

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



**31st SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME YR C
3 November 2019**

Ministries for our Sunday Vigil Mass

	2 November	9 November	16 November
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 and Eileen

Ministries of Service:

	8 November	15 November	22 November
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Helen P	Joy
Cleaners:	Wendy & Pauline	Felix	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 for Mass:

Readings: 1st: Wis. 11:22-12:2. 2nd: 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2. Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Next week: 1st: 2 Macc. 7:1-2,9-14. 2nd: 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Gospel; Luke 20:27-38.

Join us in prayer

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his
only Son, that all who believe in him might
have eternal life. Alleluia!**



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the Church. Year 4 present.

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 tomorrow 3 November at 10.30am

Reflection on the Gospel:

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.

Richard Leonard SJ.

Anglican/Catholic Reconciliation Day Monday 4 November.

Our Social Justice Group will be joining the Anglican parish for their 9.00am Eucharist tomorrow, **Sunday 3rd November** as a sign solidarity with their Community. All welcome to attend.

Book of Remembrance: is now open for anyone wishing to have their loved ones included. Envelopes to be placed in the 2nd collection bag please, or given to Brian or Helen.

Ecumenical Memorial Service: if you have lost a loved one, please feel most welcome to join us at St. Bede's Church on Wednesday 13th November, for an Ecumenical service commemorating all who have died. Time: 7.00pm. Supper will be provided.

The Exhibition of Toys, Games & Books of Yester-Year set for the Quilt weekend (23rd November) If you have any items to offer for display, please Phone Helen on 0430169 849

Join the **Vinnies petition** for more social housing. It can be found at vinnies.org.au/socialhousing

In keeping with the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy we are now seeking the signatures of all volunteers on an **Acknowledgement of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct.**

All volunteers (this means anyone who does anything in the Church, including cleaners and Grounds people) forms must be collected before the end of November, when an audit will be conducted by the Institute Professional Standards and Safeguarding, of the Archdiocese. Forms and the Code are at the back of the Church. Thank you to those who have responded.

Please pray for the sick: 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:

Anthony Shiels, Neale Lavis, Judy MacKenzie, Marg McCann, and our own deceased relatives and friends.