



33rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

19 November 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father of all that is good,
keep us faithful in serving you, for to serve you is our lasting joy.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Proverbs

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Give her a share in what she has worked for.
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life. (R.)

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew by GPBS 14/11/2023

The parable of the talents reminds us how “nice” God has been to bless us with so much. But with those gifts comes an important responsibility: to use them and share them in a way that they are not squandered.

The Commissioning

Go from here, you talented people.

The time has come speak up for the faith.

The time has come to tell others of our Christian discipleship.

The time has come to realise our talents and use them.

The time has come to realise our strengths in the faith community.

The time has come to work for God’s glorious realm -

a just and compassionate realm where peace is complete.

Go in the strength of God.

You have everything to gain and nothing to fear.

We go joyfully, we go in hope.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the 700 million human beings judged to be living in extreme poverty, that today’s World Day of the Poor (19 November) will bear fruit in a just sharing of the world’s goods. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis, that his call for a church of the poor, with the poor and for the poor will be heard and heeded by the whole people of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the children of all nations, that tomorrow’s World Children’s Day (20 November) will advance the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women in church and society, that they will have the freedom to develop their gifts and skills and enhance the life of the community. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our children who will receive the sacrament of First Communion tonight, 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 the recently deceased, Joan Henry (Hockey), Elizabeth Whittaker and Rex Sutherland, those inscribed in our Book of Remembrance, for all our deceased loved ones for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time: that they will be reborn in heavenly glory. (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

Father,

may we grow in love by hearing your word and putting it into action.. 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.

Brother Brian had covid last week but he now assures me that he is quite over it and back to his usual self. An interesting fact that he passed on is that there are more dogs registered in his area than there are children ☺ He sees dogs being pushed around in strollers or carried, wherever he goes.

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 book titled “Break Open the Word” which may assist you in your preparation for proclaiming the Gospel during Year B. (Brian thought it would be a good resource for you to have). It will be kept in the left side drawer of the Offertory table.

Sunday afternoon Organ Recital 19th November 3-4pm

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

This is the final concert in Braidwood Concert Series' 2023 program. 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 25 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

If anyone has quilts they would like to display, please bring them to the office on Thursday 23rd and we will put them up in the church for the weekend. Please be aware there won't be anyone in attendance to watch over them.

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

Next week: Christ the King: 1st: Ezek. 34:11-12,15-17. 2nd: 1Cor. 15:20-26,28. Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm

Take care of each other,

Helen

Ministries for our Mass:	18 Nov	25 Nov	2 Dec	9 Dec	16 Dec
Welcomer:	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)				
Reader 1:	Germaine	Ann T	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine
Reader 2:	Wendy M-B	Wendy H	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B
Ministries of service:	24 Nov	1 Dec	8 Dec	15 Dec	24 Dec
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy F	Joy	All please
Cleaning:	Helen P & Sarah		Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Bobbie
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.					

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.