

NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Troy Bobbin

Associate Priest: Father Peter Day (Braidwood & Bungendore)

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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

Northern Mission



Ministries for our Easter Ceremonies

	12 May	19 May	26 May
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Readers:	W Hart B Beale	A Monkhouse H Bopping	W Hart B Beale
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Sp. Ministers	B Schlager H Pieper	A Monkhouse W Hart	L Hart H Bopping
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	H Hart	D Flores	H Hart
Gifts:	Geraldine & Natasha	First Communion children	

Ministries of Service:

	18 May	25 May	1 June
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Altar Decorating:	Fran	Joy	H Pieper
Cleaners:	Victor & Rosaria	Joan	Wendy & Pauline

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.

3rd Sun: Jane Gardner. 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 to 1pm.



Readings:

This week: 1st: Acts 1:1-11. 2nd: Eph. 4:1-13. Gospel: Mark 16:15-20.

Next week: 1st: Acts 2:1-11. 2nd: Gal. 5:16-25. Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

The Ascension of the Lord

13 May 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

*We have returned to the old way of praying the psalms,
with the reader doing the verses and the congregation
the response after each verse. Please join in the
response.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 22nd May at 10am. St Bede's Day Mass
Liturgy of the Word: Wednesdays at 9.30am in the Presbytery.
Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.
Braidwood AA meets each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Centre.
Social Justice Group next meeting Sunday 20th May 10.30am.
Bishop Pat Power's final weekend.

Our First Communicants will commence their preparation at Mass next weekend. First Communion will be celebrated on June 16.

Concerning our weekend Mass times.

Peter at present is leading our Saturday Eucharist at 6pm, then at Bungendore at 8.30 am on Sunday and every second week celebrating the Eucharist in Canberra at noon.

In fairness to Peter, I believe that we should keep this arrangement. If we swap with Bungendore come July, Peter has to make the trip to Braidwood in darkness on Saturday night and then rush away on Sunday mornings when required in Canberra. It is important for us to make Peter's load as light as possible.

I know this arrangement does not suit all. Some who live out of town do not want to drive at night, just as some hate early winter Sunday rising.

May I offer a suggestion for those who feel that this arrangement deprives them of the Eucharist. Those who would miss out may be able to attend the Tuesday 10 am Mass or be willing to receive a home visit at a time convenient for them to receive the Eucharist regularly. I believe that this is an achievable, even if not a perfect, solution. Having spoken to Peter, this is his preferred option. I would appreciate your responses. Brother Brian.

Please pray for the sick: Carmel Waddell, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, Neil Quinn, Diana Wiley, Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, Dave Kelly, 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 prayers.

Please pray for those who have died in recent days:

Wynne Parker, Val Webb, Dick Varley, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Reflection on the Gospel: The Ascension of the Lord.

Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

Diane Bergant CSS.

AIMING to "repropose" the universal call to holiness, Pope Francis released a new apostolic exhortation on Monday called [Gaudete et exsultate](#).

As space allows in the bulletin, we will include some of the key quotes from this document..

- ◆ "In times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigor and important reforms in the church."
- ◆ "The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that."
- ◆ "The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others."

