

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 Jackson Backhouse and his Mum and Dad, Danelle and Benjamin Jackson 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

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/>

Concerned Catholics forum 11th September

There are transcripts of the three speeches (Bishop Vincent Long, Sr Clare Condon & Anne Kirwan) from this forum available on the website

www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

The Concerned Catholics group is also planning to have another forum in November to discuss the plenary council and plan a submission.

Archdiocesan Women's Consultation—8 September

What a fantastic gathering of great women! At the end of the day working groups were formed to write up Plenary Submissions. There will be another workshop in November.

29 – September "Centering Prayer Nourishment Day"

Fr. Thomas Keating renowned Trappist monk and Dr Judith Simmer will share in practical terms the importance of the Journey of Compassion and Transformation through the practice of Centering Prayer Meditation. Location: Marian Hall St. Matthew's Parish Chewings St, Page, 10.30 am - 2.30 pm Contact: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm ph.: 6288 6074. Donation \$10. Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

14 – October "2018 Marian Procession"

Join the Archdiocesan family in a day of prayer, festivities and fun at our Annual Archdiocesan Marian Procession. This year the Papal Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Yllana will be the main Celebrant as we celebrate 100 years since the foundation of St Clements, Galong.

Mass start at 11.30am. BYO food, or purchase at the sausage sizzle. www.marianprocession.org.au

"Marian Procession Transportation"

Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie is organising a bus to travel to St Clements Monastery for the Marian Procession. If you want more information please ring the parish office on 6291 6688.

Home in Queanbeyan—Movie Night

"Back to Burgundy"

Friday 19th October 6—10.30pm Q Theatre, Queanbeyan
MOVIE TICKETS: \$75 includes drinks, hot snacks and movie entry

BUY TICKETS: www.theg.net.au or 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

New Catholic Voice website: www.catholicvoice.org.au

Got a story to tell? Stories from your school, your parish or from your own corner of the world. We've made it easy for you to upload stories, photos and videos – go to www.catholicvoice.org.au/share

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

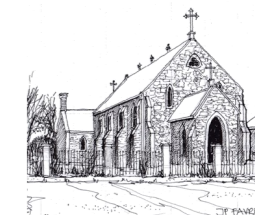
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Year B

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th September 2018

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

R: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Second reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.



Reflection

Today's reading from Mark is the climax to which his presentation of the life of Jesus to this point has been leading. The mission of Jesus has been rejected and misunderstood. It is essential to God's designs that the disciples of Jesus do not misunderstand the mission that has brought the Son forth from the Father to bring healing to a lost world.

The 'who' question is central to our human existence: 'Who are you, my companion on the journey of life?' 'Who am I?' These questions, if we face their implications, confront us with the depths and mystery of our common humanity. Jesus called himself, 'the Son of Man', a title that affirmed his sharing in our human condition. When the 'who' question is addressed to him we find not only the mysterious depths of our common humanity, but also the mystery of the generous designs of God, conceived with the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the depths of the divine eternity. Discipleship is learning, in the course of our lives, the answer to the 'who' question we address to the Saviour - who has made himself our ever-present companion. Like Peter, we shall find that we are forced to re-evaluate our most basic assumptions in the light of the ways of God we learn from Jesus.

Jesus is 'the Christ', the messiah in whom Israel's hopes are centred. He begins to teach his disciples 'quite openly' what lay ahead of them in Jerusalem. He is not the political saviour so ardently hoped for in popular expectations: the 'Son of Man' will be 'rejected' - 'put to death' even. Peter's brave act of faith must be further clarified. Mark's gospel does not spare Peter - perhaps because this community has already

heard of Peter's humiliations from Peter himself. Jesus addresses Peter as 'Satan', obstructing God's plan. That plan, Jesus explains, has been foreshadowed in two themes of Israel's hopes, the 'Suffering Servant' (see Is 52-53 etc - the first reading is one of the descriptions of the 'Servant') and the 'Son of Man' (Dan 7). Both of these themes envisage a mysterious personage who will fulfil the destiny of Israel - the first bringing healing for the world's self-inflicted suffering by sharing in that suffering himself; the other bringing all peoples together under the beneficent reign of God's ways.

Jesus emphatically spells out the demands of discipleship: sharing in his responsibility for the human family, even if it means sharing his 'cross'; living 'for the sake of the gospel', the Good News of the generous future God has in store for struggling humanity.

Once again, the reading from James speaks in very practical terms. His discussion of 'faith', that is 'quite dead' if it has no 'good works' to show, is familiar. It is possible that James is responding to a self-serving misinterpretation of Paul's teaching that 'we are justified by faith'. True discipleship, as Jesus reminds Peter, proves itself in a generosity that has been learned in the presence of the Crucified Saviour.

From a reflection by F John Thornhill at the website <http://www.themmasseries.com>



Saint of the Week - Saint Hildegard of Bingen



Born:- 16 September 1098, Bermersheim vor der Höhe, Germany;
Died:- 17 September 1179 Bingen am Rhein, Germany
Feast Day:- 17 September
Beatified:- 26 August 1326, Rome by Pope John XXII;
Canonised:- 10 May 2012, Rome by Pope Benedict XVI;

Short biography:- Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—a multi-faceted woman indeed!

Hildegard was born into a family of minor nobility, the youngest child of Mechtild of Merxheim-Nahet and Hildebert of Bermersheim. A sickly child at the age of eight she was sent to live with the holy woman Blessed Jutta who instructed and guided her for ten years. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her *Scivias* (*Know the Ways*). Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. Her *Book of the Merits of Life* and *Book of Divine Works* followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology, and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

Hildegard's visions caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Sin destroyed the original harmony of creation; Christ's redeeming death and resurrection opened up new possibilities. Virtuous living reduces the estrangement from God and others that sin causes.

Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries.

Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen, overlooking the Rhine River. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity.

Between 1152 and 1162, Hildegard often preached in the Rhineland. Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before dying. Hildegard protested bitterly when the local bishop forbade the celebration of or reception of the Eucharist at the Bingen monastery, a sanction lifted only shortly before her death. In 2012, Hildegard was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.

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:

Diana Stutterd
James Lim (Deacon John's brother)
Michael Curran (John's Dad)

Anniversaries:

Horace Edward Smith
Sarah Rachel Wall
Anne Campbell
Agnes Day
Veronica Ford
George Byrne
Leo James Sparrow
Joseph William Heath
Ronald Crowley
Walter Kelly
Enid Gallagher
Cecil Brodrick

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.

The Parish of St Mary's is most saddened by the death last weekend of Diana Stutterd, local speech and drama teacher, and stalwart of the Book Stall at our Fair

Diana Stutterd's funeral

Diana's funeral will be here at St Mary's at 1:30pm next Wednesday 19th September. All are welcome. If you are able, please bring a plate for refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

Empty Containers

In a box near the bookcase in the Hall are various reusable plastic containers which have been left behind. 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.

Liturgical Rosters

Please inform the parish office of your availability for October-December by 26th September. Thanks!

Bungendore Rodeo

Sunday 5th November 2018

Bungendore Spring Ball

Saturday 10th November 2018

"The Swag"

More copies have arrived, and are in the porch.

Church Cleaning : September:- Tina Kelly & Pauline Segeri

Thanks to Tess for cleaning the church in August.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be on again this week. Annette Robertson-Almond is the leader.

Confirmation Program

Our Confirmation preparation program concludes today 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;

An outreach to the poor

Kate Cleary has been door knocking among the poor in Canberra for 6 years. Her work is mainly on public housing complexes but she also visits the jail and the brothels. Over this time, she discovered among the people she was meeting many mothers who were unable to care for their children because of drug use and domestic violence. She believed these women could bring up their children if they were given support at vulnerable times in their lives. As a result, she is now in the process of setting up a facility to house women and children at risk of separation due to severe social deprivation. She will talk briefly at Mass next week about the new needs she sees and about an upcoming seminar in Canberra looking at how the average person can help the people like those she is coming into contact with: how we can be like the Good Samaritan to those around us in these dark and difficult times.

Parish Office Hours Wed 19 September

St Mary's Parish Office will be closed from 1:30pm to 2:30pm while Diana Stutterd's funeral is taking place.

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

Next one: 7th October 2018

Ministries Roster

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

Sunday 23rd September 2018 8:30 am

A: Margareth Stumpel

E.M: Pauline Segeri & David Bishop

R: Sarah Dunkerley & Gavin Whiteley

Gifts: Louise Levy & Pauline Segeri

Servers: Thomas K