

Northern Mission



HOLY FAMILY YR A
29 December 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

	28 December	4 January	11 January
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schlager
Readers:	K Toirkens C Ffrench	B Gunderson G Hannaford	P Clarke A Clarke
Sp. Min.	T Ferlitsch A Monkhouse	W Hart H Bopping	B Schlager H Pieper
Welcomer:	G Sutton	C Ffrench	H Pieper
PowerPoint:	H Hart	G Pollard	H Hart
Gifts:	Margaret & Judith	Cathy F	Geraldine & Natasha

Ministries of Service:	3 January 2020	10 January	17 January
Altar Decorating:	Cathy	Joy	Margaret
Cleaners:	Bobbie & Pauline	Joan	Wendy & Pauline

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.
3rd & 5th Sun: Brian Berg . 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: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14. 2nd: Col. 3:12-21. Gospel: Mat. 2:13-15,19-23
Epiphany: 1st: Isaiah 60:1-6. 2nd: Eph. 3:2-3,5-6. Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.

Join us in prayer

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: will resume in February 2020.
Liturgy of the Word: on Wednesdays will resume in February 2020.
Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery will resume in February 2020.
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 February 2020 at 10.30am

Don't forget to bring your umbrellas to Mass!!

Reflection on the Gospel: Two Holy Families Herod is seeking to annihilate all the male children in Bethlehem. The child Jesus is in mortal danger. 'Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.' And Joseph did so. *That* night and *by* night, such was the urgency.

Have you ever thought: What if Egyptian border guards had turned back this refugee family? What if, instead of finding safe haven and sanctuary, this desperate family had been denied entry? The Divine plan to rescue Jesus from a murderous tyrant depended not only on Joseph but, also, on the Egyptian people.

And so we discover two Holy Families in this Gospel episode. One is the little Holy Family with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The other is the larger Holy Family of humanity embodied in those Egyptians who provided sanctuary, who opened their land to allow Joseph, Mary and Jesus to settle out of danger.

We might pause for a moment to ask: Can we be as hospitable and open as the Egyptians of today's Gospel? Another baby in another family of refugees may depend on our answer! Fr Michael Tate



Thank you to all who made our Christmas Mass so enjoyable, especially Chris Cotter who played the organ for us. We welcome him and his wife Julie into our faith family. Julie will be teaching at St Bede's in 2020.

Brother Brian will be on leave 5 - 31 January. We wish him a smoke-free holiday.

There will be no Tuesday Mass, Wednesday Liturgy of the Word or Thursday Meditation until February.

Please pray for the sick: Sue Monkhouse, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Margaret Sinclair, Elaine Olsen, Glen Dixon, Helen Goddard, Keith Lyons, James Clarke, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, 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: those lost in the typhoon in the Philippines, the avalanche in Switzerland, the two Volunteer fire fighters - Geoffrey Keaton and Andrew O'Dwyer, Nita Pillai, Nick Asimus, and our own deceased relatives and friends.



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