



**CHRIST THE KING
YEAR A**

26 November 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son,
the King of the universe, grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 25:31-46

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 Gospel of Matthew by GPBS 21/11/23

The Commissioning

Go from here, to be the hands, feet, and mind of Christ.

We will work, as Christ did, to feed the hungry.

**We will pray and encourage others in the community of faith,
as Christ did with his disciples.**

**We will love our neighbour as we love ourselves,
as Christ taught us.**

We will support those with mental illness, as Christ did.

We will feel for those who have suffered loss, as Christ did.

It will not be easy, but you will be the hands, feet,
and mind of Christ in this community.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the hungry. May the ample resources of the world be shared justly with them, especially children barely surviving in places of war and famine. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the thirsty. May the powerful of the world ensure that all members of the human family have ready access to safe drinking water. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the stranger. May there be a revolution of hospitality and kindness for all who are judged to be other than ourselves. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the naked. May those who have the least of world's goods be given all they need for a truly human life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the sick. May they not suffer alone but be assured of the love and care of the whole community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those in prison. May they be treated fairly and be encouraged by the hope of freedom and new life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our community of faith and worship. May we come together to fulfil the works of mercy that Jesus names for us. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Debbie Stinson, Joan Henry & Elizabeth Whittaker, those inscribed in our Book of Remembrance, our own deceased relatives and friends. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be brought to life in Christ, the first-born from the dead. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

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

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

Mass: Saturdays at 6.00pm. No weekday Masses for now.

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Christmas Mass: 24th December at 5pm.

Parish Christmas get-together under the bell 16th December after Mass.

The funeral for Deb Stinson will be held in St Bede's church next Tuesday 28th November at 1130am.

Attention Readers: I have purchased a book titled "Break Open the Word" which may assist you in your preparation for proclaiming the Gospel during Year B. (Brian thought it would be a good resource for you to have). It will be kept in the left side drawer of the Offertory table.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 1pm Saturday 25 November. This is our biggest markets of

the year so let us all support it as well as we can. Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure. Raffle of a Christmas cake and Gin. Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Cathy reports that the home cooking is greatly appreciated by the customers. Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011

Braidwood Quilt Event 2023 25/26 November Contact braidwoodquilterstextiles@gmail.com

If anyone has quilts they would like to display, please bring them to the office on Thursday 23rd and we will put them up in the church for the weekend. Please be aware there won't be anyone in attendance to watch over them. Please let Helen Hart know if you want to be part of this.

First Thursday Community Christmas Lunch will be held on 30th November from 11.30am.

Ecumenical Advent Women's Breakfast, 2nd December 8-9.30am Old Sunday School hall. Hosted by St Bede's Prayer Groups. \$12 (exact cash amount) in envelope with your name to James' coffee window please. RSVP: 27th November.

Braidwood Community Christmas Party and Shopping Night Thursday 14th December from 3-7pm

Readings for Mass: 1st: Ezek. 34:11-12,15-17. 2nd: 1Cor. 15:20-26,28. Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Next week: 1st Advent Yr B: 1st: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8. 2nd: 1 Cor. 1:3-9. Gospel: Mark 13:33-37.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm

Ministries for our Mass:	25 Nov	2 Dec	9 Dec	16 Dec	
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine	Helen P	
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)				
Reader 1:	Ann T	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine	
Reader 2:	Wendy H	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	
Ministries of service:	24 Nov	1 Dec	8 Dec	15 Dec	24 Dec
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy F	Joy	All please
Cleaning:	Helen P & Sarah		Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Bobbie
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.					

Take care of each other,

Helen

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.