

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



1ST SUNDAY ADVENT
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3 December 2017

Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Sunday at 8.30am

| | 3 December | 10 December | 17 December |
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| Commentator: | H Hart | P Coady | H Hart |
| Reader: | C Ffrench | W Hart | A Monkhouse |
| Reader: | G Hannaford | M Byrnes | H Bopping |
| Acolyte: | L Hart | J Gunderson | F Schlager |
| Sp. Ministers | A Monkhouse | W Hart | B Schlager |
| | volunteer | H Bopping | H Pieper |
| Welcomer: | C Ffrench | H Pieper | G Sutton |
| PowerPoint: | H Hart | A Monkhouse | H Hart |
| Gifts: | Geraldine & Natasha | Laffan Family | Flores Family |

Ministries of Service: **8 December** **15 December** **22 December**

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| Altar Decorating: | Margaret | Fran | Joy |
| Cleaners: | Joan | Victor & Felix | Wendy & Pauline |

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.

3rd Sun: Brian Berg 4th Sun: Ann Monkhouse. 5th Sun: Jane Gardner.

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 Is. 63:16-17,64:1,3-8. 2nd: 1 Cor.1:3-9. Mk: 13:33-37.

Next week: 1st: is 40:1-5,9-11. 2nd: 2 peter 3:8-14. Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: O God, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

All: O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O God, rouse up your might, O God, come to our help.

All: God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

All: May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Response: Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

O God, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

God will shower gifts on our land and it shall yield its fruit.

Next weekend Mass time: 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: No Mass Tuesday this week.
Meditation: Thursday at 10.30am in the Presbytery.
Braidwood AA meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.
Social Justice Group meets first Sunday of month at 10.30am.
Vinnies Meeting: Friday 8th December at 1.30pm.
Advent & Christmas Mass Times: Advent 1-3 Sundays at 8.30am
4th Advent: Vigil Mass 6pm 23rd December
Christmas Mass: Vigil 6pm 24th December. **No Mass on Christmas Day.**

Christmas get Together and Presbytery Inspection: after Mass on 17th December. It is proposed that we will have bacon & egg rolls, with tea and coffee. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of sweet treats to share. The Finance Committee then invites parishioners to have a walk through the Presbytery to inspect the recent renovations and to see what remains to be done.

Parish Pastoral Council Reformation: Parishioners are invited to nominate yourselves or another parishioner for a place on our PPC. If you nominate another person, please check with them that they are willing to serve before putting their name forward. Names are required by the end of November.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: Envelopes are available on the seats. We have many people to assist this year and appreciate any donation you can make.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WRITE FOR RIGHTS

Amnesty International is currently organising the annual Write for Rights Campaign, focussing on ten of the most endangered human rights defenders throughout the world, including:
Clovis Razafimalala, sentenced to five years for protesting about destruction of rainforest in Madagascar;
Shackelia Jackson, fighting for justice after her brother was killed by police in Jamaica;
Ni Yulan, made homeless for defending housing rights in China;
Farid and Issa, facing charges for protesting war crimes in Israel/Occupied Palestinian Territories;
Hanan Badr El-Din, arrested for campaigning for the disappeared in Egypt;
Members of Milpah Indigenous Movement, risking their lives to save their land in Honduras;
Istanbul 10, Human Rights Defenders, imprisoned for defending human rights in Turkey.
If anybody would like to sign petitions on behalf of these people, Pauline Coady will have copies of the petitions after Mass.

Please pray for the sick: Derek Kelly, 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, 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:
Jimmy Roberts, Ruth Robbie, Paulina Ball, Jean Barnes, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

The Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is a family tree with a difference - it is the family tree of Jesus, Son of God the Father, Son of Mary.
Jesus was truly human. His mother Mary belonged to the House of David. Now, David was perhaps, Israel's greatest king. Jesse, the father of David, was the grandson of Ruth who came with Naomi her mother-in-law and settled in Bethlehem.

The Jesse Tree is also the story of a family's faith; - the story of the men, women and children, chosen over the years to make God known to all the world. Their story of faith, told in the Bible, is for us the Word of God.

The Prophet Micah looked forward to the day when another great king would come from Bethlehem.

When Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, Jesus was born. For his disciples, he was everything which the Prophet imagined - in a way the Prophet never imagined. But that is another story, the New or Christian Testament, told for us by those who looked backwards from Jerusalem, from the Resurrection, from the first Easter Sunday.

Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus, to fill out the Jesse Tree with images from the Old or Jewish Testament which looked forward to the arrival of God's anointed one, God's Messiah, sent to lead his people. Our story of faith, of God's love for his people looks both forwards and backwards and meets at the birth of Jesus.

