

Northern Mission



**3RD SUNDAY IN
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26 January 2020

NORTHERN MISSION
incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.
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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

	25 January	1 February	8 February
Acolyte:	volunteer please	F Schlager	L Hart
Readers:	T Ferlitsch	W Hart	K Toirkens
	A Monkhouse	B Beale	C Ffrench
Sp. Min.	W Hart	B Schlager	T Ferlitsch
	H Bopping	H Pieper	B Vardanega
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	H Hart	G Pollard	H Hart
Gifts:	Jenny & Ken	Dennis & Eileen	Margaret & Judith

Ministries of Service: 31 January 7 February 14 February

Altar Decorating: Because of the drought and water restrictions we will be using the artificial arrangements until Lent.

Cleaners: Margaret & Barbara Bobbie & Pauline Joan

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:
"Giving a helping hand up"
Office Hours: Fridays 11am - 1pm. Office closing: 12-25 Jan



Readings for Sunday Mass.
This week: 1st: Isaiah 8:23-9:3. 2nd: 1 Cor. 1:10-13,17. Gospel: Mat. 4:12-23.
Next Week: 1st: Malachi 3:1- 4. 2nd: Heb. 2:14-18. Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

Join us in prayer

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 10.00am in the Church.
Liturgy of the Word: on Wednesdays will resume in February 2020.
Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery will resume in February 2020.
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 2020 at 10.30am

**FROM ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE CATHOLIC
ARCHBISHOP OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN – 20 JANUARY
2020: IN A TIME OF BUSHFIRES, DROUGHT AND SMOKE**

As all are aware, we are in the midst of a most dangerous bush-fire season.

Already too many lives have been lost. The destruction of properties, livestock and native animals is widespread.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and communities impacted during this time of bushfires. We continue our prayers for more rain in our drought-stricken land. We are most grateful for the heroism of the emergency services.

Our Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has been severely impacted both with the drought and now the bushfires. Also, the smoke haze is virtually a daily health concern for so many.

Typically, the practical generosity of the Archdiocese has been immediate. The financial twinning of city parishes with fire effected parishes and the generosity of so many others is a wonderful example of practical charity. Extra co-ordination of our educational, health and social services is evident to ensure those most in need are receiving help and our prayerful support.

As I make pastoral visits to our South Coast parishes, and parishes in the high country, I am assuring them all of our prayerful and practical support. These embattled communities are tremendously grateful for all our concern and help.

The bushfire season and drought are far from over. We continue to pray humbly to the Lord for help in our time of great need and danger. Our prayers are particularly directed to those who have died and their grieving families, and all who are suffering.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Australia Day Reflection

Before inspecting the official readings for Australia Day, we might imagine a selection of our own. Starting from old Europe's speculation about a great southern land of the Holy Spirit, we might opt for texts that idealise Australia as a place and a nation imbued with the Spirit's gifts – or, contrarily, that offer a prophetic critique of its betrayal of these gifts.

This musing might lead us back to the far more ancient spirit-traditions of Australia's first peoples and their timely wisdom.

In the event, life in the Spirit is a common thread through the given options. Only by the power of the Spirit can we deal properly with Australia's colonial past and its climate-threatened future.

Australian Catholics 20 Jan 2020

Columban Calendars: we have one left if anyone would like to buy one. They are \$9.00 each. Please see Helen Hart.

Vinnies phone number for urgent assistance, especially for those impacted by the fires, is 0419 445 183.

The rosters will finish 1 February. If anyone would like to change, or take up, a new Ministry please let Helen Hart know. They will be prepared next week.

Please pray for the sick: Sue Monkhouse, Margaret Sinclair, Elaine Olsen, 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:

Mrs Vardanega, Jean Heycox and our own deceased relatives and friends.