

Northern Mission



**6TH SUNDAY OF
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26 MAY 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

	25 May	1 June	8 June
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Readers:	A Monkhouse H Bopping	W Hart B Beale	K Toirkens C Ffrench
Sp. Min.	H Pieper H Hart	B Schlager H Pieper	T Ferlitsch H Hart
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	G Pollard	H Hart	G Pollard
Gifts:	Margaret & Judith	Cathy F	Geraldine & Natasha

Ministries of Service:	31 May	7 June	14 June
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy	Margaret
Cleaners:	Margaret & Barbara	Bobbie & Pauline	Joan

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.
3rd & 5th Sun: Helen Bopping/Wendy Hart. 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 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: Acts 15:1-2,22-29. 2nd: Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Gpl. John. 14:23-29
Next week: Ascension: 1st: Acts 1:1-11 2nd: Eph. 1:17-23. Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Join us in prayer

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said:
I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Renewal of Marriage Vows
11am Mass, St Christopher's
Cathedral Manuka

Lunch & Marriage Expo
St Christopher's Pastoral
Centre, Manuka
12.00 - 1:00pm

Marriage as Mission Forum
St Christopher's Pastoral
Centre, Manuka
1.00 - 3:00pm



REGISTER AT
http://bit.ly/marriage_mission2019
(\$10 Donation at the Door)

Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au
Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: St Bede's Day Mass in the Church with Father Troy. 10am
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 the Anglican Parish House, situated behind the church.
Social Justice Group next meeting 2 June at 10.30am
We welcome Father William Milsted (from Sydney) for the duration of Father Peter's leave.

BRAIDWOOD TO MARK NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION WEEK WITH CONCERT BY 'STIFF GINS'

National Sorry Day occurs on Sunday 25th May. The Two Fires Committee and St Bede's Social Justice Group has organised a short ceremony to recognise Sorry Day. This will be held at Dhurga Rock in Ryrrie Park at 10.30am. The opening of Reconciliation Week will then be celebrated with a free concert in the National Theatre featuring the renowned Indigenous group the 'Stiff Gins'. Morning tea will be provided. All welcome

Marriage & Family Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the regular 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral in Manuka next Sunday 2nd June and will include a Renewal of Marriage Vows for all who wish to participate. No need to register. Just turn up and join in.

Marriage as Mission Lunch, Expo and Forum, next Sunday 2nd June 12pm-3pm Manuka. Registrations essential at http://bit.ly/marriage_mission2019 \$10 donation at the door. Calling all married couples to gather for 12-1pm Lunch and Marriage Expo, followed by a Marriage as Mission Forum. Guest speakers Joe & Louise Zavone plus representations from various groups, ministries and agencies involved in marriage formation and support. Registrations essential at http://bit.ly/marriage_mission2019 Enquiries ring Lara Kirk 0429 192 869 or email lara.kirk@cg.org.au

The aim of the event is to bring together ordinary married couples who are committed members of parishes so that they can be encouraged in their vocation and can capture a vision for the everyday leadership which they can offer both within the church and within the broader society.

Please pray for the sick: Andrew Mortimer, James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, 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:

Lenny Walker, Les Murray, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Fr Andrew Hamilton | Saying Sorry 15 May 2019

May 27 to 3 June is a week-long commemoration of significant events in the encounter between Indigenous people and later arrivals in Australia. National Reconciliation Week however, begins with Sorry Day (26 May), which honours the Stolen Generation of Indigenous children stripped from their families, bookends Reconciliation Week with the Referendum and the *Mabo* decision that marks its close. The week is one for all Australians to participate in and reflect on.

It may be helpful to look at the week as a period of Sorry Business, the period devoted in Indigenous cultures to grieve death. Sorry Business gathers the whole community of which the dead person is part – not merely the nuclear family but all those associated to them in kinship and other ways. It imposes an obligation upon people bound to the dead person to greet the immediate family in their house and support them in the funeral. It reflects the belief that the spirit of the dead person may rest only if they are present. The funeral is not an event to be done and moved on from but a time to be spent together.

Seen through the lens of Sorry Business, Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week belong together and involve all Australians. It is an invitation to the whole Australian community to do Sorry Business for the death and diminishment which government policies brought to the Stolen Generations. The removal of children from their parents was bound up with death in its beginnings and its consequences. It developed from the conviction that Indigenous culture was dying out. It was designed to accelerate that process by assimilating the snatched children to their dominant culture. It brought death to the spirit of people separated from their families and culture and often untimely physical death to them and their descendants.

In our relationship to the natural world our Indigenous brothers and sisters are our teachers. In our relationships with one another as Australians, they call us to reconciliation that is built on respect and on recognition of the harm they have suffered through European settlement.

This is something for which all Australians can do sorry business. Indigenous Australians grieve the suffering and alienation that the children and their later families suffered through separation from their family and loss of their cultural traditions.

Descendants of the settlers can grieve the history of contempt for Indigenous culture and willful ignorance that lay behind the death-dealing practices of separation and has coloured the subsequent treatment of Indigenous peoples in Australia. The beginning of reconciliation is to take time for Sorry Business.