

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

Northern Mission



**4th Sunday Advent
Year C
23 December 2018**

Ministries for our Sunday Mass

	22 December	24 December (Xmas)	29 December
Commentator:		P Coady	H Hart
Readers:	C Ffrench	R Coady	W Hart
	G Hannaford	W M-Bell	B Beale
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schalger	F Schlager
Sp. Ministers	H Bopping	W Hart	B Schlager
	volunteer	H Pieper	H Pieper
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	H Hart	H Hart	H Hart
Gifts:	Geraldine & Natasha	angels & shepherds	Eileen & Dennis

Ministries of Service: 24 December 28 December 4 January

Altar Decorating:	All flower arrangers	Helen P	Cathy
Cleaners:	Joan	Wendy & Pauline	Felix

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

3rd Sun: Brian Berg. 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 or www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

"Giving a helping hand up"

Office Hours: Fridays 11am to 1pm. Closed until 18 January



Readings: Advent

This week: 1st: Micah 5:1-4. 2nd; Heb. 10:5-10. Gospel: Luke 1:39-44.

Next week: Xmas: 1st: Is. 9:1-7. 2nd: Titus 2:11-14. Gospel: Luke 2:1-14.

Philemon 1:7

*"Your love has given me
great joy and
encouragement, because
you, brother, have
refreshed the hearts of the
Lord's people."*

Join us in Prayer

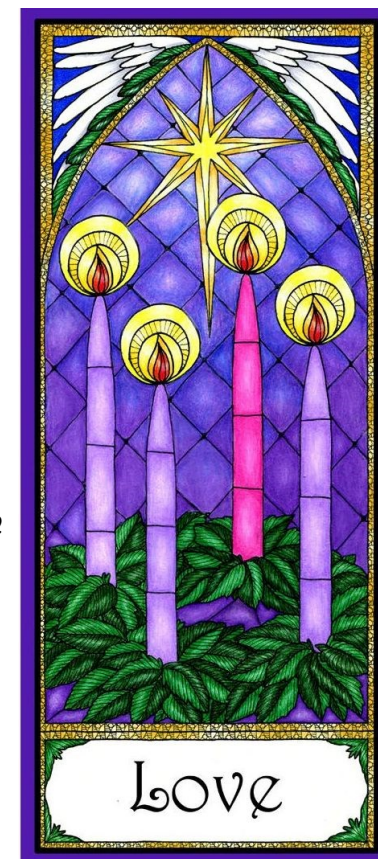
Responsorial Psalm:

Response:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

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



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Resumes 28th January.
Liturgy of the Word: 9.30am in the Presbytery.
Meditation: Resumes in February.
Braidwood AA meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at MPS.
Social Justice Group next meeting Sunday February 3 at 10.30am
Christmas Vigil Mass: 24th December at 6.00pm.

Reflection: Advent:

The visitation is one of the moving scenes in the Gospel. On a human level, here are two cousins, unexpectedly pregnant in the most extraordinary circumstances, meeting and offering each other greetings and support. We can see the scene and feel the bond.

In the Gospel of Luke this moment is pivotal. These women meet in the mountains where God has always been manifest to the Israelites. Elizabeth is the Old Covenant made to Israel and she carries John who will be the herald of the Messiah. Mary, literally, embodies the new, and final, covenant in Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises what is happening here and she embraces all that God is doing for the world. She has tasted the promise of God and now sees its fulfilment.

On a more mundane level, however, a meeting like this would have occasioned much comment and speculation from those outside the inner circle. We only have to imagine it happening today in any small suburb or country town for us to appreciate the human scale of the unfolding drama – the rumours it would start.

The story of the visitation keeps the rumour going that just when we think we can figure God out, predict how God will enter our lives and our world, he does something none of us can imagine. And the best thing about this rumour is – it's true.

As we wait for Christmas to come again into our lives, let's make room for Jesus Christ who turns our expectations upside down and always gives the gossips plenty to talk about. Richard Leonard SJ



Christmas Drinks and Nibbles after Mass tonight. We hope everyone will stay and enjoy the Christmas drinks and nibbles.

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal: We are appreciative of all donations towards our annual Christmas hamper that assists so many locally.

Flowers for Christmas: anyone with flowers to donate please bring to Church at 9.30am on Christmas Eve. All arrangers are asked to help with the flowers for this special feast.

Rosters will be renewed for mid January. In the meantime, please note that in the absence of the Flores family any ministries that involved them will require adaptation eg. cleaners will be moved up a week. If anyone would like to participate in a ministry please let either Br Brian or Helen Hart know, so you can be included.

Please pray for the sick: James Clarke, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, Diana Wiley, Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, 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:

Charlie Harrison, Patrick Wiley, Robert Rolf, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

