



**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR C**

**27 February 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Lord, guide the course of world events  
and give your people the joy and peace  
of serving you in freedom.*

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken since this is the test of men.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you..**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music for your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

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

When the perishable nature has put on perishability, and when the mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true. Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin and sin gets it gets power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in the, my dear friends, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like stars;

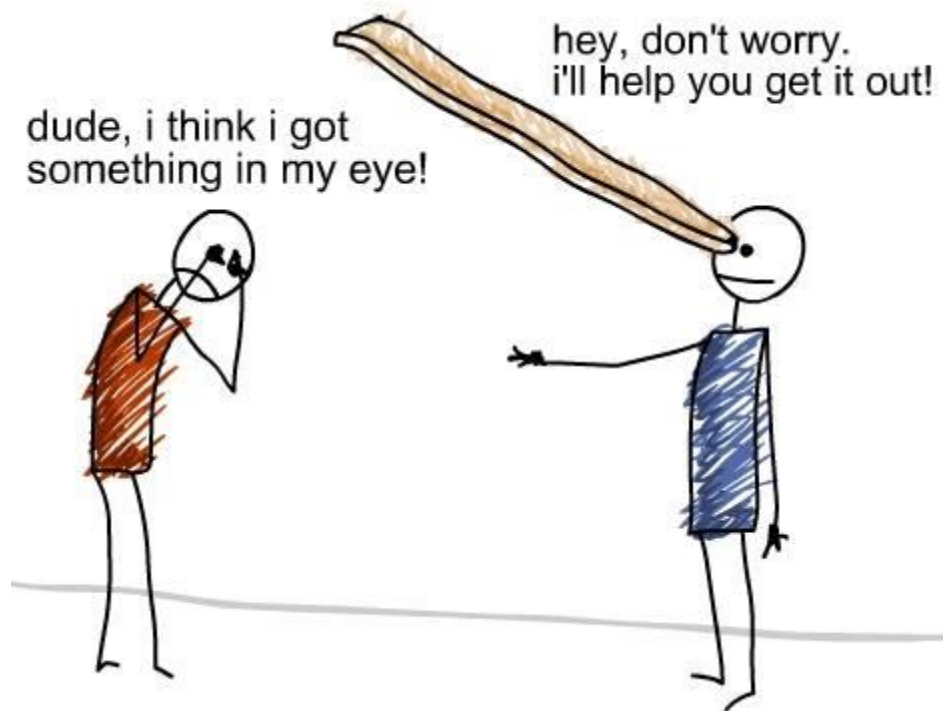
You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why did you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



### **REFLECTION on the Gospel Teachers – Good and Bad**

I was an inconsistent student over the years of my formal education. I excelled in some areas and struggled in others. I have come to realise that the teacher often made the difference. My introduction to numbers beyond the basics was high school Algebra I. The teacher was brilliant but had no patience in explaining the steps necessary to learn the concepts because it came easy to him. It remained inaccessible to me because of that. There was no fun or sense of accomplishment. I felt he didn't want to be there as much as I didn't. I dreaded every math course after that.

On the other hand, my teacher in English II loved to read and write. She found books students our age enjoyed reading and encouraged spirited discussions. She had us writing every day, printed our work, had us read it aloud to the class, and patiently helped us improve our technique. We were having as much fun as she did. That pleasure of reading has stayed with me, and the satisfaction writing gives remains an integral part of my life today.

I have also learned that teaching encompasses more than imparting knowledge and skills. Example, enthusiasm, and respect of the subject from the teacher can make a student not just a learner but also a disciple. Often, the disciple will become a teacher as well. We can teach theology, but we help people learn what faith really means by how we live our lives as disciples of Christ.

## **The Commissioning**

Look sensitively and realise your influence for good. Look around and know what you can achieve with other members of the church. Look with humility and wonder what God has done and will do for you. Look thankfully and realise what God has given you. Look practically and see the work you can do for God and God's purposes. Look graciously and know that God loves you beyond all times and all imagining.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

For Pope Francis and other religious leaders, that they will model peaceful dialogue and mutual respect at this time of great power rivalry. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For small nations under threat of domination by strong neighbouring states, that their political and cultural autonomy will be protected. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all humanitarian agencies, that the World Day of Non-Governmental Organisations (27 Feb) will promote support for their life-saving work. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For ourselves, that Ash Wednesday will inspire us to undertake renewal of heart and mind this Lent. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all forms of wildlife, that World Wildlife Day (3 March) will raise awareness of their urgent need for protection from climate change and habitat destruction. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For young Indigenous Australians, that the despair that drives them to take their own lives can be replaced by a new sense of belonging. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased, Rod Diacono, Kevin Thorne, Father Henry Byrne, Joy Vanzimen, Father Laurie Blake, Joyce Grant, Paul Bishop, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that their death will be swallowed up in the victory of Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*God of salvation,  
may your grace which strengthens us here on earth  
bring us to eternal life.  
Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm**

**Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.**

**Weekday Mass: No Mass this week.**

**Ash Wednesday 2 March: Mass in the church at 11.00am.**

**Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.**

**Social Justice Group: Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery**

**World Day of Prayer: date in March to be advised**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are less than two weeks before the beginning of Lent as Ash Wednesday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. On that day Mass will be held at 9AM at St Mary's Bungendore and 11AM at St Bede's Braidwood. St Bede's school will celebrate with a liturgy and distribution of ashes by the teachers.

What are we doing special during Lent to prepare us for Easter? The MenAlive weekend will be held on the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, in Bungendore. Whilst it is a great opportunity for all men in our region to be challenged by our faith and support each other in this journey, already six men from outside have applied to attend. We urgently and desperately require at least three men to volunteer to be on an organising committee. Please let me know if you are prepared to take on this task as soon as possible.

For the women of our region there will be a day retreat held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, to be led by Phil Billington and the theme will be the Eucharist. Phil has conducted retreats and seminars in many parts of Australia and I'm truly delighted she has accepted my invitation. Eileen Glass will also join the women of our region towards the end of the year for a day retreat. Once again we will need about three women to volunteer to organise, so please speak with Julie-Ann.

As Bungendore doesn't have an active Liturgy Committee at this stage, I need a few parishioner to step forward to plan our Easter ceremonies. Please give this important task prayerful consideration.

Ray assures me the roof in St Bede's church will be finished next week, Praise the Lord!! Once they remove the scaffold the painting can be done.

Yours in Christ,  
Mick Burke

**Dear Parishioners,**

**The church will reopen for Mass from 26 February** Masks will no longer be mandatory but we recommend you continue to do so for as long as you wish.

**Update on the Church work:** the men have removed the scaffolding and our church looks much better for it. Some of our parishioners are worked hard to finish cleaning the church so that it is presentable for the upcoming weddings and our Masses. We have secured a cleaning company who will commence the major clean on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**Markets in Ryrie Park:** cancelled for this month because of the continuing wet weather forecast.

**Readings for next week: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C**

1<sup>st</sup>: Deut. 26:4-10. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Romans 10:8-13. Gospel: Luke 4:1-13.

#### **Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Music/PP</b>
26 Feb	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
5 Mar	James	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Brian	Helen H
12 Mar	Felix	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
19 Mar	James	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H

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

Take care, Helen Hart