

## NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com>

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Father Troy Bobbin

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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



**21ST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
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27 August 2017**

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

	<u>27 August</u>	<u>3 Sept</u>	<u>10 September</u>
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Reader:	T Ferlitsch	R Coady	C Ffrench
Reader:	K Toirkens	Wendy M-Bell	G Hannaford
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Sp. Ministers	W Hart	B Schlager	A Monkhouse
	H Bopping	H Pieper	K Godwin
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	D Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Cathy Ffrench	Marj & Nola	Geraldine & Natasha

### Ministries of Service: 1 Sept 8 Sept 15 Sept

Altar Decorating:	Fran	Joy	Helen P
Cleaners:	Victor	Joan	Victor & Felix

**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: Is. 22:19-23. 2nd: Rom. 11:33-36. Gospel: Matt. 16:13-20.

**Next week:** 1st: Jer. 20:7-9. 2nd: Rom 12:1-2. Gospel: Matt. 16:21-27.

### *Join Us in Prayer*

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response:** O God, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

All: I thank you, O God, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

All: I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

All: The Holy One is high yet looks on the lowly  
and the haughty knows from afar.  
Your love, O God, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.

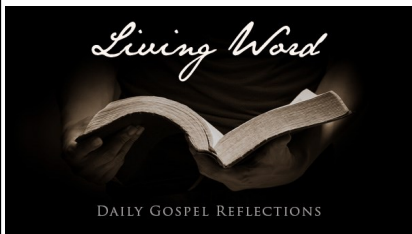
**Next weekend Mass time:** 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10am in the Presbytery  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesdays at 9.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Meditation:** Thursday at 10.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Braidwood AA** meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.  
**Social Justice Group** meets 1st Sunday of the month, Lolly Shop, 10.30am.

### **First Holy Communion - Sunday 17 September 2017**

Preparation for First Communion will continue, in Mass, today. Preparation will continue for the next two Sundays, 3 & 10 September, with the celebration the following Sunday, 17th Sept.

### **Father's Day Appeal - Collection for retired priests:**

Will be conducted across the Archdiocese next weekend, the 3rd & 4th September. There are presently 24 priests who are supported by the *Clergy Retirement Foundation* so it is vital that this Appeal is supported to assist with their accommodation and care needs. All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued to donors using the Appeal envelopes. Please be generous.



**Want to stay connected** to Christ and his Gospel every day? Introducing the Living Word - a daily Gospel Reflections from the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn.

<http://cgcatholic.org.au/subscribe-to-gospel-reflection/>

**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:**

Jan Glass, Jean McClure, Helen Wiggins, John Curry, Marie Gowen, Manny Lieberwirth, Noel Clarke (anniversary 19th August), Joanna Kelly (birthday 22nd Aug) and our own deceased relatives and friends.

### **Offerings acknowledged with thanks:**

1st: \$221. 2nd - Envelopes \$137. Loose: \$68.

## **Reflection on the Gospel - Who Do You Say That I Am?**

Bob travelled to work every day on the train. He had his usual seat. For as long as he could remember, the man sitting opposite him had made the same daily journey. Over time, Bob had got to know a bit about his fellow commuter. He guessed from the way he dressed that he probably worked in an office in the city. He observed that he liked to read detective novels. In cold weather he wore what looked like an old college scarf. Bob could tell when the man was running late, because he bought a cereal bar for his breakfast. And he assumed he had a family, because he carried a picture of what Bob thought might be his wife and two children in his wallet. But although the two travellers had nodded at each other, they had never spoken.

Then one day the train ground to a halt. Bob listened to the dreaded announcement, something about a blockage on the line. They were in for a long delay. His neighbour sighed. Then he leaned over from his seat and reached out his hand towards Bob. "Hi," he said, "I'm Jim".

At that moment, their relationship changed. Bob had known a certain amount about Jim, but until then he could never have said that he knew him. Now, as they chatted, he began to get to know him. But if Jim hadn't taken the initiative, they would have remained strangers.

In a way, the same sort of thing happened to Peter. He'd been with Jesus for some time. He knew a lot about him: where he came from, his family background. He'd travelled with him. He'd heard his teaching. He'd seen the things that Jesus had done, the way he treated those who were sick, those who were poor, those who were outcasts. But did he really know him? Who was this man?

There are many ways, many opportunities, to learn about God. We can read books, watch TV programmes or search the internet. We can go and listen to skilful teachers and inspiring preachers. But if all that happens is that we learn the facts and listen to opinions, then it may be the case that we know *about* God – but do we really *know* God?

Can we take that step further? Can we progress from knowing about God to knowing God? It's something we can only do with God's help. God has shown us the way in Jesus. Are we willing to journey with him, not as strangers but as friends?

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