

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.



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/>

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.

Concerned Catholics forum 11th September

There are transcripts 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.

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.

Consider the Cause of the Poor

A day seminar on responding to the needs of the poor in the current age. Presented by the Good Shepherd prayer group with Kate Cleary and Fr Bernie Patterson.

When: Saturday, 10 November (9am to 4pm)

Where: Parish Room, St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla

Contact: Kate 0404 112 428, Neda 0415 266 019, or Susanna 0419 902 293

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.theq.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

October retreats

Exploring God's love with Julian of Norwich

Oct 6: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Presenter: Sheila Upjohn; Cost: \$30

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am
Please remember to bring your own lunch.

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

Guided retreat: A week with St Therese of Lisieux

Oct 8: 6:00 pm – Oct 14: 9:30 am

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$750.00. Concessions apply.

Gregorian Chant workshop and retreat

Oct 19: 6:00 pm – Oct 21: 1:30 pm

Presenter: Tony Vaughan, (Director, Schola Cantorum of Brisbane)

Cost: \$250. Concessions apply.

A weekend learning Gregorian Chant, suitable for both beginners and those familiar with singing chant.

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Phone: 02 8795 3400

Email: retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

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

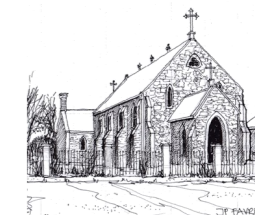
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Year B

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th September 2018

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First reading

Numbers 11:25–29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Responsorial Psalm

R: *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

Second reading

James 5:1–6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Communion Antiphon

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.



Reflection

Today's gospel reading from Mark has a lesson as telling today as it was when Jesus was instructing his disciples. The seriousness that characterises groups upholding a religious tradition often becomes exclusive and intolerant. The apostle John reports disapprovingly that they had seen a man 'casting out devils' in the name of Jesus. How precious in the memory of Christian faith is the Lord's response. Authentic faith and discipleship must reflect the inclusive ways of God, proclaimed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: 'Love your enemies ... you must set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father set none to his' (Mt 5:48). 'Anyone who is not against us if for us' – words filled with wisdom and generosity. The Lord is at work in every human heart, and who are we to make judgments that may obstruct the mysterious purposes of God?

The rest of the reading provides an important complement to the great lesson concerning outsiders that has just been given. Those who are within the community of faith have a great responsibility to uphold and protect the truth and values of the Gospel – 'these little one who have faith' are not the children in the community, but members of the community who may be led astray. What are we to make of Jesus' drastic advice to 'cut off' bodily members that may 'cause sin'? If they refer to person morality – the more frequently heard interpretation – they are a reminder that faithful discipleship may call for heroically painful decisions. (As we know, the Semitic forms of expression used by Jesus are surprisingly strong to our ears.) There is a strong case, however, for an interpretation of these words as following on from reference to the 'little ones'. In this interpretation they would refer to exclusion from the community, of persons

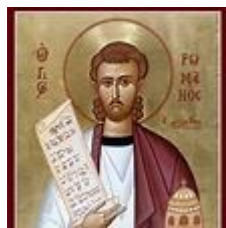
who would corrupt the faith of insecure believers. The first reading from Numbers provides a remarkable parallel to the gospel text. Now it is Joshua – the leader who was to succeed Moses and lead the Israelites into their Promised Land – who reacts in too exclusive a fashion. The response of Moses has a timelessness that is breathtaking; it sums up the ideal that should animate any leader of God's people: 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!' Prophets are those who speak out in God's name, pointing the way forward to God's people. Vatican II stressed the need to foster such gifts of the Spirit in the Church.

The reading from James reminds us of another exclusiveness, the sense of power and difference that can close off wealthy people from their fellow human beings. Our passage follows an ironic description of the plans of the wealthy. In the spirit of old Israel's Wisdom tradition, it goes on to declare that these grand plans will have no lasting outcome. It is not rich people in the Christian community who are being referred to, but the wealthy and unscrupulous of the surrounding society. Even so, they carry an implicit reminder for believers of the Saviour's words: 'It is harder for someone rich to enter the kingdom of Heaven' (Mt 19:23; see also Paul's rebuke to an early Christian community in which the behaviour of the wealthy was forming 'factions' 1 Cor 11:18-21).

From a reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm at the website www.word-sunday.com



Saint of the Week - Saint Romanos the Melodist



Born:- circa 490, Syria
Died:- circa 556, Constantinople
Feast Day:- 1 October
Canonised: before formal processes
Patron Saint of: church singers
Short Biography: Saint Romanos the Melodist or the Hymnographer, was one of the greatest of Syrio-Greek hymnographers, called "the Pindar of rhythmic poetry". He flourished during the sixth century, which is considered to be the "Golden Age" of Byzantine hymnography

He was most likely born to a Jewish family in either Emesa (modern-day Homs) or Damascus in Syria. He was baptized as a young boy He was ordained a deacon in Beirut and later moved to Constantinople during the reign of the emperor Anastasius I (491-518). There he served as sacristan in the "Great Church" (Hagia Sophia), residing to the end of his life at the Monastery of Kyros. According to legend, Romanos was not at first considered to be either a talented reader or singer. He was, however, loved by the Patriarch of Constantinople because of his great humility. Once, around the year 518, while serving in the Church of the Panagia at Blachernae, during the All-Night Vigil for the Feast

of the Nativity of Christ, he was assigned to read the kathisma verses from the Psalter. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. Some of the lesser clergy ridiculed Romanos for this, and being humiliated he sat down in one of the choir stalls. Overcome by weariness and sorrow, he soon fell asleep. As he slept, the Theotokos (Mother of God) appeared to him with a scroll in her hand. She commanded him to eat the scroll, and as soon as he did so, he awoke. He immediately received a blessing from the Patriarch, mounted the pulpit, and chanted extemporaneously his famous Kontakion of the Nativity, "Today the Virgin gives birth to Him Who is above all being..." The entire congregation were amazed at both the profound theology of the hymn and Romanos' clear, sonorous voice as he sang. Among his known works are kontakia (sung sermons) on:

- The Nativity of Christ
- The Martyrdom of St Stephen
- The Death of a Monk
- The Last Judgment
- The Prodigal Son
- The Raising of Lazarus (for Lazarus Saturday, the day before Palm Sunday)
- Adam's Lament (for Palm Sunday)
- The Treachery of Judas

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



Pierre Jean Chavanne
 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
Anniversaries:
 Patrick JB Donnelly
 Mary Murphy
 Clarice Hazel Sillis
 James Edward Griffin
 Jessie Therese Yates

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 about 9am to about 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—7pm, Friday 9am—10:30am, and Seniors 10am-2pm Tuesdays.
Bungendore Cake Stall
 Saturday 3rd November 2018
Bungendore Rodeo
 Sunday 4th November 2018
Bungendore Spring Ball
 Saturday 10th November 2018 6:30pm at the Bungendore Public School Hall.
 You can book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/WDKC>
 Early-bird tickets for \$92:50 until 10 October. Tickets also available (cash only) at selected stores in Bungendore.

Liturgical Rosters

Emailed to participants this week.

Bible Study

Will recommence on Thursday 11th October at 7:30pm. We will be studying the parables (All 46 of them!). It is intended that Bible Study will meet fortnightly.

Daylight Saving

Commences next weekend 6/7 October.

Church Cleaning : October:- Maureen Elgood and Jenny Amey
Thanks to Tina and Pauline for cleaning the church in September.

Ministries Roster

Sunday 30th September 2018 8:30 am
 A: Ed Cory
 E.M: Tess Montesin & Alison Bishop
 R: Jacinta Carroll & Mary-Anne Webster
 Gifts: Almond family
 Servers: Natalie G

Sunday 7th October 2018 8:30 am
 A: Anna Melek
 E.M: David & Alison Bishop
 R: Bernadette Boss & Margareth Stumpel
 Gifts: Rene Mallia & family
 Servers: Kathleen D.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be on again this week. John and Mary-Anne Curran are the leaders.
Confirmation Program
 The Confirmation Reflection and Practice session will be on Wednesday 17th October 6pm in the Church (for a maximum of 1.5 hours);
 The Confirmation Mass is Sunday 21st October and will be followed by morning tea.

Social Justice Sunday

Today is Social Justice Sunday. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: *Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.* The Statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia. The Scriptural basis of the Statement is Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–35), about an outsider who does something that rich and influential men refuse to do: he stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care. The Statement also draws on the example of Pope Francis, who has reached out to men and women on the streets of Rome and reminded us forcefully of the rights of people experiencing homelessness around the world. Homelessness is a challenge for all levels of society: for government, for Church and community, and for us as individuals. Each one of us can make a difference and, when we join with others, we can be a real force for change that ensures everyone has a place to call home. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

Morning Tea: Held monthly, after 8.30am Sunday Mass.
Next one: 7th October 2018