

## NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

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### 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:

	23rd Vigil 4th Sun 6pm	Christmas Vigil 6pm	31 Dec @ 8.30am
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Reader:	B Berg	T Ferlitsch	R Coady
Reader:	T Roach	K Toirkens	W M-Bell
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	volunteer	H Bopping	H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	J Flores	H Hart	D Flores
Gifts:	Cilla & Tony	C Ffrench	Marj & Nora

### Ministries of Service: 24 December 29 December 5 January

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

**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](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: office closed until 19 January 2018



**Readings this week:** 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.

**Holy Family:** 1st: Sir. 3:2-6,12-14. 2nd: Colo. 3:12-21. Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

# Northern Mission



4TH SUNDAY ADVENT  
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23rd December 2017  
(Vigil)

## Join Us in Prayer

### Entrance Antiphon:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of God.**

All: I will sing for ever of your love, O God;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

All: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.'

All: He will say to me: 'You are my God,  
the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for God always;  
my covenant shall endure.

**Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of God.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Next weekend Mass time:** 8.30am Sunday St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** in recess until February.  
**Meditation:** in recess until February.  
**Braidwood AA** meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.  
**Social Justice Group** in recess until February.  
**Christmas Mass: Vigil 6pm 24th December.** No Mass on Christmas Day.  
**Holy Family Mass:** Sunday 31 December at 8.30am.

### **A Christmas Message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn**

Surely one of the saddest lines in the Gospel is when Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem and Joseph and Mary had to find emergency accommodation at a stable as there was "no room in the inn." (Luke 2/7)

Already Jesus is found to be on life's periphery. He seems homeless. There is a lack of hospitality in Bethlehem.

We can easily sentimentalise these moments but, in fact, they hide a harsh reality that still ought to trouble us even today.

The social services agencies of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn advise me that homelessness is increasing at an alarming rate in our area. This real poverty has an increasingly younger face and involves many more single mothers with young children.

Like Jesus, there seems to be "no room in the inn."

Let us give priority this Christmas and New Year season to practical charity. We could focus on our families, neighbourhoods and the wider communities. For a start, we could give generously to Christmas appeals for monies or Christmas gifts to the marginalised, especially the homeless.

Then this Christmas will begin to reverse the inhospitality of the first Christmas over two thousand years ago.

May you and your families and loved ones be blessed in these fragile and troubled times.



**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, Laurie reason (anniv.), Harold and Ena Bradley, Kevin and Zita Hart, Jack and Rita O'Connell, Moya O'Connell, Gwen, Laurie, Eileen and Ray Reeson and our own deceased relatives and friends.

### **4th 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.

#### **King David is remembered by a harp;**

Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me someone who can play well..." One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skilful in playing, a man of valour, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him." 1 Sam 16:16,17

#### **Mary is remembered by a lily;**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin ... The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." Lk 1:26-28

#### **Joseph, the carpenter is remembered by hammer and square;**

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged... Lk 1:4,5

#### **God's Holy Spirit is remembered by a dove;**

The angel of the Lord... said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." Mt 1:20,21

