

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

	29 October	5 November	12 November
Commentator:	Cathy Ffrench	H Hart	P Coady
Reader:	Barry Loughlin	A Monkhouse	B Berg
Reader:	Frank Boyle	H Bopping	T Roach
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Sp. Ministers	Neil Ffrench	B Schlager	A Monkhouse
	Jenny Middleton	H Pieper	K Godwin
Welcomer:	Maryanne & Danielle	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	H Hart	J Flores
Gifts:	Jenny, Mary, Rebecca, Amber	Flores Family	Cilla & Tony
Reflection	Julia Geraedts		

Ministries of Service: 3 November 10 Nov 17 November

Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Fran	Joy
Cleaners:	Wendy & Pauline	Margaret & Barbara	Wendy & Pauline

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: Exod. 22:20-26. 2nd: 1 Thess. 1:5-10. G: Matt. 22:34-40

Next week: 1st: Mal. 1:14-2:2. 2nd: 1 Thess. 2:7-9,13. Gospel: Matt. 23:1-12.

Northern Mission



**30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME Yr. A**

29 October 2017

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: I love you, God, my strength.

All: I love you, God, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
My God is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

All: Long life to my God, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
God has given great victories
and shown love for the anointed.

Response: I love you, God, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

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 first Sunday of month at 10.30am.
Krawarree Mass: today at 11am.

Parish Meeting after Mass 5 November to discuss the reformation of the Parish Pastoral Council during our monthly morning tea.

Ffrench Reunion: We welcome all members of the Ffrench Family who have come to Braidwood to celebrate 175 years of the family in the district.

November Book of Remembrance: if you would like your deceased relatives and friends included in the Book of remembrance, please give envelopes with names to either Helen Hart or Brother Brian.

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 2288; Brian: 4842 2444. We also have a **great raffle** this year. The choice of either a \$100 Fuel Voucher at Westside or a \$100 Open Order at IGA. Tickets on sale through the Vinnies Shop now.

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.

Australian War memorial and Changi Chapel Trip: bus leaves the Braidwood Uniting Church Cnr Duncan & Monkittie Streets at 9.00am, returning at 4.30pm. Bring your own lunch or dine at Poppy's Café at the AWM. Bookings: ph David or Sue 4847 1203.
Organised by Braidwood Seniors.

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

Please pray for the sick: Mollie Grady, 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: Gwen Wright, Ellen Campion, David Leadbetter, Blair Hall, Margaret Coady, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Reflection on the Gospel

The question is asked in bad faith, but the answer given in sincerity and truth. Jesus' antagonists challenge him to name the greatest commandment of the Law. In reply Jesus invents no new rule. He yokes together two texts already familiar to his foes. The Law told them to love God unreservedly and their neighbour as themselves. What makes Jesus' reply original is the testimony of his own life - a life of unconditional faithful love for the God he addressed as "Abba, Father" and for all people, even his enemies. We give thanks for the Spirit of Jesus who brings such love within our reach. *Australian Catholics*

gospel focus

Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Living the gospel

Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place - experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word, compassion, means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.