

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 Sunday Liturgy: Vigil @ 6.00pm

	13 Jan	20 January	28 January
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Reader:	W Hart	A Monkhouse	B Berg
Reader:	volunteer	H Bopping	T Roach
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Sp. Ministers	W Hart	B Schlager	A Monkhouse
	H Bopping	H Pieper	volunteer
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	A Monkhouse	H Hart	J Flores
Gifts:	Laffan Family	Flores Family	Cilla and Tony

Ministries of Service:

	19 January	25 January	1 February
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Altar Decorating:	Fran	Joy	Helen P
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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

"Giving a helping hand up"

Office Hours: office closed until 19 January 2018



Readings:

This week: 1st: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19. 2nd: 1 Cor. 6:113-15,17-20. Gospel John 1:35-42

Next week: 1st: Jonah 3:1-5,10. 2nd: 1 Cor. 7:29-31. Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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**2ND SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME Yr. B**

14 January 2018

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Here am I, O God; I come to do your will.

All: I waited, I waited for my God, who stooped down to me;
and heard my cry. God put a new song into my mouth,
To praise my God.

All: You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

All: In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

All: Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O God.

Response: Here am I, O God; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in 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.

NB: MASS TIME WILL BE VIGIL AT 6.00PM UNTIL THE END OF JUNE

Gospel Reflection

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.'

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.'

Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed THREE times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam.'

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

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Please pray for the sick: Ron Cochrane, 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:

Lionel (Tussock) Taylor, Robert Digan, and our own deceased relatives and friends.



Time for a smile

A man arrived at the gates of heaven and was greeted by St Peter.

The man said to St Peter: "Aren't you bored just standing here all these centuries letting people in?"

"No," St Peter replied, "You must remember that in heaven things are different. A million years is but a minute, a million dollars is but five cents."

"Could you lend me five cents?" asked the man.

"In a minute," replied St Peter.

Answering the doctor's buzzer, the receptionist said: "the patient says he is in the middle of a magazine article and will see you soon, doctor."