

# Baptisms at St Mary's

**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/](http://www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/) completed and emailed to St Mary's Parish [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:** 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 7<sup>th</sup> January our weekend Mass is at 8:30am on Sundays.



**St Mary's Bungendore**

part of

**Queanbeyan Mission**

**28 Turallo Terrace Bungendore**

Website: [www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/](http://www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/)

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**Year B**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**05th August 2018**

## News from the Archdiocese and beyond

### 18<sup>th</sup> August THE MASS BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

A one day retreat/information program, consisting of six twenty five minute video sessions with short Q & A after.

Time: 10.00am till 2.30

Where: Queanbeyan Parish centre (47 Lowe St)

Morning tea will be provided Bring your own lunch

(can be repeated at other times and places if there is interest)

### 17-19 - August "Marriage Enrichment Weekend"

At Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au)

Contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or

[adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

### 30 - August "Evenings for the Engaged"

A marriage preparation program which will commence on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6.30 pm for five-weeks.

Enquiries: Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

### 7-9 - September "The Shalom Wellness 2018"

This weekend retreat is all about finding balance and nurturing your mind, body and spirit. You can do as much or as little as you want while enjoying the good food and lovely atmosphere of Shalom House of Prayer.

**Cost:** suggested donation \$250 (All meals, materials & accommodation) **Bookings:** ph: 02 63673058 or email:

[shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) or book on

line: [www.shalomcarcoar.com](http://www.shalomcarcoar.com)

SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER, 7 COLLINS STREET CARCOAR

Presenters: The Shalom Community, Life/Wellness Coaches - Simon and Majella Price, Artist - David Newman-White and Jan Green Pranayoga Bathurst.

### 13-16 - September "Men's Cursillo"

A Men's Cursillo weekend is to be held at Hartzler Park Conference and Retreat Centre, Burradoo NSW. An opportunity to explore your relationship with God, their selves and with others. Further information Joe Jambor at [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com) or Mob: 0401 159 852

### 26-30 September - Ignite Youth Conference

Mueller Catholic College, Rothwell, Brisbane. Sessions for High School students, Uni students and leaders. More information on [www.igniteconference.com.au](http://www.igniteconference.com.au)

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### ACBC Accountant

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is seeking an Accountant for the General Secretariat. This is a full-time position based in Braddon, ACT. Position description can be downloaded from [www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) Enquiries Ms Jane Bashiruddin 0447 238 432 or

[peradvisor@catholic.org.au](mailto:peradvisor@catholic.org.au) Applications close 6 August 2018 **ACBC Part-time Research Positions**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) is seeking a Research Assistant to work as a member of its National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR). This is a part-time position (22.5 hours a week) located in Canberra. A second position which is expected to end in 2021 is also available.

A position description may be obtained from:

[www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) Enquiries Trudy Dantis 02 6201 9812 or [t.dantis@pro.catholic.org.au](mailto:t.dantis@pro.catholic.org.au).

Applications including three referees to be submitted via email to Giulia Savery [giulia.savery@catholic.org.au](mailto:giulia.savery@catholic.org.au).

[Applications close on 20 August 2018, 5pm](#)

### Plenary Council 2020

[Listen to what the Spirit is saying.](#)



### What is a Plenary Council ?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

### Does my voice, my experience, sharing my story really matter?

Yes absolutely! Each of us is called as children of God to respond to Pope Francis's invitation to become a "synodal" Church - a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart.

In his address to the Bishops of the world, Pope Francis explains the importance of listening, dialogue and prayer.

"A synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realises that listening is more than simply hearing. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of truth' (Jn 14:17), in order to know what he 'says to the Churches' (Rev 2:7)." More information about local communities (formal or informal) can have their say, is available at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

### 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.**



### Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

### First reading

Exodus 16:2-2, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

### Responsorial Psalm

R: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

### Second reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.** One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

### Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



### Reflection

We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the constructed environment and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for the God's Word become flesh. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it is since its waters have been

exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text. The question, "Rabbi, *when did you come here?*", is about time and place Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us in his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*, to value and respect the material world. The more we do so, the more attuned we will be to the challenge of Jesus' claim for our living of the gospel.



From a reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm at the website <http://www.mercyworld.org>

### Saint of the Week - Saint Clare of Assisi



**Born:-** 16 July 1194, Assisi, Italy;  
**Died:-** 11 August 1253, Assisi, Italy  
**Feast Day:-** 11 August  
**Canonised:-** 26 September 1255;  
**Patron Saint of:-** people with eye disease, launderers, needleworkers, goldsmiths, television and Pueblo Santa Clara, New Mexico

**Short biography:-** Clare was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1193 to wealthy parents, and was taught to read and write as well as spin yarn and do needlework. She had little interest in her luxurious surroundings (she lived in a palace), and influenced by her mother's religious devotion, Clare dedicated her life to God at an early age. She also showed early on that her calling would involve helping the poor, as she set aside food from her family table to give to the needy on the streets.

When Clare was 18, Francis of Assisi came to preach in the church of San Giorgio at Assisi. Inspired by his words, Clare asked Francis to help her in dedicating her life to God, and he vowed to do so. The following year (1211), Clare's parents chose a wealthy young man for Clare to marry, but she

pointedly refused, fleeing soon after for the Porziuncola Chapel, where Francis received her. She took vows dedicating her life to God, and that moment, occurring on March 20, 1212, marked the beginning of the Second Order of St. Francis. Clare's sister Agnes soon joined her, and they moved to the Church of San Damiano, recently rebuilt by Francis. It wasn't long before other women joined them, and San Damiano's residents, known for their ascetic lifestyle, became known as the "Poor Ladies." (Known as the Order of San Damiano, 10 years after Clare's death the order would be renamed the Order of Saint Clare.)

Clare became the abbess of San Damiano in 1216, and, while spending her days doing manual labor and praying, she began dedicating much of her time to changing the governing rule (established by the pope) of the order from the Benedictine spirit to one of the newly established Franciscan rule. (Two days before Clare died, Pope Innocent IV finally approved her request.) The order became known for its life of abject poverty and committed life of prayer, prayer that Clare used to attain worldly victories that are credited with saving Assisi on two occasions.

### Bungendore Parish General Information

Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore / Braidwood (resident in Queanbeyan)  
Deacon Chris van Gessel (2nd & 4th Sundays)  
Secretary - Mary; Finance - Maureen;  
**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.

**Phone:** 6238 1247 **Email:** [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/](http://www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/)

**Office Open:** - Wednesday 11am - 5pm Office is on east side of Hall.

**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



Judy Nicolau  
Hazel Costello  
Emanuel Mallia  
Zelma McManus  
(Mary-Anne Curran's Mum)

Mary-Anne Webster  
Frank Shugg  
Peter Fogarty  
Margaret Mikkelsen  
Donn Oates  
(Barbara Rayner's Dad)  
Erwin Feeken  
Tony Boys  
Maureen Boss

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Curran  
(John's Dad)  
David McCamley  
Ishabel Richards  
(Helen Montesin's Mum)  
Chris Johnson

### Anniversaries:

Mary Flynn  
Richard Byron  
Mary Gilligan  
James Michael Sherd  
Norman Joseph Sherd

Mary Rogers  
Edwin Doyle  
Francis Couch  
Charles Donnelly  
Pauline Martin  
Robert White  
Gregory Mears  
Rachel Gallagher  
Helen Hannon  
Margaret Lee  
Darcy Johnson  
Emily Chia  
Margaret Fletcher

### Church Opening hours

St Mary's is open most days from 9am to 5pm for prayer and quiet reflection. Please keep the sliding glass door shut.

### 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.

### Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is on again this week.

### Sick List Names

Except for people whom the office knows to have chronic conditions, we will be taking names off the sick list three months after they were first added. Please check with people, before requesting that their names be added to the list.

### St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

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

The Hall is also booked from 5:30 on Saturday 11th August.

### 8 - September "Consultation for Women of the Archdiocese"

From 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Women are invited to share their story of faith with other women. It will be an occasion for women to name their reality, concerns and dreams for the Church in a safe and supportive environment.

### Church Cleaning : August:- Help is urgently needed!!!!!!!

Thanks to Gennie and Kaye for cleaning the church in July.

It will be an opportunity for women to shape a response to the listening sessions for the 2020 Plenary Council.

Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or [catholic.women@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au)

### Confirmation Program

The Confirmation program is for children in at least Year 6 and will consist of Preparation Masses on Sundays 26<sup>th</sup> August, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September;

Followed each week by a one hour parent / child class;

Reflection and Practice session on Thursday 18th October 6pm (for a maximum of 1.5 hours)

The Confirmation Mass is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October and will be followed by morning tea;

Detailed information is on the parish website.

### The continuing paving saga

As you can see, the ramp up to the hall doorway is now complete and is fabulous, and work on the drainage is continuing and when that is complete the paving will be relaid. Arrangements will be made in the slightly longer term for a covering over the Hall doorway.

### A3 Bulletin

Thanks to some very generous parishioners who have donated to the parish a much lower running cost A3 printer, we are now printing A3 bulletins again. We hope you are enjoying the readings and reflections. Feedback on the format is also welcome.

Please join us today for a cuppa in the hall after Mass



### Ministries Roster

Sunday 5th August 2018 8:30 am

A: Anna Melek

E.M: David & Alison Bishop

R: Mary-Anne Webster Peter Hugonnet

Gifts: Louise Levy & Pauline Segeri

Servers: Natalie G

Sunday 12th August 2018 8:30 am

A: John Windsor

E.M: Anna Melek & David Bishop

R: Mike Cramsie & Alison Bishop

Gifts: Almond family

Servers: Kathleen D