

## 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



**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  
Year C**

**10 March 2019**

### Ministries for our Sunday Vigil Mass

	9 March	16 March	23 March
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Readers:	R Coady W M-Bell	C Ffrench Bally Gunderson	W Hart B Beale
Sp. Ministers	H Hart H Bopping	T Ferlitsch W Hart	B Schlager H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	A Monkhouse	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	Norah	Eileen & Dennis	Cathy F

### Ministries of Service: 8 March 15 March 22 March

Altar Decorating:		No flowers Lent	
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](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 - 1pm.



### Readings:

**This week:** 1st: Deut. 26:4-10. 2nd: Rom. 10:8-13. Gospel: Luke 4:1-13.

**Next week:** 1st: Gen. 15:5-12,17-18 2nd: Phil. 3:17-4:1 Gospel Luke 9:28-36.

## Join us in Prayer

### Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** No Mass this Tuesday. Fr. Peter has a funeral.  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesday at 9.30am in Presbytery.  
**Meditation:** Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am  
**Braidwood AA** meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at MPS.  
**Social Justice Group** next meeting 7 April at 10.30am  
**Krawarree Mass:** Sunday 31st March at 11am  
**Bishop Pat Power** will be celebrating Mass next Saturday and the  
**Baptism** of baby Aurelia Stephenson within the Mass.

**Please join us for the parish bbq after Mass tonight.**

### **Lenten Reflection by Jacki French The Gift of Sacrifice**

Lent is the time of greatest sacrifice in our religion. But loss is also a pathway for the new. Trees lose their leaves so new ones sprout. Parents give so their children grow. The bush dies in drought, but what survives is tougher.

What can we sacrifice this Lent? Giving up chocolate or beer is 'going on a diet.' Our lives, no matter how poor in material terms, are still mostly immeasurably affluent compared to most early Christians'. But we are also rich in modern hassles: traffic or making sure home-work is done, meals on the table, mortgage paid. We are rich in TV shows or social media that tempt but don't fulfil.

So we can give this: years ago a Holocaust survivor told me that once a day, no matter how bad things were in the horror of the concentration camp, he learned to look: to watch a bird sitting bright on a snow bank, or the blue gleam of an icicle on barbed wire. He saw the beauty that God has given us, and every day gave thanks.

Sometimes the only beauty he found was looking at the sky and the clouds. But even when clouds covered the night sky he knew that beyond that darkness was the immeasurable beauty of the stars, reaching upwards, a billion galaxies ever changing in their light and glory.

Maybe this is what we can sacrifice this Lent: for a few minutes give up every day routines. Watch the light shining through the grass, the purple shadows of the hills, hear children's laughter, ponder on the subatomic particles that so astoundingly give mass to what seem a solid and mundane world. Hold hands with friends.

Lent can teach us how to put aside the superficial. No matter what life's pain there will always be beauty, too, in this miraculous universe. The more we look for joy and beauty, the more we find, and at the end there is the eternal gift of Christ.

**World Day of Prayer service:** Thank you to all who helped organise and participate in this service. It was lovely to see all churches represented.

**Lenten Reflection** led by Father Peter at 9.30am Tuesday 19th March finishing with Mass. All welcome.

**Please pray for the sick:** Norma Flack, James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Catherine Sheridan, 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:** Helen Smith, Marj Byrnes, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion  
1st Sunday Lent  
10 March 2019**



Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.