



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 30 MAY 2021 - LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father,
you sent your Word to bring us truth
and your Spirit to make us holy.
Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.
Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons,
by proclaiming and living our faith in you.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

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

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



REFLECTION on the Gospel by Greg Sunter

Have you thought? Mystery

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

Living the Gospel – The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group

as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for Christian faith communities of every kind; that they bear clear witness to the love eternally shared between Father, Son and Spirit. (Paus) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for all the peoples of the earth, that World Environment Day will inspire them to fulfil their vocation as stewards of creation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for all who dwell in Israel and the Palestinian territories; that the tragic deaths of civilians, especially children, will hasten a ceasefire and lead to new negotiations for lasting peace. (pause) Lord, hear us
4. We pray for the citizens of Australia, that National Reconciliation Week will strengthen mutual respect and understanding between non-indigenous Australians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for the residents of aged care facilities; that increased funding will provide them with the nursing care, nourishment and personal support they deserve. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for all parents, that they will raise their children with steadfast love and guide them wisely on their way to adulthood.() Lord, hear us.
7. We pray for the sick and housebound; that they will be comforted through the Spirit of truth, including Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermert, Val Biggers and Celia Roach. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
8. We pray for the recently deceased including Les Tetley, Kate Glendenning and Helen Goddard, and for Josephine McGrath and Robert McGrath, whose anniversaries of death occur around this time; that they will share for ever in the love of Father, Son and Spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

*Lord God,
we worship you, a Trinity of Persons, one eternal God.
May our faith bring us health of mind and body.
Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

We had 37 attendees at last Saturday for the Vigil. 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: Tuesdays at 10am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: Fridays for 1 hour between 9 and 10am. Please call in at any time during that hour to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 13 June in the church at 10.30am.

Krawarree Mass: Sunday 30 May at 11.00am. All welcome.

Ecumenical Pentecost + 2 Service on Sunday 6 June 2021 at the National Theatre.

Morning tea at 10am followed by the service at 10.30am. Please try and attend if you can.

Finance Committee Announcement: The Parish has been blessed with the announcement by the NSW Government on Friday that approval for a Heritage Grant of \$111,150 to help pay for repairs to the roof of St Bede's. Whilst this a substantial sum and is very welcome news indeed, we will still have to provide the bulk of the costs - around \$188,000, from parish resources.

Discussions will be held with the heritage specialist contractor to get the planning for the schedule underway very shortly. It will be the same contractor who installed the spire on the former cathedral of St's. Peter and Paul in Goulburn.

On a different note, parishioners may not have noted the installation of the safety rail for the gallery, completed last Friday. In our view, it is no more obtrusive than it needs to be. The deficiency in our compliance with the Workplace Health and Safety regulations for the gallery identified last year in the WHS audit has now been fixed. The job was done by RSK Welding & Fabrication, a local tradesman and the cost was \$1647.80.

Parish gathering: Parishioners are invited to a Chinese Banquet to be held at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club following Mass on Saturday, 5 June. If you are interested in attending, could you please leave your name in the book provided at the back of the Church or reply by email to the office, braidwood@cg.org.au. Cost per head Adults \$23; Children 4-12 years \$11.50; Under 4 yrs free. Germaine, Social Group Coordinator



You are invited to a "Call to Connect" women's ministry (CTC) Zoom prayer experience from our new free Starter Kit for women to form prayer/sharing groups and an opportunity for Q&A. Choose one of the following dates; June 21st, 22nd or 23rd, 7.30-8.30 pm. All welcome. Register for one evening to calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com If you have any questions please submit with your registration so we get through them all on the night. The Prayer segment and Zoom link for the evening will be emailed to you the day before. The leadership team will be running the sessions. womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/ electronic link
Facebook: Call to Connect women's ministry

ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you signup you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au. (this is different to last week's as apparently it didn't work for everyone)

Cleaners: many thanks to the cleaners who found Wendy McMahan-Bell's hearing aid.
11 June: Margaret and Barbara. **18 June:** Helen P and Judith. **2 July:** Rod and Pauline.
Please note the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week:

Corpus Christi: 1st: Ex. 24:3-8. 2nd: Heb. 9:11-15. Gospel: Mk. 14:12-16,22-26

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
29 May	Les	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
5 June	Geoff	Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
12 June	Felix	Helen P	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
19 June	Les	Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, 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>

Take care and keep safe and warm,
Helen Hart

BRAIDWOOD RECONCILIATION GATHERING

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MORE THAN A WORD



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National Reconciliation Week 2021

27 May - 3 June

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DHURGA ROCK RYRIE PARK
MONDAY 31 MAY 2PM