

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/ completed and emailed to St Mary's Parish 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 7th January our weekend Mass is at 8:30am on Sundays.



St Mary's Bungendore

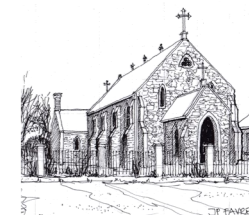
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Year B

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th August 2018

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

23 – August "Sisterhood Connect Event Saints in the Making"

Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Movement invites you to join us for this free event, an inspiring evening with author and speaker Lisa Hendey.

Thursday 23 August, 7:15pm for 7:30pm at the Haydon Hall 55 Franklin Street Forrest, ACT 2603 Register: <http://bit.ly/sisterhoodConnect>

23 – August to 4 October "Seminar - New Life in God's Spirit"

Free 7 week seminar at St John the Apostle church, Blackham St, Holt (Kippax) ACT. Each Thursday from 23 August to 4 October, from 7pm to 9pm. Talks, testimonies, praise and worship, prayer ministry. Book provided. Contact Carl 0402 883 322; Maida 0423 658 326; Neda 0415 266 019"

30 – August "Evenings for the Engaged"

A marriage preparation program which will commence on Thursday, 30th August 2018 at 6.30 pm for five-weeks. Enquiries: Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

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. 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

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 or book on line: 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 or Mob: 0401 159 852

11 – September

Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton 6pm Book Launch

Fr Frank Brennan sj and Anglican bishop Stephen Pickard will launch the following books
The Forgotten Jesuit of Catholic Modernism - Anthony Maher
Faith & the Political in the Post-Secular Age - a collection of essays by Anthony Maher, Elaine Graham, Bob Dixon, Andrew Cameron, John Warhurst, Terry Veiling, Brendan Long, Frank Brennan

7:30pm "The future of the Catholic Church in Australia"

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn will hold its 4th Public Forum at the at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Special guest speakers:

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv DD – Diocese of Parramatta

Sr Clare Condon - Sisters of the Good Samaritan

Ms Anne Kirwan - CEO Catholic Care, Canberra-Goulburn

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
Some pamphlets are in the porch.

Plenary Council 2020

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



What will be on the agenda for Plenary Council 2020?

The agenda for the first session of the Council will be formed in response to the dialogue and listening process that will happen during 2018-19. After an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue, prayer and discernment, we will form the Council agenda in late 2019 and early 2020.

How can I have a say?

More information how 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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First reading

Proverbs 9:1–6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has set up her seven columns;
she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine,
yes, she has spread her table.
She has sent out her maidens; she calls
from the heights out over the city:
“Let whoever is simple turn in here”;
to the one who lacks understanding, she says,
“Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!
Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding.”

Responsorial Psalm

R: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Second reading

Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 6:51–58

Jesus said to the crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks

my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.



Reflection

In this week's gospel passage, we continue our reflection on John 6. John's gospel was written towards the end of the first century. The Bread of Life discourse probably reflects the interpretation of the gospel writer rather than the actual words of Jesus. This is important for making sense of statements in the discourse that would seem to be out of place from the lips of Jesus during his lifetime. The hearers of these words have lived and worshipped as followers of Jesus for some decades. They have gathered each week for the breaking of the bread and reflected deeply on the mystery of life in Christ, on the Word made flesh. If the eucharistic overtones were subtly present in last week's gospel passage (John 6:41-51), they become quite overt as the Johannine Jesus responds to yet another objection from his opponents in this week's gospel. Like the Israelites of old in the desert wanderings, they are more than ready to grumble: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” (6:52). Jesus does not really respond to the question “How....?” Rather, he goes on to tell his hearers that “life”

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for them depends on their eating his flesh and drinking his blood. The Johannine Jesus uses the present as well as the future tense. The life they experience in eating his flesh and drinking his blood is a present reality for them as well as a promise of on-going life. Life for the Israelites was in the blood: blood poured out meant life poured out. Clearly "life" is being used in John 6 for the quality of life the believers have come to experience through their incorporation into the community of the baptised, the sort of life that is not destroyed by death.

Life in the community unites the believers intimately with Jesus as well as with the God of Israel, whom the Johannine Jesus generally calls "Father". The first reading for today

reminds us that other metaphors such as Wisdom were available to those of Jewish heritage for portraying the divine. Wisdom is a female way of imaging the divine. In John's discourse, Jesus becomes Wisdom extending an invitation to the banquet of life. We keep accepting that invitation. It is well to remember that one never enjoys a banquet alone. It is always shared with others who accept the same invitation. In the strength of the sustenance we receive in this banquet, we are also invited to bring a quality of life to all beings that struggle to exist. The potential for this is as boundless as the generosity of our God "enfleshed" in Jesus.

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

Saint of the Week - Saint Bernard of Clairvaux



Born:- 1090, Fontaine-lès-Dijon, France;
Died:- 20 August 1153, Clairvaux, France
Feast Day:- 20 August
Canonised:- 18 January 1174;
Patron Saint of:- Cistercians, beekeepers, candlemakers, Gibraltar

Short biography:-In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light. His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle

long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know. Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope. The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster. Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.

The Swag

Parishioners will see in the porch ten copies of the magazine "The Swag". This is published four times a year by the National Council of Priests of Australia.

The National Council of Priests is an Australia wide organisation of Catholic Clergy (Bishops, Priests, Deacons) and Associate Members (Lay and Religious) who join together to support each other in their ministry in the Church.

Founded in 1970 in the Spirit of Vatican II, the NCP is committed to the fraternity and further education of clergy and to representing all clergy in the public forum. The NCP is acknowledged by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The magazine is contains articles on a wide range of topics including lay leadership of parish communities, what happens after the royal commission, the language of the missal, plenary councils past and present and the renewal of marriage preparation. Authors include a number of lay people and some nuns, as well as our own Fr Peter and Bishop Pat. There are also book reviews, letters to the editor and some obituaries for deceased members.

Please feel free to take one and read it. If there is sufficient interest, we can order more. It would also be good, when you've read it, to either bring it back or pass it on to someone else.



Bungendore Parish General Information

Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore / Braidwood (resident in Queanbeyan)
Deacon Chris van Gessel (2nd & 4th Sundays)
0401 696 438

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

Website: 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:

James Lim (Deacon John's brother)
Michael Curran (John's Dad)
David McCamley
Ishabel Richards (Helen Montesin's Mum)

Anniversaries:

Mary Jane Donoghue
John Gallagher
Robert Ahern
Peter Millynn
Robert Ahern
Catherine White
Joseph Murphy
Sylvester Smith
Norah Starrs
Shirley Coombe

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
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 continuing paving saga

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

Anyway looking at the Hall kitchen window, will also see that the slab has been poured for the shed in which we are going to store the chairs and tables when they are not in use. We hope the shed will be constructed within the next few months.

Drought Relief

For the next couple of weeks we will be taking up a collection for drought relief to add a practical dimension to our prayerful concern about the effects the lack of rain is having in

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

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

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.

Ministries Roster

Sunday 19th August 2018 8:30 am

A: Ed Cory

E.M: Alison Bishop & Tess Montesin

R: Gavin Whiteley & Sarah Dunkerley

Gifts: John & Jean Reardon

Servers: Gilbert A

Sunday 26th August 2018 8:30 am

A: David Webster

E.M: Pauline Segeri & Anna Melek

R: Tess Montesin & Jacinta Carroll

Gifts: Greg & Sarah Darmody

Servers: Thomas K

our nation. Local knitters may also wish to contribute to 'Lamb Jumpers-Helping our farmers' who are making vests for poddy lambs. They have a facebook page with more details.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is on again this week. The leader is Annette Robertson-Almond.

Confirmation Program

Our Confirmation preparation program is for children in at least Year 6 and will consist of Preparation Masses on Sundays 26th August, 2nd, 9th and 16th 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 21st October and will be followed by morning tea;

Detailed information is available on the parish website.

Printer—free to good home

The Parish Office has a Canon A4 inkjet printer which is surplus to our requirements. It is a number of years old but is in good working order. It includes some generic inks. Please email us if you would like to adopt this printer. First in—best dressed!

The parish of St Mary's would like to offer their condolences to Deacon John Lim on the death of his brother, James. Our thoughts and prayers and love are with you at this sad time.

Morning Tea: Held monthly, after 8.30am Sunday Mass.

Next one: 2nd September 2018