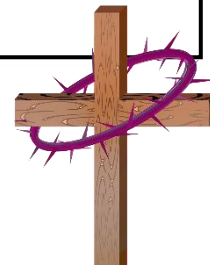




5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR B

17 March 2024

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, guard us by his example,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'



A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all people to myself.'
By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Reflection: Father Tony writes:

Dear Parishioners,
We are approaching the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection, known as the Paschal Mystery. The word 'paschal' means 'passing.' We are about to celebrate the Lord's 'passing' from this life, through death, to his merciful Father. And that is what each one of us will do at the end of our life, whenever that may be, whatever the circumstances. Our 'passing' will be made smooth, full of trust and hope, if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus and his 'passing.'

Today we have proclaimed the *Letter to the Hebrews*. Various theories abound about its author, origin, structure and intended audience. Was he a *travelling preacher*, wandering around early Christian communities, proclaiming Jesus Christ as the one, true priest? Most likely. Certainly, Jesus offered himself to his eternal Father *for* us, establishing the one great sacrifice permeating human hearts:

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard (Hebrews 5). By his great *act of love* – surrendering to death – Jesus reversed the whole history of human sin and rebellion against God. This *act of love* is made-present in the Eucharist: This is my body. This is my blood.

What might be our response? Hebrews dares us to:
Draw near. Enter in.

Let's keep encouraging each other (*Hebrews 10:25*),
Father Tony

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray that the Church will follow Christ's path of service and self-sacrifice. (pause)
To God we pray:

That nations will seek peace and reconciliation. (pause) To God we pray:

That those who are preparing for baptism will be renewed with a steadfast spirit. (pause)
To God we pray:

That the cries of those who suffer poverty and homelessness will be heard by those who have plenty. (pause) To God we pray:

That the sick, including Patrick Thomas, Kerry Prothero, Tony Riley, those on our prayer list and all who need our prayers..... and those who care for them, will be drawn into the loving embrace of Christ. (pause) To God we pray:

That the dead will be raised to eternal life, including Val Goodsell (nee Hart), Craig Morgan, Ellie Aalderink, Oliver Koch and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. (pause)
To God we pray:

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty Father, may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Mass: Saturdays at 5.00pm.

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: 2 April at 3pm in the Presbytery

Scripture: Tuesdays at 4pm in the Presbytery.

Holy Week services in Braidwood

Palm Sunday: 24th March at 5.00pm

Holy Thursday: 28th March – time to be advised

Good Friday: 29th March – Stations of the Cross at 10.00am; Passion at 3.00pm

Easter Mass: 30th March Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be services without a priest in attendance.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 1pm Saturday 23 March: Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle – this month the raffle prize is a \$100 voucher to Mitre 10. Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench 0418262011



Telstra upgrading Interruptions: hopefully these interruptions will be finished by 15th March.


Elegant Associates at The Royal Mail Sunday 17th March at 5pm. Tickets \$20

Family fun & market day at Nerriga Hotel Sunday 17 March, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Readings for Mass: 1st: Jeremiah 31:31-34. 2nd: Hebrews 5:7-9. Gospel: John 12:20-33.

Next week's reading: 1st: Isaiah 50:4-7. 2nd: Phil. 2:6-11. Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm

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Ministries for our Mass:	16 Mar	23 Mar (Palm Sun)	Holy Week yet to be confirmed
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Geraldine	
Acolyte:		Felix (when available)	
Reader 1:	Ann T	Cathy F	
Reader 2:	Wendy H	Michael	
		Passion: N: Germaine S: Tommy	
Ministries of service:	15 Mar	22 Mar	30 Mar Easter
Altar Decorating:	no flowers during Lent please		All arrangers please
Cleaning:	Helen P & Sarah		Pauline & Bobbie
Please note: there is a wedding on Saturday 16 March, at 2.30pm			
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.			

May this Lent be a time of renewal for us all,

Helen Hart

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.