

# Northern Mission



**4TH SUNDAY ADVENT  
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**22 December 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

|             | 21 December                | 24 December            | 28 December                |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Acolyte:    | J Gunderson                | F Schlager             | L Hart                     |
| Readers:    | T Ferlitsch<br>A Monkhouse | W Hart<br>B Beale      | K Toirkens<br>C Ffrench    |
| Sp. Min.    | W Hart<br>H Bopping        | B Schlager<br>H Pieper | T Ferlitsch<br>A Monkhouse |
| Welcomer:   | C Ffrench                  | H Pieper               | G Sutton                   |
| PowerPoint: | H Hart                     | G Pollard              | H Hart                     |
| Gifts:      | Jenny & Ken                | Dennis & Eileen        | Margaret & Judith          |

| Ministries of Service: | 24 December          | 27 December        | 3 January 2020   |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Altar Decorating:      | All arrangers please | Helen P            | Cathy            |
| Cleaners:              | n/a                  | Margaret & Barbara | Bobbie & Pauline |

**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](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: Isaiah 7:10-14. 2nd: Romans 1:1-7. Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24.  
**Christmas Eve:** 1st: Isaiah 9:1-7. 2nd: Titus 2:11-14. Gospel: Luke 2:1-14.

*Join us in prayer*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response** Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**A virgin will give birth to a son;**  
**his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.**  
**Alleluia!**



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** will resume in February 2020.  
**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  
**Christmas Drinks & nibbles:** tonight after Mass.  
**Christmas Eve Mass in St Bede's Church,** 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. Children invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings.

## Living the Gospel – Advent

Emmanuel; God-is-with-us – that's what we celebrate through Christmas and that's what we've been preparing for during Advent. We celebrate God-with-us in a particular time and place through our celebration of the birth of Jesus. But we remember it every year because we also use the Christmas celebration to remind ourselves that God continues to be with us. That is what is so remarkable about the Christmas season: that God-is-with-us **now**, not just in a stable in Palestine so many years ago, but now! Advent is the time to remind ourselves of this incredible truth and prepare ourselves to acknowledge it once again.

Greg Sunter.



### Father Peter writes:

"I reckon we should encourage people to bring their umbrellas to Mass on Saturday.. we need to, among other things, remind the clouds of their other duty! Further, it seems rather forlorn to pray for rain without holding an umbrella!"

So - bring your umbrellas to Mass!!

**Christmas Drinks and Nibbles** after Mass tonight. Please join us.

**Christmas Eve Mass in St Bede's Church,** 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. Children invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings.

**Please pray for the sick:** Sue Monkhouse, Archbishop Francis Carroll, 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:**

Nita Pillai, Nick Asimus, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

### **Offerings acknowledged with thanks:**

Offerings will be acknowledged next Sunday Mass.

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A man is stopped by police at midnight and asked where he's going. "I'm on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and drugs on the human body."

The policeman says, "Really! And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?"

"My wife," replied the man.

