

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

Northern Mission



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
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18 February 2018

Ministries for our Sunday Liturgy: Vigil @ 6.00pm

	17 February	24 February	3 March
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Reader:	C Ffrench	W Hart	A Monkhouse
Reader:	G Hannaford	volunteer	H Bopping
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse	W Hart	B Schlager
	volunteer	H Bopping	H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	H Hart	J Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Geraldine & Natasha	Laffan Family	Flores Family

Ministries of Service: 23 February 2 March 9 March

Altar Decorating:	Fran	Joy	Helen P
Cleaners:	Victor & Rosaria	Joan	Victor & Felix

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.

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: Gen. 9:8-15. 2nd: 1 Pt. 3:18-22. Gospel: Mk. 1:12-15.

Next week: 1st: Gen. 22:1-2,9-13,15-18. 2nd: Rom. 8:31-34. Gospel: Mk. 9:2-10.

Join Us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

When they call to me, I will answer; I will rescue them and give them honour. Long life and contentment will be theirs.

Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: Your ways, O God, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant.**

All: O God, make me know your ways and teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour.

All: Remember your mercy,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O God.

All: Our God is good and upright
and shows the path to those who stray,
guiding the humble in the right path
and teaching the way to the poor.

**Response: Your ways, O God, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant.**

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:

We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: No Mass this Tuesday
Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.
Braidwood AA meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.
Social Justice Group meets first Sunday of the month at 10.30am.
NB: MASS TIME WILL BE VIGIL AT 6.00PM UNTIL THE END OF JUNE

World Day of Prayer: Thursday 1st March, 12.30pm Uniting Church with a light lunch to follow. All invited to attend.

CTC "Call to Connect" women's ministry will hold open prayer meetings & coffee on Tuesday 20th Feb at 10.30am at the Presbytery (Cathy 4842 2398).

Lenten evening: "Call to Connect" ministry welcomes all interested women and men to gather together for a Lenten reflection evening. The evening will include prayers, scripture reading and a guided private reflection time. "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 103:8. Date: Monday 12th March in St Bede's church. 7.30-9pm including supper afterwards. Please bring a plate to share. No charge. RSVP Cathy 48422398 Bronnie 0432257622

Rose Garden – Assistance needed.

In the Year 2000, our parish members decided to plant a Rose Garden to commemorate the Millennium Jubilee. Many hands have cared for and nurtured it over the years; it has become an important part of the streetscape. On-going maintenance is still needed, especially watering and weeding and now replacement of some roses. If anyone can offer help with this, it would be gratefully received. Contact Di Roach on 02 48427175.

Project Compassion begins this week. Please take home a donations box and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities. Janaki, who is featured on the poster, is now running her own business thanks to your and others donations.

Please pray for the sick: Neil Quinn, Ron Cochrane, Derek Kelly, Diana Wiley, Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, Dave Kelly, Robin Marsden, Patricia Golotta, Barbara Monaghan, John Sheldon, Sarah Lewis, Richie Simpson, Mark Sissian, Sarah Cree, the residents of Narbethong & the aged care unit and all who need prayers.

It would be appreciated if those parishioners who put names on the sick list could give us an update on their wellbeing.

Please pray for those who have died in recent days:

Paul Conaghan, Teresa Neilson, John Ryall, Catherine Gilbert, Marie Fletcher, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Gospel Reflection: Time to Choose

Irene McCormack was an Australian member of the Sisters of St Joseph who taught for over 30 years as a teacher in Western Australia. After decades teaching in Australian schools, Irene felt called to serve Latin America's poor. She became a Peruvian missionary worker in 1987. For the next few years, Sister Irene worked in a number of communities with the poorest of the poor, often in places where missionaries were warned not to enter because of opposition. Irene was accused of dispensing "American food" (Caritas provisions) and spreading "American ideas" (by providing school books). Local people insisted that she was Australian, not American, but the guerrillas did not care.

On 21 May 1991, Irene, with five other missionaries was executed by members of Sendero Luminoso "Shining Path" a rebel guerrilla organisation. The prisoners were ordered to lie face down on the terrazzo-tiled plaza. Each was shot once in the back of the head. Irene was killed first – about six metres from the church door.

Lent is a time to reflect and make choices. That's why Jesus went into the desert. He went to commit to what his life was going to be about. He needed time away to think and pray. In the end, like Irene McCormack, he chose to stand for God's compassion and justice, even though that got his cousin, John the Baptist, arrested.

We need Lent. We need time away to realise that our lives can make a difference. We need time to face those "demons" that draw us away from using our lives for God to heal the world. Will I be a person who forgives or one who gets even? Will I spend my life seeking power and wealth or in serving others? Will I take risks in order to do the right thing? Join Jesus in the desert this Lent. Add time to your daily prayer. Make a weekly service commitment. Look honestly at your strengths and weaknesses. Ask Irene McCormack, now with the saints, to pray for you as you look honestly at the choices you face.

WPBS 13/2/2018

Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 2pm next Saturday

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle;

Donations of produce or cooking would be gratefully accepted.

Enquiries: Geraldine 4847 5061 AH.

