

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



**32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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11 November 2018**

Ministries for our Sunday Mass

	10 November	17 November	24 November
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Readers:	J Gunderson W Hart	A Monkhouse H Bopping	W Hart B Beale
Acolyte:	G Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Sp. Ministers	volunteer H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper	A Monkhouse W Hart
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	A Monkhouse	D Flores
Gifts:	Confirmation candidates		

Ministries of Service:

	16 November	23 November	30 November
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy
Cleaners:	Joan	Wendy & Pauline	Felix & Victor

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.

3rd Sun: Brian Berg. 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: Kings 17:10-16. 2nd: Heb. 9:24-28. Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Next week: 1st: Dan. 12:1-3. 2nd: Heb. 10:11-14, 18. Gospel: Mark 13:24-32.

Join us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



Braidwood RSL Sub-Branch will be holding a short Remembrance Day commemoration at the Anzac Garden in Ryrie Park at 11am tomorrow 11th November. All are welcome and people are invited to lay a wreath or flowers on behalf of their family or group.

Braidwood lost 88 of its young men during the 1st World War, leaving dozens of Braidwood families in sadness and mourning. Lest We Forget. The CWA ladies have made 88 poppies to place on the cenotaph in remembrance of those lost.

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the Church. All welcome.

Liturgy of the Word: 9.30am in the Presbytery.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Braidwood AA meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at MPS.

Social Justice Group next meeting Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am

Confirmation Retreat: Tuesday 13 November at the Presbytery.

Confirmation Mass: Saturday 24th November at 6pm.

Reflection on the Gospel:

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come as a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson.

Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin.

He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible!

What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite. Fr. Richard Leonard SJ

Movie Night under the stars at St Bede's school: Friday November 16 in school grounds. Gates open from 5.30pm. Come and see the great family movie "Ferdinand". Sausage sizzle; popcorn; rides... And more. Tickets: \$5/\$8, Family \$20. BYO beanbags/chairs and blankets.

Confirmation this year will be celebrated by Father Peter on Saturday 24th November at the 6pm Mass. Preparation continues in today's Mass. A Retreat is set for Tuesday 13 November, at the Presbytery, during school hours.

Book of Remembrance: Anyone wishing to have loved ones names recorded in the book can send in their requests now.

"Call to Connect "Women's Ministry invites all interested women To an Ecumenical Advent Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 1st December From 8.00am -9.30am , St Bede's school hall
RSVP Wednesday 28th November to Cathy 4842 2398 or Bronnie 0432257622 Cost: \$15 exact cash & name to Lolly Shop tin.

Please pray for the sick: Archbishop Francis Carroll, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Heckie Kain, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, 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:

Betty Sheridan (nee Stuart), Malcolm Reynoldson, Veronica Roberts, June Callan, Neil Quinn, and our own deceased relatives and friends.