



**32ND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**7 November 2021**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*God of power and mercy,  
protect us from all harm.  
Give us freedom of spirit and health  
in mind and body to do your work on earth.  
Amen.*

### **FIRST READING: A reading from the first book of the Kings**

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

## **SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

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

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



## **REFLECTION on All Saints and All Souls**

### **Have you thought? All Saints / All Souls**

The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God. These two different states revolve around the Church teaching on *purgatory* – a state or process of purification before entering into heaven.

### **Historical Context – Halloween**

Much of the significance and meaning of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls has been overtaken by the popular celebration of Halloween. The feast of All Saints was also known as All Hallows Day – in the Old English language hallow means to sanctify or make holy. The day before, October 31, was All Hallows Eve(ning) and the name over time became shortened to Halloween. In early Christian tradition, it was believed that souls were released from purgatory on All Hallows Eve for 48 hours and the dressing up and celebrations were to both placate and confuse the wandering souls.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the whole of creation, that world leaders at the Glasgow climate summit will commit to the actions needed to limit global warming. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for nations burdened with poverty, that they will not be even further disadvantaged by climate change and the coronavirus pandemic. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all citizens of Australia, that they will cherish the values of democracy and contribute actively to the common good. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for refugees and asylum seekers, especially those held in detention by Australia, that they will be treated with full respect for their human rights. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for secondary and tertiary students engaged in final exams: that their disrupted studies will not deny them the achievement they hope for. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, 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) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Margaret Norsa, Martin Hennessy, Allan Stewart, Dan Costello and Norma Flack, and for all our dearly departed: that they will be blessed with the everlasting peace of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,  
Pour out your Spirit upon us  
and keep us single-minded in your service.  
Amen.

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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 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10am in the Presbytery courtyard.

Meditation: recommences Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 9 November at the Presbytery

November markets: 27 November 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Father Mick is very busy this week, so we won't wait for his letter to post this out.

**The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the roof repairs. Mass is now 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.

**First Holy Communion** will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November (Feast of Christ the King) at 10.30am. This Mass is for the children and their families only due to the covid restrictions.

**Cbm (Christian Blind Mission)** are once again offering Meaningful Christmas Gifts through their catalogue. It is on the table at the back of the hall, along with order forms and an envelope with the reply paid address.

**Far East magazines** are also on the table for interested parishioners.

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: BSB: 062-786

**Account: 00029248**

**Account Name: St Bedes Braidwood CPF**

Reference: BRAIDWOOD & SURNAME

For 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: BSB: 062-786

Account No: 00017755

Name: St Bedes Parish Braidwood.

Reference: name or giving number if you have one.

**Readings for next week: 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Daniel 12:1-3. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hebrews 10:11-14,18. Gospel: Mark 13:24-32.

#### Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music
6 Nov	Les	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
13 Nov	Geoff	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
20 Nov	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
27 Nov	Les	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H

Seems we have more rain coming,  
Helen Hart

