

Northern Mission



25TH SUNDAY
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24 September 2017

NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

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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

Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Sunday at 8.30am

	24 Sept	1 October	8 October
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	A Monkhouse	W Hart
	H Pieper	K Godwin	H Bopping
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	H Hart	J Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Flores family	Celia & Tony	Cathy

Ministries of Service: 29 Sept 6 Oct 13 October

Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Fran	Joy
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 1st: Isaiah 55:6-9. 2nd: Phil. 1:20-24,27. Gospel: Matt. 20:1-16.

Next week: 1st: Ezek. 18:25-28. 2nd: Phil. 2:1-11. Gospel: Matt. 21:28-32.

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says God.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their God for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Our God is near to all who call.

All: I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
Our God is great, highly to be praised,
whose greatness cannot be measured.

All: Our God is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is God to all,
compassionate to all creatures.

All: Our God is just in all ways
and loving in all deeds.
God is close to all who call,
who call from their hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O God, to listen to the words of
your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and
mine know me.

Next weekend Mass time: 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: No Mass this week.
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 next meeting Sunday 8th October, Lolly Shop, 10.30am.

Social Justice Group

About 18 years ago a number of parishioners discovered the existence of the Bishops' Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. We were inspired by the message of the Council that following Christ requires commitment to working for justice for all His people wherever they live and whatever their backgrounds. So....St Bede's Social Justice Group was formed.

Our aim is to inform ourselves of issues, to make a judgement, and to act where possible.

Some of the activities of the group between Social Justice Sunday in 2016 and today include:

- Supporting Sister Jane Keogh's 'Manus Lives Matter Project', including monthly donation for phone cards and donation of 2 parcels;
- Liaising with Braidwood branch of Rural Australians for Refugees investigating possibility of accepting Syrian refugees;
- Hosting a public meeting at which Sister Jane Keogh spoke;
- Hosting screening of film 'Seeking Asylum';
- Support for Campaign for Australian Aid
- Support for Amnesty International's 'Write for Rights' Campaign
- Distribution of 'Justice Trends' published regularly by Australian Catholic Social Justice Council
- Attendance by some members at Palm Sunday Rally in Canberra
- Collection of signatures (367) for Australia wide Climate Change Petition organised by Caritas and a number of other church groups
- Support for 'Learning Nest' – school set up in Indonesia by refugees for refugees
- Writing to politicians on various social justice issues

This year the Social Justice Group has been enriched by the addition of members from the other churches. We thank parishioners for their support for the group and would welcome new members from the parish.

The group meets in the Lolly Shop on the first Sunday of each month. We begin and end the meeting with a prayer, discuss any items arising from Justice Trends or other sources, inform ourselves and take action (eg writing letters, organising events) where possible. There is no obligation on any members to take any action and the group is open to hearing opposing views. If any parishioner is interested in attending one meeting to find out if the group has any appeal, he/she would be most welcome.

Social Justice Sunday: The Bishops' Statement is titled "everyone's Business - Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy". Copies of the statement will be at the back of the Church.

Braidwood Conference of St Vincent de Paul: Ozanam Sunday is today. Our Conference will have a retiring collection after Mass. Donations going towards our Twinned Parish in India. Our annual Garage Sale is coming up on 4 November. Donations of good quality items are gratefully accepted. Call Cathy: 4842 2398; Helen: 4842 2105; Brian: 4842 2444

Congratulations to Amber McCabe and Dean Fischer, of Canberra, who were married in St Bede's yesterday.

Queanbeyan Gala Dinner: 28 November at Roos Club Queanbeyan. Guest speaker is Geraldine Doogue on the topic "Living the Gospel Today - Next steps to re-imagining our parish communities". Seven Braidwood parishioners are flying the flag for our parish at this event. There are three places vacant at our table if anyone would like to join us. Cost \$60 early bird or \$65 after 1 Sept. Please speak to Br Brian or Helen Hart if you would like to attend.

Please pray for the sick: Diana Wiley, 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:

Fr Phil Harding, Bonnie Webb, Jan Glass, Jean McClure, Celestina Aburto & Teodoro Condezo (anniv.s) and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Reflection on the Gospel

In the market economy which dominates our lives, we are prone to know the price of everything and the value of nothing, as Oscar Wilde once wrote. Such a mindset is put to the test by Sunday's gospel parable. Jesus' story of a landowner who pays his vineyard labourers the same generous amount whether they have worked all day or only the last hour is an affront to our calculations of justice. It calls into question our habit of judging how much of our time or money this person or that cause deserves. God makes no such judgements. God gives all. *Australian Catholics 2017*)