

## NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

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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. 5.30pm Sat  
St Bede's B'wood 8.30am Sun

# Northern Mission



13th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Yr A  
2 July 2017

### Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Sunday at 8.30am

	2 July	9 July	16 July
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Reader:	W Hart	A Monkhouse	T Ferlitsch
Reader:	M Byrnes	H Bopping	K Toirkens
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Sp. Ministers	H Hart H Bopping	B Schlager F Schlager	W Hart H Pieper
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	A Monkhouse	J Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Laffan Family	Flores Family	Cathy F

### Ministries of Service: 7 July 14 July 21 July

Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy	Margaret
Cleaners:	Wendy & Pauline	Bobbie	Victor

**Sp Min hospital:** 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.

3rd Sun: Jane Gardner. 4th Sun: Ann Monkhouse. 5th Sun: Brian Berg

**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](http://www.wccm.org) or [www.christianmeditationaustralia.org](http://www.christianmeditationaustralia.org)

### St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

*"Giving a helping hand up"*

**Office Hours:** Friday 11am - 1pm. Ph: 0435856541 or 4842 2444



**Readings this week:** 1st: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16. 2nd: Rom 6:3-4,8-11. G:Matt. 10:37-42.

**Next week:** 1st: Zech. 9:9-10. 2nd: Rom. 8:9,11-13. Gospel: Mat. 11:25-30.

### Join Us in Prayer

#### Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response:** Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.

All: I will sing for ever of your love, O God;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

All: Happy the people who acclaim such a ruler,  
who walk, O God, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

All: For it is you, O Holy One, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of our God;  
our ruler in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response:** Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into this marvellous light. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon:

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,  
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

**Next weekend Mass time:** 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** No Mass next Tuesday.  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesdays at 9.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Meditation:** Thursday at 10.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Braidwood AA** meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.  
**Social Justice Group** meets 1st Sunday of the month, Lolly Shop at 11am.

**Open PPC Meeting:** Lots of good ideas were aired and hospitality seemed to come to the fore, as did the need to focus on the upcoming generations. Morning teas after the 1st Sunday Mass will commence today and it has been decided to have 3 children's liturgies each term. The wonderful children at St Bede's School will have the task of planning these through a Liturgy Club that will meet during lunchtimes at school. Thoughts that were put on paper will be posted on our website: <http://cg.org.au/braidwood/Home.aspx>

**Rosters have been renewed.** Please collect your copy from the back of the Church.

**Please pray for the sick:** Len Kanowski, Kyal Neilson, Ted Younger, Paul Conaghan, Tony Riley, Dave Kelly, Judy Stone, Robin Marsden, Patricia Golotta, Joanna Kelly, Barbara Monaghan, John Sheldon, Sarah Lewis, Richie Simpson, Mark Sissian, Betty Jones, Sarah Cree, Teresa Neilsen, the residents of Narbethong & the aged care unit and all who need prayers.

**Please pray for those who have died in recent days:**  
Wiktorina Urban, Paul Hopper, Marcia Munn, Noel Hoskings, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

**Offerings acknowledged with thanks:**  
1st: \$151. 2nd - Envelopes \$662 (includes 1 annual). Loose: \$53.  
Markets: \$990. Winner of wood raffle: Betty Jonas.

### **NAIDOC Week 2-8 July**

The Ngunawal people are the traditional owners of the area between Yass and Braidwood, Goulburn and Cooma. They have occupied this land for 21,000 years. Canberra, originally spelt Koyanberra, means Meeting Place and is generally understood to have been the meeting place for the Ngunawal and other clans because of the availability of food and water. The Ngunawal people are actively involved in the protection and preservation of their culture, having been consulted with and involved in field surveys. Today they maintain a close connection with their traditional land.

### **Reflection on the Gospel - Hospitality**

One of the nicest things in life is to meet an open, friendly, warm, hospitable person. Hospitality is a hallmark of a true follower of Christ.

At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street the people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight, and warmth poured into their homes. 'Thank God for spring! Thank God for the sunshine!' they exclaimed. Just then a beggar appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains silently drawn, and locks put back on the doors. The beggar knocked on every door on the street, but no one opened to him.

Forlornly, he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened up once more. And again the sunshine and fresh air poured in, and all the people rejoiced.

Strange how our homes are always open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Christ urges us to be hospitable. Nowadays hospitality is a very different matter from what it was in the old days when nobody locked their doors. Sadly, those days are gone. Today is the day of locks, bolts, chains, peep holes, alarm systems, dogs ... Yet today there is more need than ever for hospitality and friendliness. In the world today there is a lot of loneliness and there are lots of strangers, aliens, and displaced people.

Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to a stranger is a great thing. You don't owe anything to a stranger, and there is a risk involved.

But Christ calls us to welcome the stranger in our midst. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are. This enables them to shed their strangeness, and become members of the community.

If Christians get into ghettos where they secure themselves and their property against those they consider as socially inferior to them, what hope is there for the world? Christ calls us to reach out. And the rewards are enormous. He said that even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water, would not go unrewarded. But there are earthly rewards too, and very great ones – the growth of understanding, friendliness, and cooperation, things our neighbourhoods are crying out for.

Hospitality is not so much about open doors as about open hearts. There is a risk in having an open heart. One can get hurt. But to open one's heart is to begin to live. To close it is to begin to die. GPBS 26/6/2017