

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 Easter Ceremonies

	25 August	1 September	8 September
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Readers:	A Monkhouse H Bopping	T Ferlitsch G Hannaford	R Coady W M-Bell
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Sp. Ministers	B Schlager H Pieper	A Monkhouse W Hart	H Bopping H Pieper
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	A Monkhouse	H Hart	J Flores
Gifts:	Eileen & Denis	Cathy	Norah

Ministries of Service: 31 August 7 September 14 September

Altar Decorating:	Fran	Joy	Helen P
Cleaners:	Wendy & Pauline	Felix & Victor	Bobbie & Pauline

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: Joshua: 24:111-2,15-18. 2nd: Eph. 5:21-32. Gospel: John 6:60-69

Next week: 1st: Deut. 4:1-2,6-8. Js. 1:17-18,21-22,27. Gpl: Mk. 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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**21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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26 August 2018**

Join us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the Presbytery.
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 Sunday 2 September at 10.30am
Araluen Prayer Service: Sunday 23 September in St Patrick's Church, commencing at 10.30am. Followed by morning tea.

Reflection on the Gospel

This Sunday, we conclude five weeks of readings and teaching from St John's Gospel on the meaning of the Eucharist.

Jesus is the Bread of Life. For some of the disciples, this teaching proves too much and they stop following him. The question that Jesus puts to the Twelve is also put to us today: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?'

A similar question was addressed to the tribes of Israel gathered at Shechem (First Reading). Joshua asks the elders and leaders of the tribes which god they want to follow. They recognise that it is the Lord, the God of Israel, who was with them throughout their slavery in Egypt, and throughout the hardship of their exile in the desert. The people of Israel reject the gods of their ancestors and of the other nations and become a single people committed to the one true God.

The Psalm we pray today compares the experience of the one who turns to the Lord with humble trust with those who turn their back on the goodness that is offered to them.

The teaching from the Letter to the Ephesians (Second Reading) encourages us to see that Christian marriage is modelled on the love that Christ has for the Church. Christ feeds his Church out of love, because the Church is his body and we are its living parts.

As we come to prayer this week, may we have the grace to recognise that same love active in our lives, so that when we are asked by God, 'What about you ...?'

we can respond with a willing and loving heart.

(Australian Catholics)



Prayer for Rain: continues this week at conclusion of Mass, this time with a prayer from last week's School Newsletter.

World refugee and Migrant Sunday: A message to supporters of Braidwood for Refugees (incorporating Braidwood RAR, Amnesty members from Braidwood and St Bede's Social Justice Group):

Sunday 26th August is marked by the churches as World Refugee and Migrant Sunday. This week also marks the 5th anniversary of Kevin Rudd's declaration that refugees arriving by boat would never be settled in Australia.

To mark these events we will be holding a Circle of Silence in Rynie Park this Sunday 26th August commencing at 10.30am (until about 11.00am)

It would be wonderful if we could have as many supporters as possible at this event.

Fathers' Day Appeal: the annual collection for retired priests. There are 23 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Mass you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past.

Please pray for the sick: Val Biggers, Veronica Roberts (nee Thistleton), Zelma Hockey, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, Neil Quinn, 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: Tony Coote (apologies), Helen Alvanos, Dave Kelly, Kevin O'Dwyer, and our own deceased relatives and friends.