

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



3RD SUNDAY ADVENT
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17 December 2017

Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Sunday at 8.30am

	17 December	23rd Vigil	4th Sun 6pm	Christmas Vigil 6pm
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	volunteer	H Bopping	
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper	
PowerPoint:	H Hart	J Flores	H Hart	
Gifts:	Flores Family	Cilla & Tony	C Ffrench	

Ministries of Service: 22 December 24 December 29 December

Altar Decorating:	Joy	All please	Helen P
Cleaners:	Wendy & Pauline		Margaret & Barbara

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: office closed until 19 January 2018



Readings this week: 1st: Is. 61:1-2,10-11. 2nd: 1 Thes. 5:16-24. John 1:6-8,19-28.

4th Sunday: 1st: 2 Sam. 7:1-5,8-12,14,16. 2nd: Rom. 16:25-27. G: Luke 1:26-38.

Christmas Eve: 1st: Is. 9:1-7. 2nd: Titus 2:11-14. Gospel: Luke 2:1-14.

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

All: My soul proclaims your greatness, O my God,
And my spirit has rejoiced in you, my Saviour.
For your regard has blessed me, poor, and a serving woman.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.

All: For you, who are mighty, have made me great..
Most holy is your name.
Your mercy is on those who hold you in awe
throughout all generations.

All: You have filled the hungry with good things,
And have sent the rich away empty.
You, remembering your mercy,
have helped your people Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of God is upon me; who sent me to bring Good News to
the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Next weekend Mass time: 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: in Araluen Tuesday at 10am. Morning tea to follow.
Meditation: Thursday at 10.30am in the Presbytery.
Braidwood AA meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.
Social Justice Group in recess until February.
Advent & Christmas Mass Times:
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 today.
Please join us for brunch. 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.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: Thank you to all who contributed to our Appeal. You have been very generous. The Vinnies office will be closed until 19 January 2018, to allow the members to recharge their batteries for another heavy year of assisting the needy. They would welcome more members to ease the load. They are also considering not having the annual garage sale in the future, so will be looking for different types of fund raising ventures. Ideas welcome.

Reflection on the Gospel

John the Baptist directs our gaze to the presence of Christ among us. This week we are given a wonderful sense of the fulfilment of prophecy. Everything promised in the scriptures is about to be fulfilled. All the hopes contained in the old covenant are soon to be accomplished. Into this picture of hope and promise steps the powerful figure of Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist.

Even before his birth, when he leapt for joy in his mother's womb, John had recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. In the best sense of the phrase he was somebody who "knew his place". It was not that John fully understood from the very start exactly what were God's plans and purposes for him. What John knew, though, without any doubt was that God had a plan and purpose for his life. This divine purpose, his vocation, lay in fulfilling the words spoken many years earlier through the prophet Isaiah, to be "a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord".

We can be like any of the crowd who gathered around John the Baptist. We can be alert to his message, that the Messiah is already among us, or we can be blind to this saving presence.

WPBS 11/12/2017

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, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Could the flower arrangers please consult together to arrange the flowers for the Christmas Vigil Mass? Thank you.

3rd Sunday of Advent

The story of God the Father's love for his people continues. Our story of faith, the Holy Bible, gives the Symbols placed on the Jesse tree today.

The saving power of God is remembered by *a gentle Jonquil and a mighty cedar of Lebanon;*

Let the wilderness and the dry land exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil... the glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it. Isa 35:1,2

The Lord's justice is remembered by the *Tablets of the Law*, the duties we owe to God and neighbour;

The Lord said to Moses, "come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandments, which I have written for their instruction. Ex 24:12

John the Baptist is remembered by *a shell that holds water*, John answered them, "I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." Jn 1:26,27

