



ALL SAINTS
1 November 2020
Liturgy and Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*Father, all powerful and everliving God,
today we rejoice in the holy men and women
of every time and place.
May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love.
Amen.*

FIRST READING A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Reflection on the Gospel - *The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action* by Fr Michael Tate

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be ‘Blessed’? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be ‘Blessed’? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth’s resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are ‘saints’ who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church’s calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: For those who still suffer the trauma of the summer bushfires.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who work for peace and justice among nations.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in this community who suffer in mind, body or spirit,
Especially Bob Haigh, Dennis Dempsey, Ann McDougall, Val Biggers, Celia Roach,
Cilla Ryan, and Mark Sissian. (pause) With the saints we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died, that they may share the joys and blessings of the life to come,
including Heccie Kain, Wendy Blandon, Carmel Elliot, Colleen Clarke and Les
Millikin. (pause) With the saints we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Father, holy one,
We praise your glory reflected in the saints.
May we all be filled with your love
and prepared for the joy of your kingdom,
Where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.*



Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

Mass last Saturday evening was attended by 44 parishioners. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures will have to be observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays and Fridays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: Everyone is welcome to Adoration every Friday 9am-10 am as an opportunity for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please feel free to come at any time during this hour for as long as you desire.** Lighting of candles for special intentions is available. Entry is up the side ramp entrance of the church.

Social Justice Group: meets in the Church on the 1st Sunday of the month **1st November** at 10.30am.

The Renewed Parish Pastoral Council meeting was attended by 29 people. Among the many items under discussion was the all-important topic of our monthly markets. The markets bring in around half our annual income and are therefore immensely important to our parish. The current and very long-standing (over 30 years) Committee of Geraldine Sutton, Elizabeth Maher and Robert McGrath, have announced their wish to retire at the end of the year. We thank them all for their many years of dedicated service. We urgently need to find an energetic group of people to take on this important work so they can experience at least one market before Christmas with the current team to show them the ropes. If we get enough volunteers the workload could be shared so the commitment need not be every month. The markets are so popular that, if we cannot find helpers to continue, some other group will snap them up and we will lose our income. **Please**, talk among yourselves, find people to help us keep the markets going. Bring your thoughts to Brother Brian.

Fr. Praveen: at last week's Vigil Mass Father Praveen explained to us the meaning of the Indian way of greeting each other. The reason they clasp their hands and bow to each other is because "the Christ in us is greeting the Christ in the other person". This is a wonderful way of helping us to remember that Jesus is always present within us all. It would be nice if we adopted this practice of greeting at the sign of peace.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse has been going around all the parishes in the Archdiocese to meet with people, pray with them and find out how they have been coping with the restrictions imposed upon us by the Covid pandemic. He will be making a short visitation to Bungendore and Braidwood parishes on Wednesday 18 November. He will say Mass at Bungendore at 9am and then visit with parishioners before coming to Braidwood for lunch with Fr Praveen and Brian. We will then hold a Prayer Service at 1.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend this service which is being organised by the Call to Connect ladies. Archbishop will then speak with parishioners before heading back to Canberra.

Next week's Readings: 1st: Wisdom 6:12-16. 2nd: 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Gospel: Matt. 25:1-13.

Offerings received last week acknowledged with thanks:

Please note that it was decided at the PPC meeting that all moneys, including the Planned Giving envelopes, tap and online donations, would be divided between the 1st and 2nd collections, with 30% of the total being given to the 1st collection (for clergy and the running of the Archdiocese.)

If you would like to consider Direct Debit through the Catholic Development Fund, please ask for the forms.

Ministry Rosters for Restrictive Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
31 Oct	Felix	Helen P	Rod/Wendy M-B	Helen H
7 Nov	James	Cathy F	Wendy H/Cathy F	Helen H
14 Nov	Geoff	Geraldine	Helen B/Germaine	Helen H
21 Nov	Felix	Helen P	Trish/Ann	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending Mass so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Masks are not yet mandatory but recommended. Please feel free to wear one to Mass if you wish.

Look after yourselves, Helen Hart