

# Northern Mission



**7TH SUNDAY OF  
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Year C**

**24 February 2019**

## NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.  
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**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

	23 February	2 March	9 March
Acolyte:	J Gunderson	F Schlager	L Hart
Readers:	A Monkhouse H Bopping	T Ferlitsch K Toirkens	R Coady W M-Bell
Prayers Faithful:	B Vardanega	P Coady	H Hart
Sp. Ministers	H Bopping C Ffrench	B Schlager H Pieper	H Hart H Bopping
Welcomer:	H Pieper	G Sutton	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	H Hart	A Monkhouse
Gifts:	Geraldine & Natasha	Laffan Family	Norah

<u>Ministries of Service:</u>	1 March	8 March	15 March
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	No flowers Lent	
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](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: 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23. 2nd: 1 Cor 15:45-49. G: Lk 6:27-38  
**Next week:** 1st: Sirach 27:4-7. 2nd: 1 Cor. 15:54-58. Gospel: Luke 6:39-45.

## *Join us in Prayer*

### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Lord, I have come to believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
who is coming into this world.



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass: Opening School Mass** Tuesday 10.00am in the Church.  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesdays 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 Sunday March 3 at 10.30am

**Parish Get Together on 23rd March.** This will be a sausage sizzle after Mass, before the end of daylight saving. The parish will supply the sausages and parishioners are asked to bring some nibbles/slice (finger food) to share.

**World Day of Prayer** will be hosted by St Bede's this year. It will be on Thursday 7th March at 2.00pm. This movement is led by Christian women of many traditions and has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

This year's theme is: "Come - everything is ready."  
The theme stems from Luke's gospel (14:15-24) in which he talks about the master inviting others to his feast. Following this theme we are focusing on strengthening communities, how to build a community, and who is invited into this community.

Christians of many faith traditions and backgrounds, used to worshipping in different styles, will come together to pray to our great God for the needs of Slovenia, and in so doing find that those needs often echo our needs and those of our neighbours at home.

Both women and men are invited to participate in this service. St Bede's will host afternoon tea afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.



## Reflection:

The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to *love* their enemies and to *do good* to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things – and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity. In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): 'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.' It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like – anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching! Greg Sunter GPBS 19/2/2019

**Please pray for the sick:** 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:** Marj Byrnes, Lexie Byrne (Ann Mc Dougall's sister-in-law), and our own deceased relatives and friends.