



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR A

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Liturgy and Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*Father all powerful, God of love,
you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life,
resplendent in glory as King of creation.
Open our hearts,
free all the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, to live in his love.
Bring all humanity together in Jesus Christ your Son,
whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Reflection on the Feast of Christ the King.

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help? Dianne Bergant SCA

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That God, the shepherd of all, will gather into unity those separated by religious hatred.
(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That leaders will exercise their power with care and concern for those whom they serve.
(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will recognise the needs of those who are hungry, those who are thirsty and those who are sick, especially

Felicity McNamara, Rupert Ermert, Dennis Dempsey, Ann McDougall, Val Biggers, Celia Roach, Cilla Ryan, and Mark Sissian. *(pause)* We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have gone before us will be with Christ for eternity, including

Frank Stephens, Peter Camiller, Hec Kain, all those who have died of the Corona virus, those recorded in our Book of Remembrance and our own deceased relatives and friends. *(pause)* We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Lord, you give us Christ the King of all Creation,
help us to live by his gospel
and bring us to the joy of his kingdom.
Amen.*



Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

Mass last Saturday evening was attended by 36 parishioners. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: No Masses 24 & 26 November as Father Praveen is on retreat

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 Sunday 6th December at 10.30am.

Krawarree 5th Sunday Mass, set down for November 29, has been cancelled.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 2pm next Saturday.

We have missed our markets so let us support them as well as we can.

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure;

Monthly wood Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted.

Enquiries: Geraldine 4847 5061 AH.



Advent begins next weekend. This year we have purchased an Advent reflection booklet called "Adore". We have 1 for each family. They will be handed out at Mass this Saturday evening or included with the bulletins that are delivered. Those of you who receive this by email but cannot attend Mass – if you are able to call on Brian, when you are in town, he will give you a copy. We hope you find it helpful in preparing for the Christmas season.

Reconciliation for Christmas will be held as last year – as an extended penitential Rite at the beginning of the December 19 Mass. Please come along if you can.

Gerard Galvin has been appointed as Assistant Principal, St Bede's Primary School, Braidwood, from the start of the 2021 school year. It will be great to see him back at the school. **Lisa Kaptein** has been appointed as Religious Education Coordinator on an ongoing basis. Congratulations Lisa and Ged.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse's Visitation will be reported next week.

Next week's Readings: Advent: 1st: Isaiah: 63:16-17,64:1,3-8. 2nd: 1 Cor. 1:3-9.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37.

Ministry Rosters for Restrictive Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
21 Nov	Felix	Helen P	Trish/Ann	Helen H
28 Nov	James	Cathy F	Rod/Wendy M-B	Helen H
5 Dec	Geoff	Geraldine	Michael/Bobbie	Helen H
12 Dec	Felix	Helen P	Helen B/Germaine	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 each other,
Helen Hart