



28th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A

15 October 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

### OPENING PRAYER

*Lord, our help and our guide,  
make your love the foundation of our lives.  
May our love for you express itself in the eagerness to do good for others.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (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 letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

**Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew 22:1-14 GPBS 10/10/23**

In this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to the messengers. This is such an incredible response; we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants, Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "*O God, have mercy on me, a sinner,*" is a good prayer to have on hand.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all who dwell in the land of Jesus' birth, whether Palestinian or Israeli, that the deadly violence engulfing them will be short-lived and an effective ceasefire agreed to. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all taking part in the Synod on Synodality, that they will be inspired by Pope Francis' letter on Thérèse of Lisieux, youthful saint of prayer and missionary zeal. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer the daily torment of hunger and food insecurity, that tomorrow's World Food Day (16 October) will spur the international community to meet their needs. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are deprived of their just share in the world's wealth, that the World Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) will reverse the growing gap between rich and poor. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ourselves as citizens of Australia, that the result of the referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament will make us more determined than ever to overcome disadvantage and division across the land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all people living with a disability, and for their families and carers, that the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability will help transform their lives. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Jacki Ffrench, Dennis Dempsey, Fr. Mick, Peter Gillan, Penny Crawford, Tony Riley, Jenny Bodman, Ross Lawless, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers, that they may be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the recently deceased, John Hockey, Frances Minogue (Mandy O'Brien's mum), Richard Stone, the Smith family of Armidale who died in the recent plane crash, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that Christ the good shepherd will lead them to the joy of the heavenly banquet. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Almighty Father, may your gifts give us a share in your life. 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**

**Krawarree Mass: 29 October has been cancelled due to the death of Mandy's mum.**

**Head Count** continues this weekend.

**Father Tony writes:**

**Dear Parishioners,**

October is traditionally given over to praying the *Rosary*. There are four sets of mysteries:

*Mysteries of Joy (Mon, Sat); Mysteries of Light (Thurs); Mysteries of Sorrow (Tues, Fri)*

*Mysteries of Glory (Wed, Sun).*

If we stop and think about it, this is exactly what life is:

*Life is full of joy, light, sorrow and glory. The Rosary tries to help us unify our life with our faith so that they become a harmonious unity.*

The custom is to say one Our Father and Ten Hail Mary's for each of the five mysteries, but you can customise to suit your needs. With young children, you could simply say one Hail Mary for each mystery, or in family prayer you could say Three Hail Mary's, since the essence of the Rosary is meditating on the mystery, focusing on the Holy Name of Jesus in the middle of the Hail Mary.

Peace is elusive in our personal and social lives and it is so because we find it difficult to accept the peace of the Risen Christ, and we don't pray enough for peace in our world. Surely, the recent events in the Holy Land should arouse in our hearts the need to pray for peace, whether it is the Rosary or some other simple prayer.

The *Archdiocesan Annual Pilgrimage* takes place on *Sunday 22 October 2023*. A good opportunity to pray for peace and thank God for the gifts we have received:

*12noon Mass; Lunch (BBQ/sausage sizzle available \$ or BYO; 2pm Rosary. Guided tours at 10.30am and 1.30pm.*

*Sts. Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral* is the only Greenstone Church in the world, now fully restored. Of the many beautiful things to encounter, I think you'll find the *19<sup>th</sup> Century French Stations of the Cross* and the new '*Way of the Family*' to be quite inspirational.

Blessings to each one of you,

Father Tony

**October Rosary:** Please join us on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm. We are being led through our prayers by Melisa Mass, who uses the Hallow App.

**This will be Br. Brian's last weekend with us.** If you can, please come along to Mass, followed by a short concert by the Gate of Salvation Choir (approx. 1 hour) or the Sunday Ecumenical Service at 10am, at which Brian will be given a farewell by the ecumenical community.

**Memorial Service** for Richard Stone will be held at the Mongarlowe Fire Shed at 2pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Would anyone like some shredded paper?** Brian has been busy and there is plenty for anyone who has chooks, other pets or who make compost. Just let Helen know.

**Café of the Gate of Salvation Choir:** Get ready for an October choral weekend! You, your family, neighbours and friends are enthusiastically invited to attend: **SATURDAY 14 October (Referendum Day) 7pm** in St Bede's Catholic Church: a concert and community singalong by Sydney's premier a cappella gospel choir, Cafe at the Gate of Salvation. **SUNDAY 15 October, 10am** in St Bede's Catholic Church: an ecumenical choral service, led by the choir, celebrating Br. Brian's contribution to the Braidwood community.

**Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary Fete** Saturday October 14th in the National Theatre.

**Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner Friday, 27 October 2023**

**Tickets are now available!**

**The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce** is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27 October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden and warmly invites you to join

us.

Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs, a well-known local personality, will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life. Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70 (until 14 October) and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700.

Please visit [www.cgwomen.org.au](http://www.cgwomen.org.au) to purchase tickets through Humanitix.

For further information contact Samantha Hazlett at [samanthahazlett@icloud.com](mailto:samanthahazlett@icloud.com)

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage** to the Old Cathedral Sts. Peter & Paul's Sunday 22 October 2023  
12noon Mass & Lunch. Followed by Devotions (replaces Galong Marian Day)

**Braidwood Open Gardens** November 4 & 5.

**Book Launch of selected poems by Jeremy Lockhart Nelson** Thus Passes the Glory of the World on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2.30pm at the former church, 153 Sawyer's Ridge Road, Reidsdale. Book: \$20 at launch. (AMAZON, 200PP. \$25.00)

RSVP to John Fulcher. Phone 0423 749 464 Email: [jfulcher@gmail.com](mailto:jfulcher@gmail.com)

**The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch Commemoration Dinner** is on again this year at the National Theatre -11 Nov

**Braidwood Quilt Event 2023** 25/26 November Contact [braidwoodquilterstextiles@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodquilterstextiles@gmail.com)

**Save the Date:** Ecumenical Advent Women's' Breakfast, 2nd December 8-9.30am Old Sunday School hall. Hosted by St Bede's Prayer Groups. More details to follow.

**Advent Resource from Brisbane.** Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to pay for these. If you would like to purchase a copy of this Advent's 22 page prayers and reflections, entitled "With Expectant Hearts" (cost \$6.00) please copy and paste the email address: [formation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au) or scan the QR code on the poster in the church.

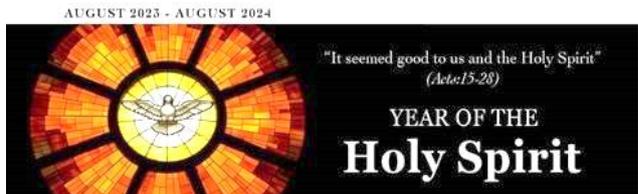
**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah 25:6-10. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20. Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14.

**Next week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah 45:1,4-6. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Thess. 1:1-5. Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21.

**Radio Church:** Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9 Uniting reflection

<b>Ministries for our Mass:</b>	<b>14 Oct</b>	<b>21 Oct</b>	<b>28 Oct</b>	<b>4 Nov</b>
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)			
Reader 1:	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Cathy F
Reader 2:	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H	Michael
<b>Ministries of service:</b>	<b>13 Oct</b>	<b>20 Oct</b>	<b>27 Oct</b>	<b>3 Nov</b>
Altar Decorating:	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy	Helen P
Cleaning:	Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Wendy	
Counters: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sunday: Wendy H	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday:	Brenda		4 <sup>th</sup> : Phil Owen	
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your 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.