



St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Parish Priest:
Secretary:

Fr Henry Kingsley Elton
Ms Bern Press

02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

7 August 2022 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Jill De Bavey (sister); Arthur Pengilly; Lia Buisman (John Keenan's Auntie); Kevin Murphy (Wendy Smith's brother); Gail Cook; **Deceased:**
Anniversaries: Gerard Porter; Ree Holloway; Marjorie Thomson; Edith Constable; Leo Goodwin; William Perkins; Maurice Murphy; Patricia Mason; Joe Gigg; Bill Norman Jnr; Leo Daniels; James McVicar; Bill Norman Sr; Ron O'Dwyer; Dominic Bowen; Eric Robinson; Lorna Matheson; Alan Reading Senior; Patricia Lane; Helen Hind; Anne Gee; John (Jack) Tinson; William Martin; Johanna Blanche; Eva Black; Madeline Houlihan; Eulouise Harrison; Bernard Howard; Margaret Wadwell; Patricia Marie "Tina" Stockdale; Valerie Short; Agnes Perkins; Anthony McKay; John Gleeson; Dolores McGregor; Alma Whelan; Margaret Heath; Suzanne Schumaker; John Egan; Eleanor Heyman; Wally O'Donnell; Maureen Pengilly; John Ryan; Roy Smith; Allan Blanche; Stephen Constable; Wallace Banister; Casimer Reading. *May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.*
And for those who are ill: Josie Norman; Tony Bourke; Kevin McNamara; Val & Graham Callaghan; Deb Foddy; Shye Evans; Leanne Young; Fran Wallace; Carole Scanlon; Maureen Irvine; Chris George; Theo Gleeson; Jenny McGinnis; David Henry; Dawn & Colin Graham; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigg; Joan Greentree; David Borsley (Anne Easton's Brother in law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9.30am - Quirindi
Monday 11.00am - Werris Creek
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi - **No Mass**
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek - **No Mass**
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek - **No Mass**
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi - **No Mass**

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5.00pm - Quirindi - **No Mass**
6.30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday:
8.00am - Willow Tree - **No Mass**
9.30am - Quirindi

Carroza: 5th Sunday of the Month

30th October 2022

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.
Reconciliation: Please see Father Ross
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cancelled until Father returns.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays along with prayers to Our Lady of La Salette
Divine Mercy Cancelled until Father returns

Roster

14/8/2022 R: M & J Easley
C: D Ryan & T Vereyken
Flower/Altar Roster for August - P Perkins & A Scott

Coming Events

Sun 7 Good Shepherd Appeal & Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal
Sun 14 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass
Mon 8 Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross Mass at Quirindi at 9.30am and Werris Creek at 11.00am
Mon 15 Solemnity of The Assumption Mass at Quirindi at 9.30am and Werris Creek at 11.00am

The Parish of St. Brigid Quirindi and the Catholic Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care and well-being and protection of children, young people, and people at risk in our community. Our message is that child protection and dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Please parents/guardians, ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the church during Mass to go to the toilet or for any reason.

Change of Mass Times 6 August to 12 September

There will only be Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm on 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August and 3rd & 10th September. **No Mass at St Brigid's on the Saturday evening. No Mass at Willow Tree on Sunday Mornings during this time.** Sunday Mass at St Brigid's on 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August & 4th & 11th September 2022. Mass on Monday 8th & 15th at 9.30am at St Brigid's and 11.00am at Werris Creek. **No other Masses during the week. Mass will resume to normal times after this.**

Father Kingsley's Sister Sylvaine Osinachi Elton will take her Perpetual Profession of Vows on Saturday 13th August 2022. Here is the link to watch.
Date: Saturday, 13th August, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM West Central Africa - Australian Time around 8.00pm Saturday night.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8987602960?pwd=ZlUwNGF5UzZkZWVhbnZkdjZlc0R1OTQ9>
Meeting ID: 898 7608 2960 Passcode: 339641

Welcome Father Ross We thank Fr Ross O'Brien for supplying whilst Father Kingsley is away.

Special Collection - Good Shepherd Appeal

There will be a special collection on 6/7 August for the Clergy & Seminarian Education & Priest Retirement Fund. Donations to Priest Retirement Fund is tax deductible. Envelopes at the back of the Church.

Prayer for Vocations

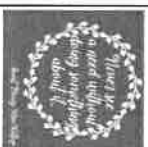
Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Armidale. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

There are prayers at the back of the Church for the week beginning Monday 8th August 2022 and ending Sunday 14th August 2022 that can be said each day. Please take one home with you.

Did you know stamps can transform lives? All you need to do is collect your stamps, new or used and leave them in the box at the back of the church. Your stamps are trimmed, sorted and sent to an auction house and are sold to collectors. These funds are used to support the work of Mary Mackillop Today in providing access to learning opportunities for the poorest communities in Australia and internationally.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Planned Giving \$587.00 + Loose \$0.00 = \$587.00



Mass for the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross Monday the 8th August at 9.30am at St Brigid's and 11.00am at Werris Creek. Morning tea in the Hall after Mass at St Brigid's hosted by Josephine Companions.

Planned Giving. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognises everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. Our ability to earn money is a gift from God. Returning a percentage of our treasure back to God is one way that we live our faith. Just like our family households, our parish community needs financial resources in order to operate, serve, and minister. God provides for these needs through you - YOU ARE THE PARISH.

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What return shall I make to the Lord, for all God has given me? Thank you for making a gift to support the important work of our parish. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

Kindergarten at St Joseph's Primary School 2023 We would like to warmly welcome you and your child to our 'Small School with a Big Heart'. As part of our introduction to school we run a very successful School Readiness Program every Friday in Term 4. There is NO COST to attend. Students in Year 5 will be 'buddies' for our readiness children to help with the transition to school experience. The Readiness Program is conducted in the 2023 Kindergarten classroom to ensure familiarity for the children when they begin their formal education. If you would like a tour of the school, please contact our school office staff and arrange a day and time that suits best. Mrs Pauline Long - Principal, St Joseph's Primary School 6746 1033.

First Collection \$180.20

made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24:42-44
Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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Breaking Open the Word

A TWO-EDGED SWORD

The word of the Lord is said to be a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) and so it is with the readings for today – encouragement and warning stand side by side. Both the passage from the book of Wisdom and that from Hebrews, invite us to see our journey of faith in a positive light. The examples of Abraham and Sarah, as well as the people of the Exodus, show us that others too have had to trust in God's promises when the way forward has not been clear. The most vivid instance of this is when Abraham was called to sacrifice his only son Isaac. One can only try to imagine his distress when called to sacrifice the very one by whom God's promises were to be accomplished. Despite revulsion and fear he still took the leap of faith, and his faith was rewarded.

The two-edged sword of God's word continues as Jesus reminds his disciples that while there is no need to fear we must live in a manner appropriate for people of faith. The leap of faith may not call us to sacrifice our children but it will challenge us to show that our hearts are in the right place by being prepared for the Lord's return. The example of the faithful servants who are ready for their master's return, even after a long delay, is powerfully contrasted with those who lost sight of the trust that they had been given.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

7 AUGUST 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of odds they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies: for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 52:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy; whose God is the Lord; / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. 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.**

3. 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

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been