

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

9 October 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

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

FIRST READING: A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
- 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

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

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.

This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 17:11-19 GPBS 4/10/2022

Pass It On

The portion at the restaurant was too large, even for me, so I asked for the proverbial "doggie" bag. Walking to the car with that uncomfortable feeling that I had eaten too much, I was stopped by a man sitting on the steps of a building. "Do you have five dollars? I'm really hungry". My first response was anger. "Now they are asking for a minimum amount," I thought. Then realising how stuffed I felt, I guiltily gave him the five dollars. But that didn't make me feel better. So, I turned back and handed him the doggie bag. "If you like pasta with chickpeas, here's a start to your dinner".

His face lit up as he announced that chickpeas were his favourite food. As I turned to walk away he called me back and handed me the five dollar note. He thanked me for the pasta and suggested I give the money to the guy going through the garbage bin on the corner. Ironically, I found myself thanking him. And I gave the money to the surprised guy at the corner. By the time I got to my car I was no less full, but I felt a little better. I had learned a lesson in generosity from a guy sitting on a step.

Saying thanks for what God gives us is not enough. The best way to show gratitude is to share with others. That night I gave from my excess. But the grateful beggar gave what had just been given to him. In that simple act, he benefited, the man searching through the garbage benefited, and for certain, I benefited. Like the leper in this week's Gospel, let us show our gratitude to God with our generosity toward others.

The Commissioning

Go from here as God's thankful people. For our created world and for those who strive to keep it good, thanks. For our birth and for our living, for our loved ones and our friends, thanks. For our faith community and for the worship and service (name of faith community) makes possible, thanks. Thanks beyond all limits, thanks beyond reckoning, thanks beyond all limits of time; heartfelt thanks to our most loving God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the human family. May the cries of all who suffer grievously from war, famine and climate devastation be heard and heeded by world leaders. (pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Body of Christ, the Church. May the Church's own need for healing deepen its compassion for all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are implementing the Australian Plenary Council and preparing for the world Synod on Synodality. May they be guided by the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the elders of Australia's Aboriginal communities. May their cultural knowledge and authority help shed light on the past and forge a new future for the nation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for nurses, teachers, carers and all whose service of others is taking a heavy toll on their own well-being. May the whole community show its appreciation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ourselves, our families and friends, and our parish community. May we recognise the blessings we enjoy and always give thanks for them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Michael Crosby, Geoff Bradley, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased: Richie Simpson, Berri McAuliffe, Bruce Feehan, Paul Dann,... and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they live and reign with Christ in glory. (pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty Father, May the love of Jesus give us a share in his life, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am - 3pm; Fridays: 9am - 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church. Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am in the church. Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: November date TBA at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

There is so much community activity happening now that spring is here: a free community concert on 8 October (details in Braidwood Bugle and Changing Times) and the Hospital fete on 15 October. Also the Open Gardens on 15 & 16 to benefit the Braidwood Preschool. 15th October is also the International Day of Rural Women. This day is dedicated to the millions of women living in remote, rural places and celebrates the achievements and contributions of these women towards rural development and agriculture. (Yay us!!) More next week.



To Br Brian's 90th Birthday Celebration ♥ ♥

Date: 5th November 2022

Time: 7pm

Place: Braidwood Servicemen's Club

RSVP: 1st November+ Braidwood@ca.org.au

The cost is \$35 per person which can be paid directly to the Office, Helen H or Germaine in advance or on the night.

A small contribution towards a birthday gift would be appreciated.

News from the pews: If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of "Walking Together" as the Archbishop is asking.

Happy Birthday to Dawn Jonas who celebrated her 90th last Wednesday.

Requiem Mass for Berry McAuliffe last Friday was a lovely celebration of a life well lived.

Radio Church Sundays 6pm, 88.9 FM.

Last chance to buy tickets in the "Help Ukrainians" raffle, being conducted by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Wendy Hart has the tickets if you are interested. Wendy will be selling tickets before and after Mass during September to mid October It is being drawn in November.



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Church in Need Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing aid to over 5000 families in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must also be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan

Mission Sunday: 23 October. This year's theme is "You will be my witnesses...." Acts 1:8

Readings for Mass: 1st: 2 Kings 5:14-17. 2nd: 2 Tim. 2:8-13. Gospel: Luke 17:11-19.

Readings for next week: 1st: Exodus 17:8-13. 2nd: 2 Tim. 3:14-4:2. Gospel: Luke 18:1-8.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
8 Oct	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H
15 Oct		Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
22 Oct	Felix	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
29 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H

Ministries of service:	7 Oct	14 Oct	21 Oct	28 Oct
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy
Cleaning:		Bunny & Ella		Bronnie & Felix

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H

> 3rd Sunday: Gabrielle K 4th: Phil Owen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other Helen Hart