

Northern Mission



**5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
YEAR C**
7 April 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

	6 April	13 April Palm Sunday	18 Apl Holy Thurs
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Readers:	R Coady W M-Bell	A Monkhouse N T Ferlitsch S	W Hart H Bopping
Sp. Ministers	H Pieper H Hart	B Schlager A Monkhouse	A Monkhouse W Hart
Welcomer:	H Pieper	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	G Pollard	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	Laffan Family	Margaret & Judith	Cathy F

Ministries of Service:	12 April	20 April 10am	26 April
Altar Decorating:	Palms only	Easter All arrangers please	Helen P
Cleaners:	Joan	Wendy & Pauline	Felix

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: Is. 43:16-21. 2nd: Phil. 3:8-14. Gospel: John 8:1-11.
Next week: Palm Sunday 1st: Is. 50:4-7 2nd: Phil. 2:6-11 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Join us in Prayer

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you,
woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10.00am. Year K, 1 & 2 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 tomorrow, 7 April at 10.30am

Reconciliation will be celebrated at the Tuesday Mass 16h April (Holy Week); Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper 18th April at 7.00pm

Good Friday 19 April: Stations 10.00am; Passion 3.00pm

Easter Service of Light: Saturday 20 April at 6.00pm

School's Holy Week liturgies: Mon - Thurs, 8-11 April at 9am at the school. All welcome to attend.

Anzac Day: Service in St Bede's at 9.30am followed by a cuppa and anzac biscuits.

Funeral Service for David O'Connell is to be held on Friday 12 April at 10.30am in St Bede's Church, with burial following at Gundillion cemetery.

Reflection:

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law.

Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

Diane Bergant CSA

Choir practice for Easter Mass will be held at 4.30pm next Saturday, before Palm Sunday Mass. All interested persons please come. If time allows we will also practice for the other services.

Easter Flowers: could anyone with flowers for our Easter Vigil, please bring them to the Church at 10am on Saturday 20th April. All flower arrangers are asked to assist with the decorating.

Thanks to the parishioners who are making our grounds beautiful for Easter. - Helen & Gary, Phil, Wendy & Brad.

Please pray for the sick: Brian Hart, 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:

David O'Connell, Gerdt Jensen, Matthew Dickenson, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion
5th Sunday Lent
7 April 2019**



Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

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. 13. **There will be a short video following Mass.**