

Northern Mission



**EASTER SUNDAY
YEAR C**

21 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 - Holy Week

	20 April	27 April	4 May
Acolyte:	F Schlager	L Hart	J Gunderson
Readers:1.	Video	W Hart	A Clarke
3.	A Monkhouse	B Beale	B Gunderson
5.	G Hannaford		
NT.	M Gunderson		
Sp. Min.	B Schlager	T Ferlitsch	H Bopping
	H Pieper	H Hart	W Hart
Welcomer:	G Sutton	H Pieper	C Ffrench
PowerPoint:	H Hart	G Pollard	H Hart
Gifts:	Geraldine & Natasha	Norah	Eileen & Dennis

Ministries of Service: 26 April 3 May 10 May

Altar Decorating: Helen P Cathy F Margaret

Cleaners: Felix Bobbie & Pauline Joan

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"

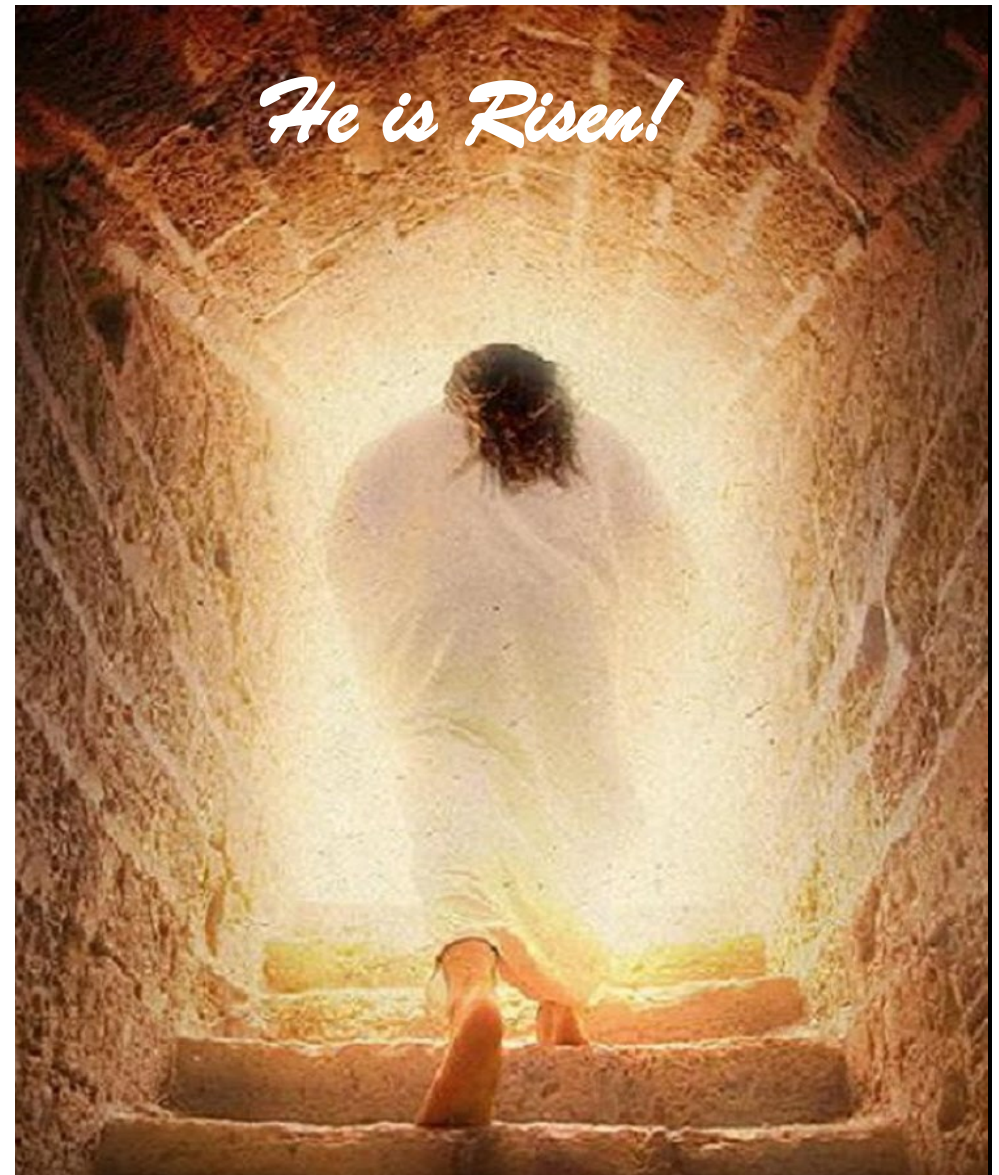
Office Hours: Fridays 11am - 1pm.



Readings:

This week: 1. Gen. 1:1-2:2. 3. Ex. 14:15-15:1. 5. Is 55:1-11. NT: Rom 6:3-11. Lk 24:1-12.

Next week: 1st: Acts 5:12-16. 2nd: Apoc. 1:9-13,17-19. Gospel: John 20:19-31.



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

Weekday Mass: NO weekday Mass while Fr Peter is on leave

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 5 May at 10.30am

Anzac Day: Service in St Bede's at 9.30am followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits. Please bring a plate to share.

Easter Reflection:

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ. Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition.

On Magdalene's urging, Peter and the other disciple run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both

resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all: 'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

Richard Leonard SJ (LiturgyHelp)



Our MONTHLY MARKET is on next Saturday. 8am-2pm. The wood raffles will commence again this month. Donations of cooking, produce etc gratefully received. Contact Geraldine 4847 5061 AH

Thanks to David Avery who, unaided, collected the palms for Palm Sunday and distributed them to 5 churches, in Braidwood, Bungendore and Gunghalin. (Father Mark)

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, 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:

Frank Hardy, Peter Ryan, David O'Connell, Gerdt Jensen and our own deceased relatives and friends.