

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.



News from the Archdiocese and beyond

27 – February "Chamber Philharmonia Cologne"

"Classical music the world over" is the motto of the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne. The Chamber will be performing at St Christopher's Cathedral on 27 February at 8.00pm.

The appeal of the Chamber's program is in performing popular and unknown works from a wide variety of musical epochs. www.ticketmaster.com.au

Friday, 2 – March "World Day of Prayer"

11am at St Christopher's Cathedral. An Ecumenical Service written by the people of Suriname, South America.

Light lunch to follow in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.

Saturday, 3 March, 7am MenAlive Breakfast

HOME in Queanbeyan, 284 Crawford St, Queanbeyan. **Topic:** What is our role as men in our parish, and how can we achieve it? Cost. \$15. Includes breakfast, espresso coffee/tea juice etc. Guest speaker and round table discussion. Info & booking: call 62994611 or Frank 0417664110. RSVP 28 Feb.

1-4 - March "YMI Equipping School"

The YMI Equipping School is an intensive formation school that equips & resources youth, young adults & ministry leaders for the mission of the Catholic Church.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites all youth & young adults from parishes or ecclesial movements wanting to be formed for ministry and mission to attend.

Contact Huw Warmenhoven (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au). Register at ymiequippingschool.eventbrite.com.au

8 – March "International Women's Day"

A new initiative to support and encourage women of all ages will be launched at Merici College on International Women's Day, March 8. The national program was devised and is being developed by women, inspired by the words of St Catherine of Siena: "Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Find out more at: www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au

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

News about St Mary's Fair

The St Mary's Autumn Fair planning stage is now under way and your help is needed to make it as much a success as previous years. We will be accepting applications for stalls for the very reasonable fee of \$30, from people wishing to sell locally made goods and services.

We will need plants for the plant stall, cakes etc. for the cake stall, books for the book stall, and random objects of reasonable quality for the white elephant stall.

Volunteers to work at the parish stalls on the day will be greatly appreciated, as will volunteers to staff the gate and run the chocolate wheel.

Offers of participation in the entertainment program are also welcome.

Donations of prizes for the raffle will also be gratefully accepted.

Please spread the word amongst your friends, family and workmates about a great way to spend the day on the 14th April 2018.

We will have posters for you put up in a few weeks.

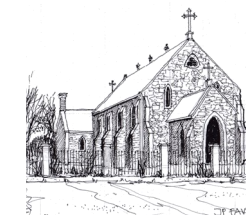
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Plaques for Memorial Wall

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.**



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Year B

2nd Sunday of Lent

25th February 2018

Entrance Antiphon

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.

Project Compassion

Rattanak

Cambodia



Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.



Reflection

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship. In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

From Loyola Press Sunday Connection website.

Reflection Questions From 'GOOD NEWS in tough times'

Why do you think God gives us both high points and low points? What can we gain from both?

Where in our daily activity can we carve out some silent time to be alone with "only Jesus" and listen to God?

In what way has the hope that Jesus brings transformed you and your daily activity? In a troubled world, how does this

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

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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:

Ron Jurd
(father of Michaela Fogarty)
Ross Craze
Nancy Barry
(Mary Coombe's cousin)

Anniversaries:

Robert Whyte
Sidney James Shanahan
Mary Lawless
Brigid Cozier
Mrs Carl Whyte
Thomas Hickey
Richard John Sillis
Vicki Anne Hardy

Church Opening hours

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



Sacramental programs for baptised school-age children

This year we are 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 will run 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 are now up on the parish website.

Reconciliation Program

Parent meeting after Mass on Sun 4th March; Preparation sessions for the children during Mass Sundays 4th, 11th, 18th March; Combined Parish and First Reconciliation Penitential Service Wed 21st March 6:30pm;

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is on again this week. Kim McGillion is the leader today.

St Mary's Fair

Thanks to all who came to the meeting on Tuesday evening to get the planning process underway.

Church Cleaning

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

Church Cleaning : February:- Louise Mears and Maria Gwynne

Thanks to Tess Montesin and Rene Mallia for cleaning the church in January.

Ministries Roster

Sunday 25th February 2018 8:30am

A: Ed Cory

E. Min: Tess Montesin & Pauline Segeri

R: Sarah Dunkerley & Mary-Anne Webster

Gifts: Jean & John Reardon

Altar Servers: Cameron G. & Makayla M.

St Mary's Crafty Made-ins

Our craft ladies would love your kind donations of crafty items for our stall at the fair. We'd also like any old teapots to enable us to display tea-cosies in 3D.

Contact Jenny Amey jenamey@bigpond.com.

St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing

stmhallbookings@outlook.com

Current regular bookings for the hall are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30—7pm and the Seniors from 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays.

There are also some bookings for Sundays after baptisms.

2018 Lenten video resource: "Good News in Tough Times" Parish discussion Group

We are using this Archdiocesan resource as the basis for our Lenten Discussion group at 7pm on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall.

For more information about the program see the Archdiocesan website.

For more information about the discussion group see Deacon John.

Planned giving

Our 1st collection supports the priests of the archdiocese, and our 2nd collection supports the running of the Parish.

Bible study

Postponed until after Easter.

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.

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

Next one: 4th March 2018

Ministries Roster

Sunday 4th March 2018 8:30am

A: Bernadette Boss

E. Min: Bob Yates & Meagan Sheather

R: Tess Montesin & ????

Gifts: Almond family

Altar Servers: Thomas K. & Hayley P.

Saint of the Week—Saint David

Born:- c AD500, Henfynyw, Ceridigion, Wales

Died:- D589, St David's, Pembrokeshire, Wales

Feast Day:- 1 March

Canonised: Before formal processes

Patron Saint of: Wales, Poets, vegetarians

Short Biography: Saint David (Welsh: Dewi Sant) was a Welsh bishop of Mynyw (now St Davids) during the 6th century; he was later regarded as a saint. He is the patron saint of Wales. David was a native of Wales, and a relatively large amount of information is known about his life. He is traditionally believed to be the son of Saint Non and the grandson of Ceredig ap Cunedda, king of Ceredigion. The Welsh annals placed his death 569 years after the birth of Christ.

Many of the traditional tales about David are found in the *Buchedd Dewi* ("Life of David"), a hagiography written by Rhygyfarch in the late 11th century. Modern historians are sceptical of some of its claims: one of Rhygyfarch's aims was to establish some independence for the Welsh church, which had refused the Roman rite until the 8th century and now sought a metropolitan status equal to that of Canterbury. (This may apply to the supposed pilgrimage to Jerusalem where he is said to have been anointed as an archbishop by the patriarch). He became renowned as a teacher and preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Dumnonia, and Brittany. St David's Cathedral stands on the site of the monastery he founded in the Glyn Rhosyn valley of Pembrokeshire. Around 550, he attended the Synod of Brefi, where his eloquence in opposing Pelagianism caused his fellow monks to elect him primate of the region. As such he presided over the synod of Caerleon (the "Synod of Victory") around 569.



St Mary's Fair Saturday 14th April 2018

Stalls, Raffles, Delicious Food, Entertainment

