

Baptisms at St Mary's

TIMES: At St Mary's Church, Bungendore, baptisms are usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Please speak to Deacon John or the parish office if this is not a suitable time for your family.

MAKING A BOOKING FOR A BAPTISM:- You can phone the Bungendore parish office on 6238 1247 between 11am and 5pm on Wednesdays. The "Request for Baptism" form can be downloaded from St Mary's website, www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/ completed and emailed to St Mary's Parish bungendore@cg.org.au

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: At St. Mary's, Baptism preparation takes place in an informal conversation with either Fr Peter or Deacon John. The parish asks that you participate in a

preparation session if this your first child or if you have not previously participated in such a session for any other children. When you contact the office to organise a date for the baptism we will help you to arrange a suitable time for this preparation to happen.

PRESENTATION MASS: You will also be asked to attend a Presentation Mass. This is where you and your child will be welcomed to our parish community. If possible, the godparents are invited to attend this Mass to be part of this service. From Sunday 7th January our weekend Mass is at 8:30am on Sundays.



St Mary's Bungendore
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Queanbeyan Mission
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Year B

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2018

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

Catechist Training Days—First Term 2018

Catechists and parishioners are welcome to participate in the following training days.

Temora – 7 February.

Cootamundra – 9 February.

Eden – 12 February.

St Christopher's Pastoral Centre (6.30–8.30pm) – 19 February.

Queanbeyan – 23 February.

Jindabyne – 26 February.

10am to 3pm. Please contact matt.ransom@cg.org.au

8 February, Christians for an Ethical Society

2018 Forum Series: "Wellsprings of Hope"

Our first forum in 2018 will be John Warhurst, introducing our theme [for 2018 "Wellsprings of Hope"](#).

Chair: Bishop George Browning

When: 7:30pm Thursday 8 February, 2018

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Corner Blackall St and Kings Av, Barton

John Warhurst will discuss the role of hope, resilience and Christians working together to make ethical reforms possible.

John Warhurst AO chairs the new church renewal group, Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn, and is a board member of Marist 180 and a national council member of Caritas Australia.

9-11 February "Seeking the Mind of Christ"

Parishioners from all parishes in the Archdiocese are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit on 9–11 February 2018.

9 February - St Monica's Church: Evatt 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

10 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson 10.00am to 5.00pm.

11 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson 10.30am to 5.30pm.

Conducted by Brother Lalith Perera, Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Father Ken Barker with support from Fr Bernie Patterson and Fr Loi Vivioicente.

Lunch will be available at a nominal price or BYO. A crèche will also be available for children.

Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

17 February 6pm—St Valentine's Mass 2018

The Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah invites parishioners to celebrate Christian Marriage with a Mass. Mass will include a Renewal of Marriage Promises for married couples, and a Special Blessing for engaged couples. Mass will be followed by an informal meal at a local club.

Please RSVP to if you would like to join us for dinner to Elizabeth (6231 9219) or Trish (6231 8468).

17 & 24 February 2018

"Evenings for the Engaged" - The Saturday edition

Evenings for the Engaged, a marriage preparation program, will be held over two consecutive Saturdays in February 2018. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

St Clement's Retreat House, Galong

"The Earth's Cry: Care of Our Common Home"

Live-in weekend Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February

Open day Saturday February 17

Presented by Dr Anthony Kelly CSsR and Jacqui Remond, former director of Catholic Earthcare.

A practical exploration of Pope Francis' call in Laudato to care for our common home.

Ensuite \$300, Shared Facilities \$260, Saturday only \$30, including morning and afternoon tea, and lunch. Bookings essential.

Saturday 10 March

Greta Bradman Celebrates 100 years of St Clement's

Presented by Greta Bradman an international soprano. Light supper 6pm. Performance 7.45pm. \$60 performance and supper. Accommodation packages available.

Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall. Please contact the office for more details. **The following format will be the one used.**



First reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.

Reflection

After the call of the first disciples Mark moves to present a picture of Jesus at work. The journey begun by the lake now moves to Capernaum. The ministers of God's saving work must go to the people.

The day begins in the synagogue. This is the place where the word of God is proclaimed, meditated on, and discussed. Jesus offers some teaching. The invitation was often extended to visitors to comment on the Readings. Such a custom provided the community with differing viewpoints.

Jesus' words affected the people deeply. They perceived a different quality in the teaching. They perceived a different kind of authority behind the words which contrasted with the usual teaching from the Scribes.

Scribes were professional religious experts on the Law or Torah. The scribes that Jesus knew were probably Pharisees but all religious groups had their scribes. These experts were first of all defenders of the tradition, hence their tendency to be particular about the letter of the Law. They would also be wary of those they considered amateurs. In his Gospel, Mark will continue to present Jesus as Teacher. The authority of Jesus will be established not only with words but also with deeds. The teaching and discussion is interrupted. Into the synagogue breaks a man suffering from a disorder which caused convulsions. He challenges Jesus by yelling abusively. Jesus addresses the disturbed spirit in the man.

"Be muzzled!" This is a strong word and conveys more than the usual rendering of the word as "be silent!"

Jesus is saying that there is only one Word to be uttered and that is the Word of God. This is echoed in 1:34 where Mark says that Jesus would not permit the demons to speak. The utterings of the mentally disturbed were considered to be the work of demons. In the second part of the drama Jesus expels

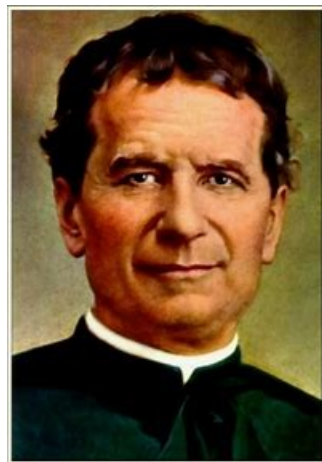
the disturbed spirit. Thus the ministry of healing begins. One of the great wonders of the Gospels is the way the evangelists pack so much into so few words. In the course of a few sentences Mark establishes Jesus in his ministry and sets the scene for the pattern of discipleship.

The reading from Deuteronomy reminds us about the nature of the true Prophet. Moses is the template. The prophet is raised up by God to preach God's word. Authentic prophecy is about the extension of the reign of God. It can never be about the ego of the prophet. Jesus is established as Prophet through his authority which is recognised by the people. It is the ordinary people who are able to discern what is authentic. This is one of those paradoxes that occur in the Gospels. Ordinary people then were quite good at discerning where to find God in situations that were at variance with official teaching, just as they are today. If Jesus said, "I have come to proclaim liberty to captives," then the people have the obligation to speak out against anything that binds unjustly, especially when it seems to have religious sanction. The healing that concludes the story reminds us that the goal in challenging the "disturbed spirits" in the community is wholeness for everyone. Paul says very hopefully, "I would like you to be free from worries." He suggests that it is our perspective that might be faulty. Reflection on the Word of God will help us, as community, to discern how to bring new creation out of dis-ease.



Sr Patricia Stevenson rsj.

Saint of the Week— St John Bosco



Born:- August 16, 1815, Becchi, Italy

Died:- January 31, 1888, Turin, Italy

Feast Day:- 31 January

Canonised:- 1 April (Easter Sunday) 1934 by Pope Pius XI

Patron Saint of:- apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, stage magicians, and juvenile delinquents

Short Biography: Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not

in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor, but despite their poverty his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter or clothing.

When John was nine years old, he had the first of several vivid dreams that would influence his life. In his dream, he encountered a multitude of boys who swore as they played.

Among these boys, he encountered a great, majestic man and woman. The man told him that in meekness and charity, he would "conquer these your friends." Then a lady, also majestic said, "Be strong, humble and robust. When the time comes, you will understand everything." This dream influenced John for the rest of his life.

Not long afterwards, John witnessed a travelling troupe of circus performers. He was enthralled by their magic tricks and acrobatics. He realized if he learned their tricks, he could use

them to attract others and hold their attention. He studied their tricks and learned how to perform some himself.

One Sunday evening, John staged a show for the kids he played with and was heartily applauded. At the end of the show, he recited the homily he heard earlier in the day. He ended by inviting his neighbors to pray with him. His shows and games were repeated and during this time, John discerned the call to become a priest.

To be a priest, John required an education, something he lacked because of poverty. After various difficulties, John managed to find a job at a vineyard. He labored there for two years before he met Joseph Cafasso, a priest who was willing to help him. In 1835, John entered the seminary and was subsequently ordained in 1841.

His first assignment was to Turin which had many slums. It was into these poor neighborhoods that Fr. Bosco went to work with the children of the poor.

While visiting the prisons, Fr. Bosco noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside, and he felt moved to do more to prevent other boys from ending up there.

He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the children his message for the day.

Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking employment and lodgings for boys who needed it. In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. This organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children, around the world.

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Troy Bobbin PP (resident in Queanbeyan)

Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore / Braidwood (resident in Queanbeyan)

Father Peter is happy to visit people in Bungendore; please arrange with Deacon John or the Parish Office

Deacon John Lim (resident in Bungendore) 0499 508 449

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OFFICE OPEN: - Wednesday 11am - 5pm

Office is next to the hall on the side away from the church.

BUNGENDORE PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8.30am

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays 9.00am;

Anointing Mass - 1st Wednesdays

Hoskinstown: 1st Sunday 11am

Gundaroo: 3rd Sunday 9am

Please pray for our sick

Peter Fogarty

Margaret Mikkelsen

Patrick Wright

Donn Oates

(Barbara Rayner's Dad)

Jill Hamley

Patricia Young

Erwin Feeken

Tony Boys

Alyssa Pettersen

Bill Yates

Kevin Summerfield

Debbie Oxford Wilson

Patricia Ryan

Maureen Boss

Val Young

Mary-Anne Webster

Frank Shugg

Theresa, Simon, James & Mary (Deacon John's mum, brothers & sister)

David McCamley

Zelma McManus (Mary-Anne Curran's mother)

Emanuel Mallia

Ray Jewell

Recently Deceased:

Heather Shugg

Rita Fish

Barry Patrick Sherd

Brownyn Bowden

Anniversaries:

Isabella McGrath

Carmelita Jean Murphy

William Lamkin

Jane Josephine Cranny

Rev Fr John McCusker

Clifford Lee

Matilda Flynn

Annie Couch

Charles Lyons Nash

Frank Joseph Walsh

Henry Gordon Yates

Church Opening hours

St Mary's is open most days from 9am to 5pm for prayer and quiet reflection.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is having a holiday, but will resume in February.

Bungendore Seniors

Bungendore seniors group meets in the hall at St Mary's on **Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm** for activities, morning tea and occasional outings. See poster in church porch for more info.

Bible Studies

Bible studies will now continue monthly with stand alone sessions, so all are welcome to come along and share a meal first in the hall.

Next one: to be arranged

Church Cleaning

Any new volunteers for the church cleaning roster will be extremely gratefully accepted.

St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing stmhallbookings@outlook.com

Friday 2nd February

If you happen to drive past next Friday, and see some people using the hall and the grounds, they are the St Gregory's Parish Queanbeyan Bereavement Team and they are having a retreat day.

Planned giving

Our 1st collection supports the priests of the archdiocese, and our 2nd collection supports the running of the Parish. There is information in the Church Foyer on other ways to contribute besides putting money on the plate. You can also talk to the office about this on Wednesday.

Church Cleaning : February:- Louise Mears and Maria Gwynne
Thanks to Tess Montesin and Rene Mallia for cleaning the church in January.

Ministries Roster

Sunday 28th January 2018 8:30am

A: David Webster

E. Min: Alison Bishop & Tess Montesin

R: Mike Cramsie & David Bishop

Gifts: Louise Levy & Pauline Segeri

Altar Servers: Kathleen D & Cameron G.

Sacramental programs for baptised school-age children

In 2018, St Mary's Parish will be running sacramental programs for school-age children for the sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession), Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation. Children need to be in at least Year 3 to participate in the programs for Reconciliation and Eucharist, and in at least Year 6 to participate in the program for Confirmation. The Reconciliation program will happen during March, the Eucharist program in the second half of May and the first half of June, and the Confirmation program during August, with the Confirmation Mass on Saturday September 8th. More details about the Reconciliation and Eucharist programs will be available during February.

22 - March Concerned Catholics of Canberra

Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to the 3rd public forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the Royal Commission's final report. Contact: Rog Page concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com

2018 Lenten video resource: "Good News in Tough Times"

This resource is perfect for parish-based groups, families and individuals and presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from the week-in, week-out busyness. To pre-order online: www.faithresources.org.au or call the Canberra Catholic Bookshop 02 6239 9888.

Morning Tea: Held on the 1st Sunday of the month, after 8.30am mass.

Next one: 4th February 2018

Ministries Roster

Sunday 4th February 2018 8:30am

A: Margareth Stumpel

E. Min: Pauline Segeri & Bob Yates

R: Peter Hugonnet & Cameron Gordon

Gifts: Rene Mallia & family

Altar Servers: Makayla M. & Thomas K.