

NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Troy Bobbin

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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

	4 August	11 August	18 August
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Readers:	R Coady W McMahan-Bell	C Ffrench G Hannaford	W Hart B Beale
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Sp. Ministers	B Schlager H Pieper	A Monkhouse W Hart	H Hart H Bopping
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	H Hart	J Flores	D Flores
Gifts:	Geraldine & Natasha	Laffan Family	Flores Family

Ministries of Service: 3 August 10 August 17 August

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 or 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: Ex. 16:2-4,12-15. 2nd: Eph. 4:17,20-24. Gospel: John. 6:24-35.

Next week: 1st; 1 Kings 19:4-8. 2nd: Eph 4:30-5:2. Gospel: John 6:41-51.

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**18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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5 August 2018**

Join us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the Church. Whole School Mass
Feast of Mary MacKillop.

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 tomorrow 5 August at 10.30am

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day 6 August: As Christians, we are called to work for peace. And so, we appeal for peace not as a political issue, but as a human one. Our awareness of this call is influenced by the horrors inflicted by nuclear weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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.

Scripture Discussion Group: Interested parishioners are warmly invited to join the Scripture Discussion Group. We meet for an hour once a week and discuss the readings for the following week at Mass. Over the past few weeks we have also been discussing the Pope's recent book 'Rejoice and Exult'. The meetings are informal and enjoyable and we are fortunate to have the benefit of Brother Brian's wisdom and scriptural expertise.

If you would like to find out more about the group you could speak to one of the members - Brother Brian, Helen Bopping, Wendy McMahon-Bell, Pauline Coady or Rod Coady.

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 :)

Please pray for the sick: Ted Hart, 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 and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Wood raffle winner : Bruce Keeley.

Reflection on the Gospel : Bread of Life 1: Food for the Struggle

I've stopped closing my eyes to pray after I receive Communion. Now I pray by watching everyone else come forward for the body and blood.

And, boy, does it move me.

Every shape and size. Every skin colour. Young and old. Male and female. They come forward because they know something is missing. I know some are thinking about today's football game. But others are thinking about a dying relative. Each, I believe, even those people who are zoning out, is there because down deep they hunger for something the world will never offer.

"I am the bread of life," Jesus tells the crowd this week. Come to me and never be hungry.

Many people in our world work hard to convince us that we are hungry for everything – possessions, wealth, power, sex, alcohol, beauty – everything but Jesus. But down, deep, aren't we just hungry for love we can count on and a chance to impact the world?

Jesus is that love. Jesus offers that chance. And Mass is where we take all he offers and physically make his promises, hope, and life part of us.

I stopped going to Mass for a few years. Now I see what I've missed. It's a time for healing when I hurt. It's a time to remember who loves me when I'm lonely. It's a time to renew my confidence when I doubt that I can make a difference.

Mass offers food for life's struggles – real food that satisfies – as opposed to "junk food," like power, wealth, sex, and alcohol, that always leaves you hungry. This week at Mass, remember your deepest hungers. Watch as hunger brings so many others forward during Communion. Be nourished. GPBS 31/7/2018.