



5th SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C

3 April 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father,
help us to be like Christ your Son,
who loved the world and died for our salvation.
Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

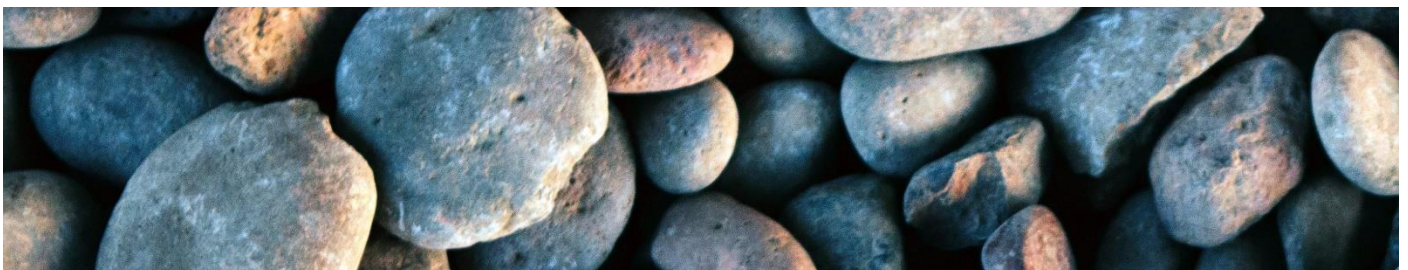
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



REFLECTION on the Gospel of John 8:1-11 by Greg Sunter

Gospel Focus – Restoring honour

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

Living the Gospel – Forgiven, not forgotten

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis, that his steadfast endeavours in the cause of world peace and church reform will bear timely fruit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to war in every arena of conflict around the world, that the immeasurable suffering of the innocent will cease and grief give way to hope. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Nations peoples of the world, that their traditional wisdom will teach us all how to care for creation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the followers of Islam beginning Ramadan that their month of fasting, prayer and charity will renew them in spirit and deepen their faith. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for vocational school students in the Solomon Islands: that our support for Project Compassion will help train them to deal with the impact of climate change. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all victims of human trafficking, that they be set free from bondage and the unscrupulous agents of their exploitation be brought to justice. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially those on our prayer list; that they will be comforted by loving family, friends and community. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased: Bob Fletcher, John Shiels, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will take their place with all who been raised in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Almighty Father,
may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

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: Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to Cathy and Phil Owen on the recent loss of their granddaughter, Phoebe Harwood.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in the Ukraine to be held in St Bede's church on Monday 4th April, 5.00-5.30pm. Organised by Bronnie. All welcome.

Ministries: Now that we have returned to the church, and all restrictions lifted, it would be great to get back to our usual ministries. The church will need cleaning every second week; the altar decorators will resume with Easter and it would be lovely to restart the Procession of Gifts. If anyone is interested in these Ministries, please speak with either Brian or Helen Hart. We are also in need of a few more Acolytes to spread the load. If you have an interest here, please speak with Mick. Women are now eligible to be Acolytes.

From Father Mick

MENALIVE: 2nd & 3rd April. Last chance to register.

ST MARY'S PARISH BUNGENDORE - WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY at PARISH HALL

Saturday 9 April 2022: 9.30 – 3.30pm (lunch included)

'Come back to me with all your heart' (Joel 2: 12)

This Retreat Day is a time to:

- *To stop, take time and reflect on our lives on the eve of Holy Week*
- *To nurture our personal and communal relationship with God*
- *To explore why the Eucharist is understood as the 'Source and Summit' of our faith*

Processes will be reflective, prayerful & interactive – sharing is invitational. This time together will be around the structure and elements of the Eucharist ~ called to personal & communal identity & meaning

GATHERING

- Acknowledgement of Country & Gathering Experience

Why am I gathering in community? What do I bring?

- Hopes for the time together
 - *Why have I come?*
 - *What are my hopes for today?*

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ FOCUS ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

- Listening to the Sacred Stories of our Faith – We Remember

How do I hear the Word of God?

- First Reading ~ Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)
- Psalms
- Second Reading ~ Christian Scriptures (New Testament)
- Gospel ~ Stories of the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST~FOCUS ON THE ALTAR~TABLE OF THE LORD

- We are nourished at the Table of the Lord

How do I understand the movement – the mystery – of the Eucharist?

- Taking – Preparation of the Gifts
- Blessing – Eucharistic Prayer
- Breaking – Breaking of the Bread
- Giving – Sharing Holy Communion

DISMISSAL RITE

- *Commissioned to go forth and transform the World – how is my life transformed?*

FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

Called to Community

We exist to be miracle workers to one another. It is in community that we are called to grow. It is in community that we come to see God in the other. It is in community that we see our own emptiness filled up. It is community that calls me beyond the pinched horizons of my own life, my own country, my own race, and gives me the gifts I do not have within me ... the function of community is to enable us to be about something greater than ourselves. Joan Chittister OSB
If you wish to intend, please advise Helen ASAP.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

April 2nd, St Bede's Braidwood – 4.30pm – 5pm 1st Rite (private) in the Sacristy

April 5th, St Bede's Braidwood – 10.30-11am

April 8th, St Mary's Bungendore 6-6.30pm

April 9th, St Mary's Bungendore 9.30-10am 1st Rite (private) in the Sacristy

Just a reminder the supply priest will be celebrating Mass at Braidwood and Bungendore only.

ANNUAL LEAVE: I will take a break from the 18th April to 13th May and during this time will celebrate a wedding in Queensland and hopefully visit Timor Leste. Fr. Dermid will supply at Braidwood and Bungendore.

CHRISM MASS – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Easter Flowers: if anyone will have flowers in time for Easter could they please let Cathy Ffrench, Helen Bopping or Helen Hart know, so we can work out how many more we might need to order from the florist to complement our own contributions.

HOLY WEEK MASS & CEREMONY TIMES

PALM SUNDAY: VIGIL 6.00PM – St Bede's, Braidwood

MONDAY CHRISM Mass 5.00PM – St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

TUESDAY: 10.00AM – St Bede's, Braidwood

HOLY THURSDAY: 7.00PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Bede's, Braidwood

GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00AM – Stations of the Cross, St Bede's Braidwood

3.00PM – Celebration of the Passion; St Bede's Braidwood

SATURDAY: VIGIL 5.30PM – St Bede's, Braidwood

Readings for next week: Palm Sunday Year C

1st: Isaiah 50:4-7. 2nd: Phil. 2:6-11. Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56.

Take care of each other,
Helen Hart

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer		Readers	Music/PP
2 Apl	James	Cathy F		Wendy M-B/Brian	Helen H
Holy Week:					
9 Apl	Felix	Geraldine	1&2 N. S.	Rod/Bobbi Cathy F Brian	Helen H
14 Apl	James	Helen P	1&2	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
15 Apl	Felix	Cathy F	N. S. J.	Wendy M- Michael Brian	Helen H
16 Apl	James	Geraldine	1. 3. 5. NT.	Mandy O'Brien Wendy H Bobbie Germaine	Helen H

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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