

## 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

# Northern Mission



**The Epiphany of  
The Lord  
Year C  
6 January 2019**

### Ministries for our Sunday Mass

	5 January	12 January	19 January
Commentator:	P Coady	H Hart	P Coady
Readers:	A Monkhouse H Bopping	W Hart B Beale	A Monkhouse H Bopping
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse W Hart	H Bopping volunteer	B Schlager H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	H Hart	H Hart	H Hart
Gifts:	Cathy	Norah	Geraldine & Natasha

### Ministries of Service:

	11 January	18 January	25 January
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Fran	Joy
Cleaners:	Felix	Bobbie & 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: Closed until 18 January 2019.**  
**Please contact BLC if in need of assistance.**



### Readings:

**This week:** 1st Is. 60:1-6. 2nd: Eph. 3:2-3,5-6. Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.

**Next week:** 1st: Is. 40:1-5,9-11. 2nd: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7. G. Luke 3:15-16,21-22.

*Join us in Prayer*

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response:**

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

*The Wise  
Still Seek Him*



**Next weekend Mass time:** Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.  
**Weekday Mass:** Resumes 28th January.  
**Liturgy of the Word:** in recess until February.  
**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 February 3 at 10.30am

### **Reflection:**

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep. The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

And so may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self so as to be born to God's glory that can and does shine through us. And may we remember that this epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.

Richard Leonard SJ

### **Rosters will be renewed for mid January.**

In the meantime, please note that in the absence of the Flores family any ministries that involved them will require adaptation eg. cleaners will be moved up a week.

We especially need volunteers on the Commentator/Prayers of Faithful, Power Point operator, cleaner and Special Ministers of the Eucharist ministries. Training will be given in any ministry requested. If anyone would like to participate in a ministry please let Helen Hart know, so you can be included on the new roster.

**Please pray for the sick:** James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, 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:**

Those who have died during this holiday period, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

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**Time for a smile:** A daughter phoned her parents to wish them a Happy New Year. She asked her father, "Dad, what's your new year's resolution?" He replied, "To make your mother as happy as I can, all year round," he answered.

She then spoke to her mother, "Mum, what's your new year's resolution?" "To see that your father keeps his," she replied.

