

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.



*A Warm Welcome to
Noah Roberts
and his Mum and Dad,
Natalie and Mark
Noah is being baptised
here this morning*



St Gregory's Parish Queanbeyan invites you to join with us for a CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE in memory of our dearly loved departed family and friends

Monday 17 September 2018 7pm St Raphael's church. ALL WELCOME

We would love you to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

All enquires or RSVP to the parish office.



News from the Archdiocese and beyond

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

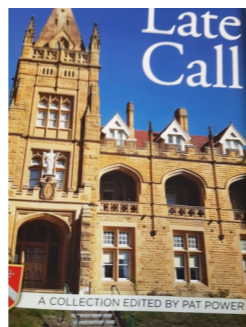
Ms Anne Kirwan - CEO Catholic Care, Canberra-Goulburn

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

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.



15 – September "Social Justice Workshop"

Interested parishioners are invited to a free workshop on this year's Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, from 10am-12noon in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Franklin St, Manuka.

Mike Cassidy will facilitate discussion of the Statement. For catering and notes, please RSVP by Tuesday, 11 September to the Catholic Social Justice Commission, tel: 0412 145 088 or e-mail: Social.Justice@cg.org.au. If rural participants would like billeting on Friday and/or Saturday evening, please RSVP by Monday, 10 September.

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

Is the parish planning to have a gathering to enable parishioners to help prepare a collective submission to the plenary council?

Yes we are planning to have at least one gathering to discuss the plenary council. So get your thinking caps on. See David Webster for more details. There may also be more diocesan or multi-parish events before Lent next year.

How can I have a say?

More information how about local communities (formal or informal) and individuals 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.**



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part of

Queanbeyan Mission

28 Turallo Terrace Bungendore

Website: www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/

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Year B

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th September 2018

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

R: *Praise the Lord, my soul*

Second reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.



Reflection

Today, we have another of the healing stories from Mark's Gospel - with an interesting geographical detail as Mark describes the route taken by Jesus. The regions referred to were largely Gentile and some believe that this detail was included by Mark to show that Jesus' ministry was not just to the Jewish people.

It also adds significance to the healing that took place: the healing of a deaf and mute man. As always, the description of the cure is not an end in itself but carries a message for the readers of the Gospel. In this healing, Jesus has gone through Gentile territory - and opens the ears of the deaf man so that he can hear - and loosens his tongue to speak of what he has experienced.

Set in the context of Mark's readers - and bringing it into our own experience, we can see beyond the physical healing to what it might represent. Jesus - the Word made flesh - walks among the Gentile nations and comes across someone who cannot hear the words he speaks. His response is to perform a gently healing ritual and bid the ears to be opened so that the deaf man can hear. We may remember a Gospel of two weeks ago when Peter said: "yours are the words of eternal life" - and see that Jesus was healing the man so that he could hear those words for himself.

From a reflection at the website <http://www.wellsprings.org.uk>

Jesus tried to tell people not to talk about the healing - possibly aware that most people would stay at the "hearing about a miracle" stage - and not ponder what that miracle signified about Jesus - or about its implications for them.



The deaf man heard the Word made flesh in person - we have to rely on hearing the Word made present in the Scriptures and Eucharist. In some countries, the "Ephphatha" rite forms part of the sacrament of Baptism. In this, the ears of the catechumen are anointed and so rendered open to the Word of God.

The speech of the deaf man was also healed and, we are told, he could speak clearly. For us, this suggests that we too are to speak clearly about what we have heard - to allow our tongues to be loosened to tell others of the great things that God has done for us.

When have you experienced hearing something as if for the first time?

How can you learn to speak about your experience of God and the things he has done for you?

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers,

newly embracing their vocation;

May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers and grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



(for last Sunday!)

Saint of the Week - Saint Ambrose OSB



Born:- Barlow Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, Lancashire, England ;

Died:- 10 September 1641, Lancaster, Lancashire, England

Feast Day:- 10 September

Beatified:- 15 December 1929, Rome by Pope Pius XI;

Canonised:- 25 October 1970, Rome by Pope Paul VI;

Short biography:- Ambrose was the

fourth son of the nobleman Sir Alexander Barlow and his wife Mary. Ambrose's grandfather died in 1584 whilst imprisoned for his beliefs and Sir Alexander Barlow had two thirds of his estate confiscated as a result of his refusing to conform to the new established religion. In 1597, Ambrose was taken into the stewardship of a relative who would care for him whilst he served out his apprenticeship as a page. However, upon completing this service, Barlow realised that his true vocation was for the Catholic priesthood, so he travelled to Douai, France and later to Valladolid, Spain to study. In 1615, he returned to Douai where he became a member of the Order of Saint Benedict and was ordained as a priest in 1617. Ambrose returned to Barlow Hall, before residing at the home of Royalist soldier, Thomas Tyldesley, Morleys Hall, Astley. Sir Thomas' grandmother had arranged for a pension for Father Ambrose to enable him to carry out his priestly duties amongst the poor Catholics within his parish. From there he secretly catered for the needs of Catholic 'parishioners', offering daily

Mass and reciting his Office and Rosary for the next twenty-four years. To avoid detection by the Protestant authorities, he devised a routine in which he travelled throughout the parish for four weeks and then remained within the Hall for five weeks.

Ambrose was arrested four times during his travels and released without charge. On 7 March 1641, King Charles I decreed that all priests should leave the country within one calendar month or face being arrested and treated as traitors. His parishioners implored him to flee or at least go into hiding but he refused. Their fears were compounded by a recent stroke which had resulted in the 56-year-old priest being partially paralysed. "Let them fear that have anything to lose which they are unwilling to part with" he told them.

On 25 April 1641, Easter Sunday, Ambrose and his congregation of around 100 people, were surrounded at Morley's Hall, Astley by the Vicar of Leigh and his large (and armed) congregation. Ambrose surrendered, and his parishioners were released after their names had been recorded. The priest was then taken on horseback with a man behind him to prevent his falling, and escorted by a band of some sixty people to the Justice of the Peace at Winwick, before being transported to Lancaster Castle. Ambrose appeared before the presiding judge, Sir Robert Heath, on 7 September when he professed his adherence to the Catholic faith and defended his actions. On the following day, Sir Robert Heath found Ambrose guilty, and sentenced him to be executed. Two days later, he was taken from Lancaster Castle, drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, hanged, dismembered, quartered, and boiled in oil. His head was afterwards exposed on a pike.

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)

Anniversaries:

John Leahy
Pauline McKie
James Harriott
Thomas Sparrow
Frances Dunn
Patrick Joseph Campbell
Moya White
Garnet Peter Sherd
Constance Reid
Maureen Gordon
Jean (Roufeil) Robinson

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.

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 collected \$700 for drought relief and the parish added \$500 to this. It has been 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 'Lamb Jumpers-Helping our farmers' who are making vests for poddy lambs. See their Facebook page.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be on again this week.

Confirmation Program

Our Confirmation preparation program is continuing today 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

Church Cleaning : September:- Tina Kelly & Pauline Segeri

Thanks to Tess for cleaning the church in August.

Ministries Roster

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

Sunday 16th September 2018 8:30 am

A: Bernadette Boss

E.M: Anna Melek & Tess Montesin

R: Anna Melek & Mike Cramsie

Gifts: Rob Warner & family

Servers: Gilbert A

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

RAFFLE TICKETS ALSO ON SALE NOW! Prizes include: Exclusive premium corporate packages to **Shania Twain and Sam Smith Sydney concerts** and a **\$1,000 cash voucher** Only 750 tickets available (\$20 each) Order from:

manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org or (02) 6284 2409

Storage Shed

If you look out the eastern side of the hall, you will see that the storage shed for the hall's chairs and tables is slowly taking shape.

'The Swag'

We have ordered some more copies.

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

Next one: 7th October 2018