



kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: ‘When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?’

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: ‘Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’

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## WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

*St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 22 November 2020**

### First Reading Ez 34:11-12.15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. (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 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes  
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom  
of our father David!*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mt 25:31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the

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### Refugee Action Group:

Chair: Robert Stewart  
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### St Vincent De Paul Society

President: Anne Hartley  
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### Parish School:

Principal: Robyn Thomson  
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**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.**

**We Remember:** We remember our deceased family and friends; and Carmela Basile, Norma Downey, Thomas Considine and John Collins whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord.

We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

**Meditation, Prayer and Chat:** Connect with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by joining the liturgy via zoom to:

- ❖ **Friday Night Prayer** – will continue and will be hosted by Jo Ryan.
- ❖ **Meditation Group** – 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on [susiehii@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii@gmail.com) for connection details.
- ❖ **Scripture Reflection** – 11.00am each Sunday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on [susiehii@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii@gmail.com) for connection details.

**Book of Remembrance:** During the month of November parishioners are invited to remember and pray for deceased family and friends by including their names in our *Remembrance Book*, and they will be remembered at Mass during the month. This year due to restrictions, you are invited to forward the names of those you wish to be remembered to the Parish Office by email on [greythorn@cam.org.au](mailto:greythorn@cam.org.au) and they will be included in the remembrance book.

**Broadcast Mass:** We will continue to offer the broadcast Mass each week, rotating around our churches. Online Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website [www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au](http://www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au) or [www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au](http://www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au) and follow the prompts. For this week the link is <https://youtu.be/U99DflQeCq8>

**Refugee Family Support:** St Bridget's Refugee Action Group **NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Covid 19 has been a big challenge for the refugee families. They have no access to government financial support including JobKeeper or JobSeeker. It has been difficult for them to manage day to day expenses. Unfortunately the father of our first family is now ill and will be unable to work for the next six months whilst having medical treatment. Until he is well and able to return to work, we propose to assist the family in any way we can. We seek your financial assistance to support the family in this time of need. Please donate directly to St Bridget's Refugee Family Support Fund (Tax deductible). Bank account details are below. Please include your name in the "remitter" field.

Account name: St Bridget's Parish Refugee Action Group

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB Number: 083-347

Account Number: 34780 0103 - Your generous support is appreciated. Thank you in advance. RAG

**Parish Survey:** By now, parishioners would have received a letter from Fr John regarding the planning for our parish future and urging you to participate and complete a simple survey. All family members including those over 18 years of age are welcome to submit a survey and express their views.

Survey responses will help to gauge parishioner views and expectations as we plan our future and renew our vision and mission for a fruitful missionary parish and integrate ourselves more fully with our surrounding parishes and look to the future with enthusiasm.

Responses to date have been positive and have provided excellent feedback. Respondents have been supportive and are enthusiastic about St Bridget's future working collaboratively with our affiliated churches and surrounding parishes. So we have extended the response period for **another week** to allow those parishioners who may have intended to provide input but missed the original closing date.

**Definite closing date 25 November.**

### Lector Roster for 28 & 29 November – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year B

Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
Margaret Stewart	V Brunton	J Truong

**NOTE: Lectors please ensure that you book your attendance via Trybooking.**

### Mass Times at our Parishes from 24 - 29 November:

	St Bridget	St Bede	St Anne	St Joachim
Tuesday 24 Nov		9.15am		
Wednesday 25 Nov			10.00am	
Thursday 26 Nov		9.15am		
Friday 27 Nov		9.15am	10.00am	
Saturday 28	5.00pm	4.30pm 6.00pm	4.30pm 6.00pm	
Sunday 29	10.00am 5.30pm	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	9.30am 11.00am	8.00am

Parishioners are welcome to book in at any Mass across the affiliated parishes. Please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass so that; You can be temperature checked; You have time to hand sanitise; You are marked off the list as an attendee.

Parishioners must book in via Trybooking. The link will be sent out each Thursday. If you do not have the internet, then ring the parish office on Wednesday morning to be booked in. If you find – after booking – that you are unable to attend, please cancel so that someone else can use that place. There is a strict limit of twenty people at each Mass. Social distancing applies, and no one may be admitted unless wearing a mask (except people with a medical exemption) or without a prior booking.

It is important that we carefully observe the conditions set down for us to open up, so that further easing of restrictions can occur later.

**2020 John Wallis Memorial Lecture:** Hosted by the Hobart Branch of Highways and Byways Community Services will be held via zoom on Tuesday 24 November at 7pm. The presenter is Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, who is a highly respected UK speaker on spirituality and a regular contributor to the BBC. In our current world of bitter divisions at so many levels, how do we build a genuine culture of encounter, collaboration and dialogue?

This is an online lecture so bookings are essential. Book at [spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au](mailto:spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au) by Sunday 22 November. Further information contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or [www.highwaysandbyways.org.au/news](http://www.highwaysandbyways.org.au/news)

**Donations:** During the restrictions, donations to the parish can be made online direct to the Parish Accounts.

**Church Account** – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording)

**Presbytery Account** – support of the Parish Priest; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066