

*Congratulations to
Hugh, Joshua, Lara, Liam, Mikayla,
Sara, Alexander, Benson, Charlotte,
Christina, Ella, Hamish and Hugh
who are making their
First Communion today*



Reflection

Why did Jesus use parables in his public ministry? Jesus used parables for two reasons: to deflect criticism and to teach effectively. By speaking in analogies and stories, Jesus was able to communicate to his audience without providing a clear reason for the Roman authorities to move against him. If Jesus equated the Kingdom of God with revolution, he would have been quickly arrested, tried and executed. But, by teaching in symbols and stories, he was able to deflect charges of treason. (How many Romans could really understand the Kingdom of God as a mustard seed, anyway?)

What is your favorite parable in the gospel? How do these parables help us to reflect on the Kingdom?

Jesus painted word pictures with symbols and stories. He understood the power of the narrative. A picture might tell a thousand stories, but a word picture can help express the Kingdom.

What story or symbol could you create to express your faith?

Larry Broding at the website <http://www.word-sunday.com>

St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing bungendore@cg.org.au

Current regular bookings for the hall are Monday 5:30—8pm, Wednesday 5:30—8pm (except last Wednesday of month), Friday 9am—10:15am, and the Seniors from 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays.

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.**



St Mary's Bungendore part of **Queanbeyan Mission** **28 Turallo Terrace Bungendore**

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th June 2018

Entrance Antiphon: *O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!*

First reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Second reading: James 1:16-18

Gospel Acclamation: **(sung)** *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia*

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Communion Antiphon: *There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

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

Confessions: Father Peter is available for confessions 1st / 3rd Sundays 8—8:15am or another mutually convenient time.

Baptisms: Usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Please speak to the parish office if this is not a suitable time for your family.

Weddings: By arrangement; at least six months notice is required.

For more information about baptisms, weddings and our sacramental preparation programs for school age children, please see our website.

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; please arrange with the Parish Office
Deacon John Lim (resident in Bungendore) 0499 508 449
Secretary - Mary; Finance - Maureen
PHONE: 6238 1247 EMAIL: bungendore@cg.org.au
POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 28 Bungendore NSW 2620
OFFICE OPEN: - Wednesday 11am - 5pm
Office is next to the hall on the side away from the church.

Please pray for our sick: Robert Gorham, Judy Nicolau, Hazel Costello, Emanuel Mallia, Zelma McManus (Mary-Anne Curran's Mum), David McCamley, Mary-Anne Webster, Frank Shugg, Theresa, Simon, James & Mary (Deacon John's mum, brothers & sister), Peter Fogarty, Margaret Mikkelsen, Patrick Wright, Donn Oates, (Barbara Rayner's Dad), Erwin Feeken, Tony Boys, Maureen Boss

Recently Deceased: Chris Johnson, Kevin Pippard, Mick Gallagher, Bede Healey, Adam Connell

Anniversaries: Norman Joseph Roufeil, John McGovern, Sarah Doyle, Kevin Doyle, Fr Hugh Leonard, Norman Henderson, William Lee, Marie Donoghue, Daniel McLuskey, Patrick Smith, Harold Wilson

Church Opening hours:

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

Ministries Roster

Sunday 17th June 2018 8:30 am

A: David Webster

E.M: Alison & David Bishop

R: First Communion children

Gifts: First Communion children

Servers: Kathleen D

Ministries Roster

Sunday 24th June 2018 8:30 am

A: Margareth Stumpel

E.M: Anna Melek Pauline Segeri

R: Alison Bishop Mary-Anne Webster

Gifts: Rene Mallia & family

Servers: Thomas K & Natalie G

Church Cleaning : June:- **Help is urgently needed!**

Thanks to Judy and Maureen for cleaning the church in May.

Next Ministries Roster

Please inform the parish office by Wednesday 27th June of your availability for July, August and September. Thanks for your help.

*Please join us
in the Hall
after Mass for
morning tea to celebrate the
children's First Communion*



Mass Time

St Mary's weekend Mass will continue to be Sunday 8:30am for the foreseeable future. Braidwood will be Saturday vigil Mass at 6pm.

Link to Mass Readings

The Archdiocesan website now has a link to the readings for the following two Sundays. The parish office is happy to email this link to anybody who sends us an email asking for it.

<http://cg.org.au/chancery/Home.aspx>

Planned Giving Renewal

It's time to consider our planned giving contributions for the next year. Envelopes will be available in the church porch for those already contributing. We also have some spare sets for new contributors. This would also be a good time to think about changing either to direct deposit or credit card deductions, both of which are very convenient and inexpensive for both you and the parish. With thanks for all your contributions, financial and otherwise, from the Finance Committee and the parish clergy.

Children's Liturgy

The children are staying in church today.

Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.



Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"*

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PUBLIC MEETINGS CANBERRA

Theme: Dialogue and Listening

Facilitators— Philippa Brearley; Denis O'Brien; Fr Richard Thompson

Tues 19 June 2018

Session 1: 10am-midday

Session 2: 7pm:-9pm

Eastlake Football Club, **Gungahlin**

Thursday 21 June 2018

Session 3: 10am-midday

Session 4: 7:00pm-8.30pm

Eastlake Football Club, **Kingston**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will attend all the Canberra sessions.

It is anticipated that following these initial meetings, groups will work on specific issues to develop submissions to the Plenary Council's Facilitation Team. Contact: 02 6239 9811