

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



**19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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13 August 2017**

Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Sunday at 8.30am

	13 August	20 August	27 August
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Reader:	A Monkhouse	B Berg	T Ferlitsch
Reader:	H Bopping	T Roach	K Toirkens
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Sp. Ministers	B Schlager	K Godwin	W Hart
	H Pieper	A Monkhouse	H Bopping
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	H Hart	J Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Flores Family	Cilla & Tony	Cathy Ffrench

Ministries of Service: 18 August 25 August 1 Sept

Altar Decorating:	Cathy	Margaret	Fran
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 or 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: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13. 2nd: Rom. 9:1-5. Gpl: Matt. 14:22-33.

Next week: 1st: Isaiah 56:1,6-7. 2nd: Rom. 11:13-15,29-32. Gospel Matt. 15:21-28

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O God, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: O God, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

All: I will hear what the our God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
God's help is near for those who are in awe
and God's glory will dwell in our land.

All: Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

All: Our God will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before God and peace shall follow.

Response: O God, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Holy One, I trust in God's word. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Next weekend Mass time: 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 10am in the Church Feast of the Assumption
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, 10.30am.

First Holy Communion - Sunday 17 September 2017

Preparation for First Communion will commence, in Mass, on Sunday 20th August. There will be a short parents' meeting afterwards. Preparation will continue for the next three Sundays, 27th August; 3 & 10 September, with the celebration the following Sunday, 17th Sept.

Roster Mistake: we missed a Sunday in the roster, so Ministers, please move the weeks up one. Eg. 27th August becomes 20th and so on.

"Call to Connect "Women's Ministry to a day retreat Saturday 19th August at the Carmelite Monastery, Red Hill. 9.15am—4pm. Registrations to Lorraine Barker m. 0437329371. RSVP by 14th August (see notice at the back of the church) for details for payment online or cash payment to Bronnie. Cost \$35, pensioner concession, non refundable.

31st August "Concerned Catholics"

A group of concerned Catholics is holding a further public meeting to discuss ideas as to how the laity of the Archdiocese might increase their participation in the Church. Some background of Concerned Catholics and an outline and YouTube video of its first meeting in April can be found at: concernedcatholicscanberra.org Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to attend the meeting from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton.

Presenters will include Dr John Falzon (CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia); Sr Ruth Durick OSU (President, Catholic Religious Australia) and Fr Peter Day (Associate Priest Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood; founder of 'HOME' in Queanbeyan).

Please pray for the sick: Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Ted Younger, Paul Conaghan, Tony Riley, Dave Kelly, Robin Marsden, Patricia Golotta, 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:

John Curry, Marie Gowen, Manny Lieberwirth, Terence Riley, Robert

Stephen, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Offerings acknowledged with thanks:

1st: \$256. 2nd - Envelopes \$450. Loose: \$94.

Reflection on the Gospel

"Lord! Save me!"

Peter knew that whatever Jesus commanded was possible. It was really a way of testing faith. They had all just seen him cure people, teach them, feed five thousand people with a little bread and fish. Peter has no doubt that what Jesus commands will happen. But the command needs a response, and we learn that the success of the response depends on his faith. Peter has no choice but to leave the boat and risk his life to learn perhaps the most valuable lesson: the realisation of both his own weakness and the power of Jesus. If Peter had stayed in the boat, his faith would have been worthless and never tested.

Peter is the model of a very human journey of faith. He seeks, he steps, he fails, he is saved, he praises – and it all repeats again. If we say we are Christians and never make a step like Peter, trusting our faith and trusting Christ, then how do we know we really do believe? Every time Peter tried to show his faith, he failed: he betrayed Jesus verbally, he ran away ... and in this week's story he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink. But every time he fell and his faith failed, he rose up again and became close to Christ. He had the good sense at least to call out for help. In the moments of his weakness he knew enough to reach out to Christ. The failures of Peter only made him love Christ more – only made him reply on Christ more.

The sea is often used as a metaphor for life. Perhaps the Gospel is saying that no matter how dark life might be, and no matter how high the waves are or how rough the sea, Jesus is still able to reach us and is still able to lift us out of life's trauma, if only we trust him totally and keep our eyes fixed on him. God does not necessarily work by way of miracles in our lives. God probably doesn't want us walking on water. The Lord simply assures us that God will be with us always. And when