



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
YEAR A**

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LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Father,

You sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy.

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 Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)

Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)

You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 John

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'



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The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it.

Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the

God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all who study and teach the Christian faith. May they delight in sharing their knowledge and love of the Triune God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all the baptised and especially Charlotte Phillips who will be baptised Saturday. May they become ever more aware of their dignity and mission as the people of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the human family. May World Environment Day on 5th June call us all to care for the one world God has entrusted to us. () Lord, hear us.

We pray for children around the world whose lives have been disrupted by war and poverty. May they recover from their trauma and regain their childhood. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the reversal of unjust disadvantage. May economic systems be thoroughly reformed for all to share fairly in the world's wealth, resources and power. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for end to racist words, actions and attitudes. May people of every race and culture be valued and respected. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for people suffering from dementia, especially those in aged care. May they be looked after with love, compassion and understanding. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Len Sheather (Lea Maher's brother), Jenny Bodman, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, those on our prayer list and all who need our prayers. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Hans Ferlitsch, Eadaoin Corcoran, Clare Nowland . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they enjoy the eternal life won for us by God's Son. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, we worship you, a Trinity of Persons, one eternal God.

May our faith bring us health of mind and body.

Amen.

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: 30 July at 11am.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: the theme of this year's appeal is 'What if your mum, grandma or sister became homeless?' spotlighting women over 55 as one of the fastest growing demographics of people at risk of and experiencing homelessness across Australia. The number of older women seeking support from homelessness services has risen 55% in the last decade. Here in Braidwood we do have some homeless people - those who couch surf, live in informal dwellings (read sheds or garages) or camp at Warri in tents or caravans. Imagine living in a tent during a Braidwood winter!! If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by using an envelope from your seats (place in 2nd collection bag), donating online at www.vinnies.org.au or

by calling 13 18 12. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Vinnies Braidwood is looking for donations of blankets.



Your donation of blankets will be sold in-store here at Braidwood to assist with providing Emergency relief to members of our community needing assistance with their electricity, food, petrol, living expenses, medical expenses and clothes. If you are in need of assistance, please call 13 18 12 and the Vinnies Relief team can arrange help.

Braidwood and district thank you in advance of you support with donations

Readings for Mass: 1st: Ex. 34:4-6,8-9. 2nd: 2 Cor. 13:11-13. Gospel: John 3:16-18

Next week: Corpus Christi: 1st: Deut.8:2-3,14-16. 2nd: 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Gospel John 6:51-58.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

Ministries for our Mass:	3 June	10 June	17 June	24 June	2 July
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P	Cathy F
Acolyte:					
Reader 1:	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Michael	Bobbie
Reader 2:	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H	Cathy F	Tommy
<i>I just noticed I have two June 3 entries on the roster. Please adjust your rosters from that date forward.</i>					
Ministries of service:	2 June	9 June	17 June	23 June	
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	
Cleaning:	Sarah & Helen P		Bunny & Ella		
Counters: 1 st Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H		
3 rd Sunday:	volunteer please		4 th : Phil Owen		
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.					



St Bede's Biggest Morning Tea.

Keep warm and 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.