



32nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

12 November 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*God of power and mercy,
Protect us from all harm.
Give us freedom of spirit to do your work on earth.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew by Fr Michael Tate

The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in

the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the whole human family, that leaders with deep wisdom, breadth of vision and true humanity will arise to rekindle the world's hopes for peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Christian churches, that their communities will be a joyful sign of the divine wedding feast to which all are invited. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are driven by power, hate or revenge to wage war on the innocent, that by the

We pray for volunteers and agencies caring for refugees and asylum seekers in the Australian community, that they will succeed in making them feel welcome and at home in our midst. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our children preparing for the sacrament of First Communion, Nina, Tilly, Charlie, Jake, Jay, Mason, Sam and Teddy. May they come to know Jesus more intimately. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Des Pollard, 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, Rex Sutherland, and John Hockey , . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time: that they will rise with Christ and remain with him for ever. (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: 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

First Communion: 18th November in 6pm Mass.

Funeral for Rex Sutherland will be held in ST Bede's Church on Wednesday 15 November at 11am.

Book of Remembrance: is now open if anyone would like to add their deceased loved ones names. Offerings will be sent to either the Columban or Divine Word Missionaries, who we support in this way.

Attention Readers: I have purchased a resource titled "Break Open the Word" which may assist you in your preparation for proclaiming the Gospel. (Brian thought it would be a good idea). It will be kept in the left side drawer of the Offertory table.

Farewell lunch for Eileen Dempsey at Vanilla Cafe on Thursday 9 November at 12 noon.

Sunday afternoon Organ Recital

'A Dutch Treat' a program of 20th Century Dutch organ music

This is the final concert in Braidwood Concert Series' 2023 program. In association with RSCM Australia (ACT), well-known Canberra organist, Lorraine Macknight will present works by Hendrick Andriessen, Klaas Bolt, CJ Bute, Cor Kint, Albert de Klerk, Piet Rippen, Jaap Niewenhuijse and others. Be prepared for a musical bicycle tour of The Netherlands, without tulips, clogs or canals - just the sound of organ pipes in a beautiful Australian setting! St Andrews Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St Braidwood on Sunday 19 November. Time: 3pm - 4pm. Tickets at the door **from 2.30pm**. \$20 adults, \$15 concessions, under 18s FREE

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 2pm Saturday 26 November. This is our biggest markets of the year so let us all support it as well as we can. Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure. 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

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.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Wisdom 6: 12-16. 2nd: 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13.

Next week: 1st: Proverbs: 31:10-13,19-20,30-33. 2nd: 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm

Ministries for our Mass:	11 Nov	18 Nov	25 Nov	2 Dec
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)			
Reader 1:	Tommy	Germaine	Ann T	Cathy F
Reader 2:	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Wendy H	Michael
Ministries of service:	17 Nov	24 Nov	1 Dec	8 Dec
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy F
Cleaning:	Helen P & Sarah			Bunny & Ella
Counters: 1 st Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H	
3 rd Sunday:	Brenda		4 th : Phil Owen	
5 th Helen Bopping				
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

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.

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024



"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"
(Acts 15:28)

YEAR OF THE
Holy Spirit