

Northern Mission



**3RD SUNDAY ADVENT
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15 December 2019

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 Sunday Vigil Mass

	14 December	21 December	24 December
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Readers:	R Coady W M-Bell	T Ferlitsch A Monkhouse	W Hart B Beale
Sp. Min.	T Ferlitsch H Hart	W Hart H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	G Pollard	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	Norah & Cilla	Jenny & Ken	Dennis & Eileen

Ministries of Service:	20 December	24 December	27 December
Altar Decorating:	Joy	All arrangers please	Helen P
Cleaners:	Felix	n/a	Margaret & Barbara

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.
 3rd & 5th Sun: Brian Berg . 4th Sun: Ann Monkhouse.

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 - 1pm.

Readings

This week: 1st: Isaiah 35:1-6,10. 2nd: James 5:7-10 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11.
Next week: 1st: Isaiah 7:10-14. 2nd: Romans 1:1-7. Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24.

Join us in prayer

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Justice shall flourish in his time,
 and fullness of peace for ever.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths: all people shall see
 the salvation of God. Alleluia!**



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: Wednesday at 9.30am in Presbytery.
Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am
Braidwood AA meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at the Anglican Parish House, situated behind the church.
Social Justice Group next meeting 2 February at 10.30am
Krawarree Mass: Sunday 15th December 2019 at 11am.
9 Lessons and Carols: Anglican Church 15 December at 7pm
Christmas Drinks & nibbles: Saturday 21st December after Mass.

Reflection on the Gospel: The Right Question

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.
Fr Michael Tate.



Father Peter writes:

"I reckon we should encourage people to bring their umbrellas to Mass on Saturday.. we need to, among other things, remind the clouds of their other duty! Further, it seems rather forlorn to pray for rain without holding an umbrella!"

So - bring your umbrellas to Mass!!

Christmas Drinks and Nibbles after Mass next week. Please bring a plate to share.

Special Penitential Rite tonight:

On this third Sunday of Advent we continue to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. Worldly preparations for Christmas festivities can easily distract us from personal, spiritual preparations for Christ's coming. We can easily forget the Advent call to prepare the way, to straighten out the paths. This evening before Mass you are invited to take part in an informal, penitential rite. It does not take the place of the Sacrament of Penance, but could bring us closer to that Sacrament and to the true spirit of Advent. We are asked to consider how our individual paths need smoothing out.

At the top of the aisle there is a pile of stones and a bowl of water. In this rite we take a stone making it represent wherever we have failed in love. Remembering that water is a significant Christian symbol of cleansing, belonging and renewal, place the stone into the bowl of water as you pray internally for forgiveness and resolve to do better.

Please pray for the sick: Sue Monkhouse, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Margaret Sinclair, Elaine Olsen, Bob Haigh, Glen Dixon, Helen Goddard, Keith Lyons, James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Val Biggers, Diana Wiley, 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: Nita Pillai, Nick Asimus, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

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

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash and Treasure; Monthly Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted.

This is where we find those last minute gifts.

Enquiries: Geraldine 4847 5061 AH.

