact Alfred (0412 268 044, [readyssetgo@live.com.au](mailto:readyssetgo@live.com.au)). <https://bit.ly/cursillo22>



### *Ecumenical Advent Breakfast for Braidwood women*



*St Bede's warmly invites all women to an Advent prayer Breakfast.*

*On: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022*

*From: 8-10am*

*Place: St Bede's school hall, Park lane.*



*Cost: \$10 in a marked envelope with your name to James' coffee window*

*RSVP with money for catering purposes, by the 28<sup>th</sup> November (no refunds possible due to purchasing costs)*

### **Year of Walking Together Events**

- 1. Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 12 November 2022** at St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Talks, Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch! To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF>. Or call/text Maida [0423 658 326](tel:0423658326)
- 2. Re-opening and Blessing Mass for Sts. Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn** commencing at 11am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Wisdom 11:22-12:2. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

**Readings for next week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: 2 Macc. 7:1-2,9-14. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Gospel: Luke 20:27-38.

**Offerings acknowledged with thanks:** will be acknowledged next week. Thanks also to those parishioners who contribute online and annually.

## Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers
29 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F
5 Nov	Felix	Helen P	Bobbie/Tommy
12 Nov		Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine
19 Nov	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy M-B/Ann

Ministries of service:	28 Oct	4 Nov	11 Nov	18 Nov
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaning:	Bronnie & Felix		Helen P & Sarah	

Counters: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie.      2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday: Wendy H  
                   3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Gabrielle K                4<sup>th</sup>: Phil Owen

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

Take care of each other,  
 prepare for the next flooding (remember we are luckier than others)

Helen Hart

