

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.



The Swag

The Spring edition of "Swag" is now in the church porch.

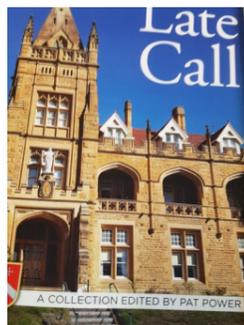
This one contains articles on plenary councils past and present, Jesus and women, fostering lay movements and a tribute to Bishop Bill Morris on his silver Jubilee. Authors include a number of lay people, including retired judge Chris Geraghty and also retired priests Leo Donnelly and Eric Hodgins. There are also book reviews and letters to the editor.

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.



Late Call

We have a number of copies of this book compiled by Bishop Pat Power, on the 23 priests of this archdiocese who attended St Paul's National Seminary for Late Vocations. There is a short biography of each person, and some very interesting photos of various blokes well known to many of us when they were rather younger. \$20 a copy. We will be able to get more copies, if these ones are all sold. Bishop Pat is officially launching the book after 9am Mass at Queanbeyan today.



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Queanbeyan Mission

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Year B

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd September 2018

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

R: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Second reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

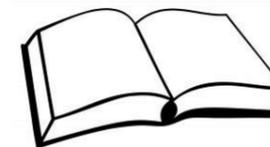
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



News from the Archdiocese and beyond

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

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

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

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

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

What is the role of the Facilitation Team?

The facilitation team is responsible for helping the Church in Australia to prepare for the Plenary Council. This includes enabling a dialogue and listening process that all people can engage in about the future of the Church in Australia; providing and facilitating education and formation about topics related to the Plenary Council and the mission of the Church; and also organising the events of the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021

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.**



Reflection

How do you prepare for a special dinner? What rituals or habits do you have to ready your mind and heart for that unique meal?

Meal time is social time. A special dinner can be as simple as wine and cheese, or as extravagant as a multi-course night in a fine restaurant. But, don't we remember not the food and drink, but the company we keep? Don't companions make a meal memorable?

We can eat with family and friends. But, what would we do to prepare to eat a meal with God? This simple question cut to the heart of one's relationship with God. Do we prepare by removing ourselves from the dirt of the world? Or do we prepare ourselves by removing the dirt of the heart? This question was the battleground over which Jesus and the Pharisees fought.

Jesus had words with the Pharisees. But their debate covered more ground than a mere point over ritual washings. At the heart of the debate lie a clash between two different spiritual visions: one from the city, the other from the countryside. And in that clash, a fight erupted over spiritual authority.

As a religious and political group, the Pharisee party taught that living the Law would bring God's kingdom closer to reality. To help them live out the Law, the Pharisees created other laws, rules, and guidelines to keep people from breaking the Law. Jews call this practice "building a fence around the Law."

But, why did the Jews practice all these washings? These rituals were points of transition between the secular world and the sacred, between the time of work and the time of worship. Meal time celebrated community in the presence of God.

Families and friends gathered together to share stories, news of the day, and gossip. But they always gathered as God's people; prayer became an integral part of the meal.

These washings became more important as Judaism moved from an agrarian religion to an urban (even ghetto) phenomenon. With the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BC., the people migrated to different parts of the world. From India to the head waters of the Nile, Jews gathered to remain a community in the cities. The Diaspora dwelled in the cities of other nations, but remained distinctly Jewish.

How, then, would Jews keep their faith in the midst of a foreign culture? Heighten the differences. Hence, practices like washings reminded Jews of their heritage, their current faith, and the reason they were not like other peoples. Their practices also reminded the host culture Jews were different!

The party of the Pharisees were quickly becoming the urban force in Judaism. And their vision of a city-based Judaism gained influence. Jesus, however, represented a rural vision of Judaism. Rules and rituals were secondary to survival. The carpenter and his fishermen followers from Galilee did not have the luxury of time to wash hands or utensils. No, the Nazarene had a far greater vision in mind than that of ritual.

In their question, the Pharisees believed they had the common person on their side. Even in the hamlets, Jews practiced these washings. When they asked the question, they thought they could paint Jesus as a renegade unfit for spiritual leadership. Their hearts told them they could shame Jesus, so the people would reject him.

But Jesus responded with a question of his own. Jesus claimed the Pharisees talked the talk, but did not walk the walk.

Jesus undercut the spiritual vision of the Pharisees in two ways. First, Jesus taught nothing people do can hasten the coming of God's kingdom; the kingdom's coming was God's prerogative. No ritual done for its own sake can bring one closer to God. Second, a relationship with God was more important than scrupulous obedience to his Law; the good of God's creation (i.e., his people) was more important than the good of the Law.

Jesus finished the passage with a teaching on morality. He points to the heart as the source of morality, not the stomach [14-15,21-23]. How did he make this shift from ritual washings to the entire notion of kosher practices? The missing verses give us the key. In Mark 7:9-13, Jesus rejected the notion of "korban," a loophole that allowed the believer to make a financial offering to the Temple at the cost of financial support for elderly parents; the fourth commandment nullified their ruling. In this way, Jesus challenged the Scriptural interpretations of the Pharisees. It also allowed him to declare all foods gifts from God (7:16-20). So, Jesus taught breaking kosher did not make a Jew like the Gentile (i.e., "common"). Living at a higher moral standard made the believer distinct, different. The core of that higher morality, then, began in the mind and heart.

How do you prepare for Sunday? Try a nightly Examination of Conscience, a review of the day and a prayer for forgiveness. Over the next several days, see if that prayer does not heighten your thirst for Sunday worship.

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



Saint of the Week - Blessed Brigida of Jesus



Born:- 17 March 1610, Genoa, Italy;

Died:- 3 September 1679, Piacenza, Italy

Feast Day:- 3 September

Beatified:- 15 March 1998, Rome by Pope John Paul II;

Patron Saint of:- widows and her order, the Ursuline Sisters of Mary Immaculate.

Short biography:- Brigida Morello was

the sixth child of Nicolò Morello and Livinia Borzese. She married Matteo Zancano in 1633 and they moved to Parma. Four years later she was widowed. Childless, she made a vow to remain chaste and tried to join the female branch of the Order of Friars Minor but was rejected due to her widowhood. She moved to Piacenza in 1640 and placed herself under the spiritual direction of the Jesuits. In obedience to her confessor

she began a journal with entries that spanned 1642 - 1645. In September 1646 she began to gather a group of women at her home in Parma and set the foundations for a new religious congregation that she herself would soon establish. She devoted herself to a state of constant penance and charitable works to benefit the lives of others and encouraged this amongst her companions. She declared her order would dedicate itself to the education of girls. The new institute was established in 1649 and she professed her vows as a member of it, assuming the name of "Brigida of Jesus" and placing her congregation under the care of the Jesuits. Morello was not selected as the first superior but was appointed in 1665. Her order of nuns is now present in Italy, India, Tanzania and Brazil. Their main ministries are education and health promotion.

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

Anniversaries:

James Ambrose Feeney
Lawrence Donoghue
William Nash
Colleen Ivy Lewis
Honarah Sparrow
Laura Walsh
Edmund Walsh
Thomas Augustine Nash
Arthur Winter
Marjorie Mikkelson

Sick List Names

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

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.

Father's Day Appeal

Annual collection for retired priests: There are 23 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests in their retirement years. At this weekend's Masses, there are envelopes on the seats to you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously. Please return the envelopes by 7th October, so that we can finalise the transaction to the Appeal.

Empty Containers

In a box near the bookcase in the Hall are various reusable plastic containers which people have used to bring food to gatherings earlier in the year. If any of them are yours please take them home.

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 Seniors 10am-2pm Tuesdays.

Drought Relief

We have collected \$700 for drought relief and the parish will be adding \$500 to this, which will be sent to the Country Women's Association via the Coles appeal, enabling us to double the amount getting to the farmers. Local knitters may also wish to contribute to

Church Cleaning : September:- Tina Kelly & Pauline Segeri
Thanks to Tess for cleaning the church in August.

Ministries Roster

Sunday 2nd September 2018 8:30 am

A: Anna Melek

E.M: Pauline Segeri & Tess Montesin

R: David & Alison Bishop

Gifts: Rene Mallia & family

Servers: Natalie G

Sunday 9th September 2018 8:30 am

A: John Windsor

E.M: Alison & David Bishop

R: Bernadette Boss & Margareth Stumpel

Gifts: David & Alison Bishop

Servers: Kathleen D

'Lamb Jumpers-Helping our farmers' who are making vests for poddy lambs. See their Facebook page.

Children's Liturgy

The children will be joining in our celebrations for spring and (early) Fathers' Day.

Confirmation Program

Our Confirmation preparation program is continuing today and 9th and 16th September; with 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 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.

Diocesan Secretaries Day 2018

The office **will be closed** on Wednesday 12th September for Diocesan Secretaries Day, but **will be open** on Friday 15th September.

Home in Queanbeyan—Movie Night

"Back to Burgundy"

Friday 19th October 6—10.30pm

at the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan

MOVIE TICKETS: \$75 includes drinks, hot snacks and movie entry

BUY TICKETS: www.theq.net.au or The Q Box Office: (02) 6285 6290

Please join us today

for a cappà in

the hall after Mass

