

Northern Mission



**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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23 September 2018**

NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com>

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

	22 September	29 September	6 October
Commentator:	H Hart	P Coady	H Hart
Readers:	W Hart B Beale	A Monkhouse H Bopping	W Hart B Beale
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse W Hart	H Hart H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	D Flores	J Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Laffan Family	Flores Family	Eileen & Denis

Ministries of Service: 28 September 5 October 12 October

Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Fran	Joy
Cleaners:	Victor & Rosaria.	Joan	Wendy & 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: Wis. 2:12,17-20. 2nd: James 3:16-4:3. Gospel: Mark 9:30-37.

Next week: 1st: Num. 11:25-29. 2nd: James 5:1-6. Gospel: Mark 9:38-48.

Join us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

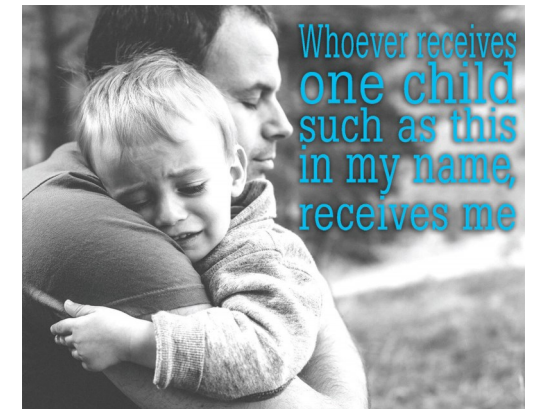
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down
your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in
keeping your statutes.



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the Presbytery. All welcome.
Liturgy of the Word: None this week because of the funeral Mass.
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 7 October at 10.30am
Krawarree Mass Sunday 30 September at 11.00am.
Araluen Prayer Service tomorrow at 10.30am. Morning tea to Follow at Jacki French's home. Please bring a plate to share.
Funeral Mass for Pat Coffey Wednesday 26th Sept at 11am. Celebrant Bishop Pat Power.

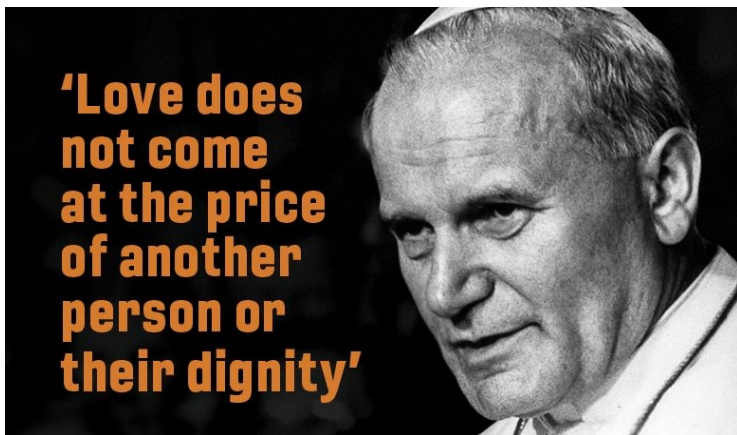
Reflection on the Gospel:

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like Indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.



An outreach to the poor

Kate Cleary has been door knocking among the poor in Canberra for 6 years. Her work is mainly on public housing complexes but she also visits the jail and the brothels. Over this time, she discovered among the people she was meeting many mothers who were unable to care for their children because of drug use and domestic violence. She believed these women could bring up their children if they were given support at vulnerable times in their lives. As a result, she is now in the process of setting up a facility to house women and children at risk of separation due to severe social deprivation.

She will talk briefly at Mass tonight about the new needs she sees and about an upcoming seminar in Canberra looking at how the average person can help the people like those she is coming into contact with: how we can be like the Good Samaritan to those around us in these dark and difficult times.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

The Holy Water stoops are being restored, please use the bowl.

Please pray for the sick: Lindsay MacLean, Ron Orford, Heckie Kain, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Veronica Roberts, 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: Pat Coffey, Reg Willoughby, Harold Gowan, Andrew Balmain, Ron Keirs, and our own deceased relatives and friends.