

## 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. 8.30am Sun

St Bede's B'wood 6.00pm Sat

### Ministries for our Easter Ceremonies

	28 July	4 August	11 August
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Readers:	T Ferlitsch K Toirkens	R Coady W McMahon-Bell	C Ffrench G Hannaford
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper	A Monkhouse W Hart
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	H Hart	J Flores
Gifts:	Norah Geraldine & Natasha		Laffan Family

### Ministries of Service:

	3 August	10 August	17 August
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Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy
Cleaners:	Bobbie & Pauline	Margaret & Barbara	Victor & Rosaria

**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: Fridays 11am to 1pm.**



### Readings:

**This week:** 1st: 2 Kings 4:42-44. 2nd: Eph. 4:1-6. Gospel: John 6:1-15.

**Next week:** 1st: Ex. 16:2-4,12-15. 2nd: Eph. 4:17,20-24. Gospel: John. 6:24-35.

# Northern Mission



**17TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
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29 July 2018**

### *Join us in Prayer*

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.**

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday at 10am in the Presbytery.  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesdays 9.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Meditation:** Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Braidwood AA** meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.  
**Social Justice Group** next meeting Sunday 5 August at 10.30am  
**Krawarree Mass:** Tomorrow Sunday 29th July at 11am with Father Peter.

**We welcome** Fr Bernard Hennessy who is celebrating with us tonight.

### **Visit to Araluen – Prayers St Patrick's Church**

This event is now scheduled for September 23, a Sunday morning, at 10.30 am. We are hoping that this is a more suitable time for parishioners to be able to attend. Prayers will commence in the church at 10.30 am and will be followed by morning tea. More details to follow but please mark the date in your diary! All welcome.

**We are nearing the end of the current Ministry Roster.** We would welcome any new volunteers for all or any of the Ministries you see listed on the back page. If there is a pianist hiding in the pews, he/she would be welcomed to the music ministry. Music books supplied :)

We take this opportunity to say thanks to those parishioners who, week after week, use their ministry to help maintain an active, vital parish. Renewal sheets are now available at the back of the Church.

**Message from Social Justice Group:** If you would like more information about Amnesty International's Community Sponsorship for Refugee campaign there are information sheets at the back of the church and also petitions if anybody would like to sign them

**Please pray for the sick:** Val Biggers, Matthew Flack, Veronica Roberts (nee Thistleton), Zelma Hockey, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, Neil Quinn, Diana Wiley, Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, Dave Kelly, Robin Marsden, Barbara Monaghan, John Sheldon, Sarah Lewis, Richie Simpson, Mark Sissian, Sarah Cree, the residents of Narbethong & the aged care unit and all who need our prayers.

### **Please pray for those who have died in recent days:**

Judy Stone, Neil Griggs, Jill McLeod, Patrick Suitor, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

### **Reflection on the Gospel**

In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, 'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programs. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.  
Richard Leonard SJ

