

Northern Mission



**4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
YEAR C**
31 March 2019

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

Ministries for our Sunday Vigil Mass

	30 March	6 April	13 April Palm Sunday
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Readers:	C Ffrench G Hannaford	R Coady W M-Bell	A Monkhouse N T Ferlitsch S
Sp. Ministers	H Bopping C Ffrench	H Pieper H Hart	B Schlager A Monkhouse
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	G Pollard	H Hart
Gifts:	Jenny & Ken	Laffan Family	Margaret & Judith

Ministries of Service:	5 April	12 April	20 April
Altar Decorating:	No flowers Lent		Easter All arrangers please
Cleaners:	Margaret & Barbara	Joan	Wendy & Pauline

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 - 1pm.



Readings:
This week: 1st: Joshua 5:9-12. 2nd: 2 Cor. 5:17-21. Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32.
Next week: 1st: Is. 43:16-21. 2nd: Phil. 3:8-14. Gospel: John 8:1-11.

Join us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10.00am. Year 3 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: tomorrow Sunday 31st March at 11am

Reflection: Come Home

Take a moment to look at your fingerprint. Experts say it is unique. You share it with no one who lives or has ever lived. Let it remind you that God wanted you, specifically you, to come into this world. And let it remind you that our loving God grieves for you, when you hurt, and misses you, specifically you, when you turn away.

Let this week's Gospel dispel all the false views of God you may have heard. God is not angry or vengeful when you sin. God is not an accountant who tallies our sins against our good deeds or a cop who waits to punish us. Unfortunately, many people hold on to those images. Some pastors and teachers even teach them, often because they misunderstand Old Testament Scripture passages that seem to portray God as angry or vengeful.

Jesus tried to dispel those images of God as he announced the beginning of God's Reign. "*Rejoice,*" he said. God is running to greet you right now. Turn toward God and let God embrace you.

Look at the lost son in the Gospel story this week. He basically had wished his father dead by asking for his inheritance. But when he returns because he has nowhere else to go, the father runs to him, gives him the family ring, clothes him in the best robe, and kills a fattened calf (people ate meat rarely). If you read the text closely, you see that the father doesn't even let his son complete the apology before ordering all this.

Lent is a time to come home. We all stray. We live in a world that often calls us away from God. But God knows each of us by our fingerprint, knows when we turn away, and still always stands waiting, scanning the horizon, maybe weeping, hoping to see us turn back, looking for a chance to run toward us and embrace us once again. GPBS
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Easter Mass: we have a young man (Sam) who is prepared to play for us at this Mass. We will need a group of singers to support him (Brian's Sistine Chapel Choir :). If you are able to join this group would you please let Brian or Helen know. We will be organising a practice with Sam, probably in Holy Week, as he is in Year 12.

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
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Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

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