

# Northern Mission



**3RD SUNDAY IN LENT  
YEAR C**  
**24 March 2019**

## 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 Sunday Vigil Mass

	23 March	30 March	6 April
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Readers:	W Hart	C Ffrench	R Coady
	B Beale	G Hannaford	W M-Bell
Sp. Ministers	B Schlager	H Bopping	H Pieper
	H Pieper	C Ffrench	H Hart
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	G Pollard	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	Cathy F	Jenny & Ken	Laffan Family

Ministries of Service:	8 March	15 March	22 March
Altar Decorating:		No flowers Lent	
Cleaners:	Felix	Bobbie & Pauline	Margaret & Barbara

**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](http://www.wccm.org) or [www.christianmeditationaustralia.org](http://www.christianmeditationaustralia.org)

### St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

*"Giving a helping hand up"*

**Office Hours: Fridays 11am - 1pm.**



**Readings:**  
**This week:** 1st: Ex. 3:1-8,13-15. 2nd: 1 Cor. 10:1-6,10-12. Gospel: Luke 13:1-9.  
**Next week:** 1st: Joshua 5:9-12. 2nd: 2 Cor. 5:17-21. Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32.

## Join us in Prayer

### Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you,  
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;  
and I will pour clean water upon you  
and cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday at 10.00am. Year 4 will attend.  
**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 MPS.  
**Social Justice Group** next meeting 7 April at 10.30am  
**Krawarree Mass:** Sunday 31st March at 11am

### Reflection: Add Some Fertiliser to Your Life This Lent

I have a good priest friend who never gives up on people. He worked for some time in Melbourne's inner city and even let homeless gang members live with him while they put their lives back together. Those kids had lived tough lives and had done some bad things, but my friend was always able to see their potential and, regardless of the mistakes they had made, worked hard to help them develop it.

That's the point of Jesus' fig-tree parable. God is the patient gardener, advising the landowner against cutting down the tree. God promises to fertilise it. Give it time – it just needs a little help.

It's nice to know that's how God deals with us. Too often I give up on people. I think they can't change. Or, I look at how hard it is for me to change sinful habits and I want to give up on myself. During those times Penance and Reconciliation can be good for me. The sacrament reminds me about God's patience with me and God's willingness to "fertilise" me so that I grow. God fertilises us through prayer, Mass, service, and friends with similar values. Penance and Reconciliation also remind me to show God's mercy to others.

Finally, it often reminds me that I can fertilise the lives of others by listening and caring about them without judgment, as well as by challenging their behaviour lovingly when they are on the wrong track.

Lent is a good time to add some fertiliser to your life. And celebrating Penance and Reconciliation can be a great gardening technique.

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**Thanks to Helen and Gary** who have been busy trimming hedges and trees around the grounds.

**Please pray for the sick:** Andrew Mortimer, Aileen Kennedy, Norma Flack, James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Catherine Sheridan, 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:** Matthew Dickenson, Helen Smith, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion  
3rd Sunday Lent  
24 March 2019**



Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413. **There will be a short video following Mass.**