

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

Northern Mission



Third Sunday of Easter

15 April 2018

Ministries for our Easter Ceremonies

	14 April	21 April	28 April
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Readers:	A Monkhouse H Bopping	T Ferlitsch K Toirkens	R Coady Wendy M-Bell
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper	A Monkhouse W Hart
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	A Monkhouse	J Flores
Gifts:	Laffan Family	Eileen & Denis	Cathy F

Ministries of Service:

	20 April	27 April	4 May
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy
Cleaners:	Wendy & Pauline	Felix & Victor	Margaret & Barbara

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

3rd Sun: Jane Gardner. 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: Acts 3:13-15,17-19. 2nd: 1 Jn. 2:1-5. Gospel: Luke 24:35-48.

Next week: 1st: Acts 4:8-12. 2nd: 1 Jn. 3:1-2. Gospel: John 10:11-18.

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

We have returned to the old way of praying the psalms, with the reader doing the verses and the congregation the response after each verse. Please join in the response.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am in the **hospital**. All welcome.
Liturgy of the Word: Wednesday 18th April.
Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.
Braidwood AA meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.
Social Justice Group next meeting **today at 10.30am**.

Reflection on the Gospel - Take the Stand and Witness!

Witnesses to the Resurrection? I've met them, especially in hospital.

There was the patient with extreme hip pain who prayed for the people with more serious medical problems. There was the older patient who almost died but said she doesn't fear death because Christ had comforted her in prayer. There was the patient with cancer who was looking for a parish to join because he always kept "*Jesus in my heart*" – even though he felt rejected by the Church in the past.

I look back on the faith of those people and I say, "Christ is risen!"

Are you a convincing witness to others?

That is this Gospel's challenge. Your faith might be the only "*Gospel*" that some people read. They'll read it in how you treat friends, family, and even enemies. They'll read it in your attitude towards poor people. They'll read it in how you use money and choose goals.

That's heavy stuff. We aren't perfect, and we mess up a lot. But don't worry. More than anything else, people will see the Gospel alive when you apologise, admit your failings, and start over.

You're a sinner. So am I. But we're still called to witness to the Resurrection by passing the Gospel with our generation down to the next generation. The Apostles took Jesus up on that. And the word has spread from generation to generation for two thousand years now. It's now partly on your shoulders. But God put it there because God has so much faith in you. GPBS 10/4/2018

Braidwood Seniors Coach trip to National Arboretum next Thursday 19 April. Bus leaves Uniting Church at 9am. Cost: \$36, morning tea and guided tour included. BYO lunch or dine at Sprout's Café (\$12-20). Bookings: David or Sue on 4847 1203.

From St Bede's School Newsletter: last Tuesday, our Year 5/6 leaders took part in a Social Justice Conference Day. It began with a keynote address by Father Peter Day, who spoke to the children about his experiences at "Home", the residence for the Homeless in Queanbeyan, where he also lives.

The children then participated in three workshops in smaller groups. These workshops were facilitated by Wes and Gwen from St Vincent's De Paul Youth division and Elise from Caritas. These workshops were thought provoking and provided practical examples of the situations often faced by the disadvantaged in our community.

The students made cardboard shelters and tried to imagine the difficulties of rain, wind and cold for the residents of such housing. They made shopping decisions with a very limited budget and tried to understand the hard decisions necessary when living in poverty. They took part in a simulation designed to help them imagine the fear and uncertainty of refugees forced to leave their homes and face the uncertain future in another land and the difficulties that entailed.

I'd like to sincerely thank Wes, Gwen and Elise for travelling to Braidwood from Canberra and Sydney and giving of their time to facilitate these workshops for our senior students. Thank you also to the parents of our senior students who generously donated a total of \$70, which will be given to our local St Vincent De Paul Conference.

It was a truly thought provoking and challenging day.

Please pray for the sick: Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, Neil Quinn, Diana Wiley, Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, Dave Kelly, 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 prayers.

Please pray for those who have died in recent days:

Sheila Thistleton, Ron Cochrane, John Adams, and our own deceased relatives and friends.