

## 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

# Northern Mission



**26TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME Yr. A**

**1 October 2017**

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

	1 October	8 October	15 October
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Reader:	B Berg	T Ferlitsch	R Coady
Reader:	T Roach	K Toirkens	Wendy M-Bell
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse	W Hart	B Schlager
	K Godwin	H Bopping	H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	J Flores	H Hart	D Flores
Gifts:	Cilla & Tony	Cathy	Marj & Nora

### Ministries of Service: 6 Oct 13 October 20 October

Altar Decorating:	Fran	Joy	Helen P
Cleaners:	Bobbie	Victor	Joan

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

**Next week:** 1st: Isaiah 5:1-7. 2nd: Phil. 4:6-9. Gospel: Matt. 21:33-43.

### Join Us in Prayer

#### Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O God, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: Remember your mercies, O God.**

All: O God, make me know your ways.  
O God, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

All: Remember your mercy, O God,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O God.

All: God is good and upright;  
shows the path to those who stray,  
guides the humble in the right path;  
and teaches God's way to the poor. (R)



#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon:

By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**Next weekend Mass time:** 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday at 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** next meeting Sunday 8th October, Lolly Shop, 10.30am.  
**Braidwood Conference of St Vincent de Paul:** 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

**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.

**"Call to Connect" Women's Ministry** invites all interested women to an Ecumenical Advent Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.00am - 9.30am, St Bede's school hall. RSVP Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Cathy 4842 2398 or Bronnie 0432257622. Cost: \$15 exact cash & name to Lollyshop tin.

**2017 David Hunter Memorial Lecture:** "Looking back, looking forward - steps towards justice, rights, respect". 6pm, Tuesday 31 October 2017. Please join us for refreshments from 5.30 pm. Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton.

This year, the David Hunter Memorial Lecture will feature speakers who can reflect on the issues from 20 years ago that inspired the first Sea of Hands, as well as speakers who are taking the next steps through the Uluru Statement.

**HOME in Queanbeyan Movie Fundraiser:** Friday 6th October at 6pm in the Q theatre. Come see "Belier Family", a heart warming comedy and the most successful French film of all time. See noticeboard for details.

**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:**

Blair Hall, Margaret Coady, Fr Phil Harding, Bonnie Webb and our own deceased relatives and friends.

### Operation Christmas Child

Vika received a shoebox gift while living in an orphanage in Ukraine as a child, and now she packs shoeboxes to send to other children.

"I still remember that feeling of excitement and hope I had when we received our shoeboxes.

"When the teachers gathered us together in our classroom and told us about the gifts we were super excited. I remember that my shoebox had everything purple! I got a little doll, little notebook, toothpaste/toothbrush, soap, colouring book, a letter and a picture of a family. I also received chopsticks, hairbands, hairbrush, pencils, pen candy, and a little soft bear. It was awesome.

"Now it's been almost 7 years since I started making shoeboxes to send to other children all over the world. I've been receiving emails and pictures from a 12-year-old girl in Uganda who got my shoebox last year.

"I can't describe in words how blessed I am to be a part of this ministry. I've been there and I know what it feels like to have no parents, to have nothing. God is an awesome God, and I would like to encourage each one of you to take a little time and make a shoebox. To share hope and love with all these children around the world." Boxes, labels and instructions available now.-

### Reflection on the Gospel

In Jesus' parables there is a marked absence of the supernatural: Jesus baptises the ordinary and tells us that in it is the theatre of the ordinary that the drama of the kingdom is lived out. By evoking everyday experience, the parables tell us that we are saved where we are. In the parables we are invited to make a judgement and to come to a decision; they invite us to pay attention, come alive and face things.

All this can be seen in today's Gospel where Jesus confronts the chief priests and elders of the people. He confronts them with a story, a parable which criticises them for being "*yes men*" whose easy promises are not matched by their performance. Fiction is used to face the problem of religious deception. The story is told of a man who had two sons and who asked them both to work in the vineyard. The first son refuses bluntly, "I will not go", but afterwards regrets his decision and changes his mind. The second son agrees politely and readily, "Certainly, sir", but his instant consent is not matched by his behaviour: he doesn't turn up. Jesus' question, "Which of the two did the father's will?" only allows for one answer. Only one son did anything.

The son whose word was "no" but whose actions became "yes" is held out to us as the one who did his father's will. The story doesn't tell us why he changed his mind or what the change cost him, only that his generosity of spirit had the last word. In time he caught up with the best that was in him. He was late in doing his father's will, but not too late. GWPS 26/9/2017