

## NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

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# Northern Mission



5TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME YR A

9 February 2020

### Ministries for our Sunday Vigil Mass

	8 February	15 February	22 February
Acolyte:	J Gunderson		F Schlager
Readers:	K Toirkens	H Bopping	T Ferlitsch
	C Ffrench	G Hannaford	A Monkhouse
Sp. Min.	T Ferlitsch	W Hart	B Schlager
	B Vardanega	J Cotter	A Monkhouse
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	G Pollard	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	Margaret & Judith	Cathy F	Geraldine & Natasha

### Ministries of Service: 14 February 21 February 28 February

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

Cleaners: Joan Wendy & Pauline Felix

**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.

**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 for our Mass:

**This week:** 1st: Isaiah 58:7-10. 2nd: 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Gospel: Mathew 5:13-16.

**Next week:** 1st: Sirach 15:15-20. 2nd: 1 Cor. 2:6-10. Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37.

*Join us in prayer*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
all who follows me  
will have the light of life.**

**Alleluia!**



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WORLD**



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Presbytery.  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesdays at 9.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Meditation:** Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery .  
**Braidwood AA** meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at the Anglican Parish House, situated behind the church.  
**Social Justice Group** next meeting 1 March 2020 at 10.30am  
**Vinnies Meeting:** Friday 14th February at 1.30pm  
**Renewed Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday 3rd March after Mass.

**The World Day of Prayer is re-scheduled** for Friday 13th March in the Anglican Church. This year the program has been developed by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. Their theme is "Rise! Take up your mat and walk!" This service is open to all people so please put the date in your diary and plan to come along.

**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 be finalised next week.** I'm just waiting on a few people who are away.

**Please pray for the sick:** Kathleen Brown (Br. Brian's sister), 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:** Sally Gourlay, Mrs Vardanega, Jean Heycox and our own deceased relatives and friends.

## **Gospel Reflection: A Light in the Darkness**

Salt is no great mystery. Salt is salt, as basic as it is common. I'll bet there's a shaker close at hand right now. Salt does one thing: it adds flavour. Taste almost any food and you know right away: it needs more, has too much, or is just right.

The job of Christians is to be salt for the world. Our lives should make a difference. The Church's witness is our commitment to living according to kingdom values and not worldly ones. The time, money, and talent in our control should be used to maintain a simple lifestyle, so the surplus can be used to care for those in need. Sprinkled into the world, this kingdom witness flavours the generations. The worst we can do is to be sprinkled into the world and change nothing. If no one around you would guess you're a Christian, this is a problem.

The light of goodness comes into this world in the same way. The world at times can be a rather dark place. How often we point it out and complain about it (and how the media celebrates it!) Our energy would be better spent generating light through acts of mercy and forgiveness. The light of Christ has come into the world, but it's up to us to be the lamps of witness. GPBS 3/2/2020.



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