

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



*Happy Fathers Day
to all our Dads.*

Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Sunday at 8.30am

	3 Sept	10 September	17 September
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Reader:	R Coady	C Ffrench	W Hart
Reader:	Wendy M-Bell	G Hannaford	M Byrnes
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Sp. Ministers	B Schlager	A Monkhouse	W Hart
	H Pieper	K Godwin	H Bopping
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	D Flores	H Hart	A Monkhouse
Gifts:	Marj & Nola	Geraldine & Natasha	Laffan Family

Ministries of Service: 8 Sept 15 Sept 22 Sept

Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy
Cleaners:	Joan	Victor & Felix	Margaret & Barbara

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

Next week: 1st: Ezek. 33:7-9. 2nd: Rom. 13:8-10. Gospel: Matt. 18:15-20.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Yr. A

3 September 2017

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O God, for I cry to you all the day long.

O God, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O my God.

All: O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

All: So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

All: So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy.

All: For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 concludes next Sunday 10th September, with the celebration the following Sunday, 17th Sept.

Presbytery Spring Clean: the painter has finished and it would be great if we could get the presbytery back into order. At least three women are available to do some cleaning next Wednesday 6th September. If anyone would like to join us please let Helen or Cathy know and come along. We will start around 9.30am. A couple of men to move a carpet square and some furniture would be helpful too.

Father's Day Appeal - Collection for retired priests:

Will be conducted across the Archdiocese this 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.

Child Protection Week commences today. Communities where children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued, and where their families can get the support they need, are stronger communities that help to keep children safe and well. Families are reminded that it's okay to ask for help; we all need to support each other if we are to build a brighter future for children. In line with Archdiocesan policy, all people involved with children in our parish have now have their Working With Children Checks completed.

The Solemn Blessing and Opening of the new St Christopher's Pastoral and Residential Centre will take place on Wednesday 20th September 2 – 4pm. Archbishop Prowse cordially invites all parishioners to attend. Please see the invitation on the noticeboard for RSVP etc details.

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 and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Reflection on the Gospel

This week's readings make it clear that discipleship isn't easy. But they also reassure us that the cost of following Jesus is always a cost worth paying. Even when taking up our cross brings real suffering, God is there, offering us something far greater – the promise of life in all its fullness.

Today's Gospel moves on from previous weeks by speaking of Jerusalem and the cross. Jesus warns the disciples that he must suffer, and Peter is rebuked when he tries to dissuade him.

Following Jesus now means letting go of our own self-centered lives, but in doing so we become open to a new and much fuller life of love and freedom, lived in the Lord. (*Australian Catholics*)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation September 1. This day was first announced last year by Pope Francis, as a follow-up to his encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

The encyclical called for a 'profound interior conversion' in the world today and we may ponder these words of Pope Francis:

'... an ecological conversion – whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us ... Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. We rely on other species and habitats for our existence. We share a common home. Yet humans contribute most to the decline of ecosystems. Because of us, thousands of species no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us.'

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