

Northern Mission



**1ST SUNDAY ADVENT
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1 December 2019

NORTHERN MISSION
incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.
<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com>

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm.



Mission Sunday Masses:
St Raphael's Q'bn 5.30pm Sat
9am & 5.30pm Sun
St Mary's Bung. 8.30am Sun
St Bede's B'wood 6.00pm Sat

Ministries for our Sunday Vigil Mass

	30 November	7 December	14 December
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Readers:	B Gunderson G Hannaford	P Clarke A Clarke	R Coady W M-Bell
Sp. Min.	W Hart H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper	T Ferlitsch H Hart
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Hart
PowerPoint:	G Pollard	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	C Ffrench	Geraldine & Natasha	Norah & Cilla

Ministries of Service:

	29 November	6 December	13 December
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy F
Cleaners:	Bobbie & Pauline	Joan	Wendy & Pauline

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.
3rd & 5th Sun: Brian Berg . 4th Sun: Ann Monkhouse.

Counters: 1st Sun: K & M Toirkens. 2nd Sunday: G Kain. 3rd Sunday: Wendy Hart.
4th Sunday: E Hannaford. 5th Sunday: H Bopping.

World Community for Christian Meditation is held Thursdays at 10.30am at St Bede's Presbytery. For information please contact Br. Brian on 4842 2444. Newcomers are always welcome. Check out the websites: www.wccm.org or www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

"Giving a helping hand up"



Office Hours: Fridays 11am - 1pm.

Readings for Mass:

Readings: 1st: Isaiah 2:1-5. 2nd: Romans 13:11-14. Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44.
Next week: 1st: Isaiah 11:1-10. 2nd: Romans 15:4-9. Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.

Join us in prayer

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the Church.
Liturgy of the Word: Wednesday at 9.30am in Presbytery.
Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am
Braidwood AA meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at the Anglican Parish House, situated behind the church.
Social Justice Group next meeting 2 February at 10.30am
Ecumenical Women's Advent Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 7 December at St Bede's school hall, 8-9.30am. Organised by Call To Connect
Araluen Mass: Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 10am.
Krawarree Mass: Sunday 15th December 2019 at 11am.
9 Lessons and Carols: Anglican Church 15 December at 7pm
Christmas Drinks & nibbles: Saturday 21st December after Mass.

Reflection on the Gospel: The Secret of Staying Awake

My mother never had difficulty staying awake - she would wait up for every family member until they were home and safe in their beds. When the rest of us struggled to stay up past 10:30 to watch the *Late Show*, she could easily make it to the *Late, Late Show*. She would be waking us up to watch live events from overseas, like royal weddings and rock concerts. Or she'd stay up all night just to make sure we wouldn't miss a bus back to school, a train to our first job, or a plane to some long-awaited adventure.

I didn't really appreciate my mother's secret to staying awake until recently. It wasn't like mum danced around the living room or drank pots of coffee to stay awake (although she was known to engage in both of those activities from time to time.) But recently I read somewhere that sleep experts advise engaging in lively conversations to get your mind moving when you're feeling drowsy. Conversation - that was mum's secret during her late-night vigils - conversations with God. Mum was a world-class pray-er. She would say the rosary nightly and a Hail Mary or Our Father whenever she had the chance. She shared everything with God - her hopes and dreams for the family and her greatest concerns. While the rest of the household slumbered, she kept watch with her best friend and was ever ready at the appointed hour. GPBS 26/11/19.

An evening of Christmas music and readings with Friar Alessandro Monday 9 December at St Christopher's Cathedral.
See noticeboard for poster and flyers at back of Church.



"Call to Connect" Prayer/Sharing groups warmly invite all interested women to an Ecumenical Advent Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 7th December at 8.00am - 9.30am in St Bede's school hall. RSVP Wednesday 4th December Cost: \$15 exact cash & name to Lolly Shop tin.

An item of interest from The Daily Voice: Annie Flemming, a Year One student from St Bernard's Primary School Batemans Bay, has given a speech to politicians about the need for early intervention for children with hearing loss. Annie, seven years old, was one of six young people from across Australia and New Zealand who were chosen to speak at the 'Power of Speech' event held at Parliament House. Annie spoke about her experience as a young person living with a cochlear implant and her future with hearing loss.

She believes that her cochlear implant and early intervention therapies have allowed her to participate in mainstream schooling, being a successful and thriving student at St Bernard's Primary School. She hopes that her speech will help shatter misconceptions about growing up with hearing loss and encourage action.

"I hope that lots of children with hearing loss get to have speech and listening therapy," she said. "I wanted [politicians] to understand why children need early intervention. I want other kids like me to be able to speak and listen."

Please pray for the sick: Sue Monkhouse, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Margaret Sinclair, Elaine Olsen, Bob Haigh, Glen Dixon, Helen Goddard, Keith Lyons, James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Val Biggers, Diana Wiley, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, Robin Marsden, Barbara Monaghan, John Sheldon, Sarah Lewis, Richie Simpson, Mark Sissian, Sarah Cree, the residents of Narbethong & the aged care unit and all who need our prayers.

Please pray for those who have died in recent days:
Tom Casey, Anthony Shiels, those recorded in the Book of Remembrance and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Meaningful Gifts from cbm and Caritas Australia: Their 2019 Christmas Catalogues are on the noticeboard.