



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C

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LITURGY AND
BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

*Lord God,
may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ
experience the joy of salvation and
celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 3:10-18 by Greg Sunter (LiturgyHelp)

Have you thought? – A change of heart

The baptism that John preached and practised was a baptism of repentance. What he called on people to do was to recognise the areas of their lives that were unbalancing their relationship with God. There was a strong recognition that unless they were in right relationship with one another they could not be in right relationship with God. In recognising the need for change in their lives, John challenged them to also make a change of heart: to approach their lives differently. This is why they were questioning him about practical ways of living out their new commitment.

Living the Gospel – Generosity of spirit

John's words to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers are about adopting a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit. A generosity of spirit can be expressed simply in the attitude with which we approach other people: a positive, hope-filled and generous attitude will often turn around a potentially negative situation. As we approach the Christmas season, there is a need for practical actions of generosity as well. Those in need can approach Christmas with dread rather

than joyful expectation. It can be the hardest time of year for struggling families. Acts of generosity can make all the difference.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the whole human family, that a new spirit of hope and joy will come to birth in every heart and every home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all whose words and actions are good news for others, that their lives will be a leaven of love in our wounded world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the multitude of people risking their lives in the hope of a better life, that this week's International Migrant Day (18 December) will address their need for safety and shelter. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the peoples of Oceania, that Australia will do all in its power to help them deal with civil unrest and climate change. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For family members and loved ones still separated by travel restrictions, that they will soon be able to meet again safely in person. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all Christmas shoppers, that they will wisely choose gifts that support, not harm, a healthy environment. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including Vibeke Simonsen, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Duncan McDiarmid, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Karen Sutor, Bob Haigh, Teonie McMahon, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our recently deceased, Ricky Banks, Jan McCurley, Clare Gowan, Margaret Norsa and Martin Hennessy, ...and for our own deceased relatives and friends that they will share to the full in God's eternal joy. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of mercy,
free us from our sins,
and prepare us for the birth of our Saviour,
who is Lord for ever and ever.
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 at 10am

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Markets: 18 December 2021

Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Braidwood 24th – 5.30pm; Bungendore 24th – 7.30pm

Bungendore 25th – 8.30am; Gundaroo 25th – 10am

Sunday 26th, Feast of the Holy Family

Bungendore – 8.30am; Braidwood – 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Penance.

17th December – 6-6.30pm at St. Mary's
18th December – 5-5.30pm Braidwood, St. Bede's School Hall
19th December – 6-6.30pm St. Mary's
23rd December – 6-6.30pm St. Mary's
24th December – 4.30-5.00pm St. Bede's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

The church is 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. We have now moved to the 2sqm rule allowing a few more people to attend Mass. I would appreciate, if you intend to join us, your letting us know so that seating can be arranged accordingly. **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.

Do you know of rental property in Bungendore or Braidwood? We have two teachers at St. Bede's school looking for places to live. Please contact the school (4842 2413) or MaryLou Gorham if you know of a rental property.



Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 2pm next Saturday for your last minute Christmas Shopping. Our markets bring in around half our annual income so let us support them as well as we can. Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted by the rostered group.

Our Christmas Mass will be held **Friday 24 Dec at 5.30pm in the church.** There will also be **Mass on 26 Dec at 10.30am** which is the Feast of the Holy Family and **Saturday 1 Jan at 6pm**, Epiphany, in the church. After that we will return to the school hall. Our roofers have generously agreed to finish early so we can clean the church. Cleaning time to be advised, though we are hopeful for 10am Thursday 23 Dec.



1st Collection: BSB: 062-786

Account: 00029248

Account Name: St Bedes Braidwood CPF

Reference: BRAIDWOOD & SURNAME

For 2nd 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: 4th Sunday Advent Year C:

1st: Micah 5:1-4. 2nd: Hebrews 10:5-10. Gospel: Luke 1:39-44.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
11 Dec	Felix	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
18 Dec	Les/James	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
24 Dec	Geoff	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
26 Dec	Felix	Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
2 Jan	Les/James	Helen P	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H

Please notify me if you will be away during the Christmas period, so we can organise replacements.

Look after each other, Helen Hart

Pictured, our First Communion Group of 2021, with Mick, Brian and teachers.

