

# 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/](http://www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/) completed and emailed to St Mary's Parish [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto: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. 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.

St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan is having two listening sessions on Wednesday 7th November from 10:00am to 12noon and from 7pm until 9pm at the Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club, Stuart St, Queanbeyan to which they have extended an invitation to all parishes within the mission.

### 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/>

### What else can I read/listen to/watch

There are links to some interesting videos, podcasts and documents on the plenary council website

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/>

### 19 October – 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](http://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](mailto:manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org) or (02) 6284 2409.

### 22 October — "Holy Hour - Liturgy of Lament and Healing"

Archbishop Christopher invites you to join him at St Peter Chanel Church, Cnr Weston and Loch, for a 'Holy Hour - Liturgy of Lament and Healing' 6.00pm – 7:00pm. This Liturgy accompanies the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

In prayer, we will gather with heads bowed seeking healing and hope in Christ.

### 27,28 October – "Canberra Bach Ensemble Concert"

"O Eternity, you Thunder-Word"

Saturday 27th October 8pm; Sunday 28th October 2:30pm  
St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin St Manuka

A Reserve (rows 1-4) \$25—\$65

General Admission \$20—\$50

<https://www.canberrabachensemble.com/>

### 10 November – "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

### 15-18 November – "Canberra Women's Cursillo Weekend"

Women of the Archdiocese are invited to an invigorating and fun weekend to be held at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Canberra from 6pm Thursday to 4pm Sunday. Meet other women and reflect on your faith and where God is in your life, with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director.

Enquiries and registration: Lorraine Barker

[lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au](mailto:lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au) or 0437 329 371.

### New Catholic Voice website: [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://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](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au/share)

### October retreats

*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](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://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

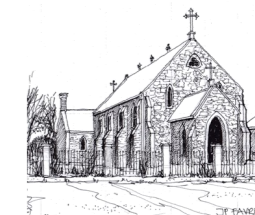
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## Queanbeyan Mission

28 Turallo Terrace Bungendore

Website: [www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/](http://www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/)

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Year B

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th October 2018

### Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### First reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

### Responsorial Psalm

R: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

### Second reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow

me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

### Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.





### Reflection

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least,

following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

From a reflection on the website [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)



We would be happy to accept pointers from parishioners to other sources of reflections than the ones we are currently using. If you would send us these a month in advance, we will be able to do any necessary reformatting or editing. Nominations for Saint of the Week also accepted.

### Saint of the Week - Saint Gerard Majella



**Born:-** April 6 1726, Muro Lucano, Basilicata, Kingdom of Naples

**Died:-** October 16 1755, Materdomini, Campania, Kingdom of Naples

**Feast Day:-** 16 October

**Canonised:** January 29, 1893

**Canonised:** December 11, 1904

**Short Biography:** Gerard Majella was the youngest of five children. He was the son of a tailor who died when Gerard was twelve, leaving the family in poverty. His

mother then sent him to her brother so that he could teach Gerard to follow in his father's footsteps. After his apprenticeship, he took a job as a servant of the local Bishop. Upon the bishop's death, Gerard returned to his trade, working first as a journeyman and then on his own account. He divided his earnings between his mother and the poor.

In 1749, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as Redemptorists. The essentially-missionary order is dedicated to "preaching the word of God to

the poor." In the Redemptorist community, he was variously gardener, sacristan, tailor, porter, cook, carpenter, and clerk of works on the new buildings at Caposele.

During his life, he was very close to the peasants and other outsiders who lived in the Neapolitan countryside. Some of Majella's reported miracles include restoring life to a boy who had fallen from a high cliff, blessing the scanty supply of wheat belonging to a poor family and making it last until the next harvest, and several times multiplying the bread that he was distributing to the poor.

When he died of tuberculosis at 29, a small note on the door of his cell said: "Here the will of God is done, as God wills, and as long as God wills."

A favourite saying of Gerard's was "The Most Blessed Sacrament is Christ made invisible. The poor sick person is Christ again made visible."

Because of the miracles that God worked through Gerard's prayers with mothers, the mothers of Italy took Gerard to their hearts and made him their patron. At the process of his beatification, one witness testified that he was known as "il santo dei felice parti," the saint of happy childbirths.

### 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](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/](http://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:

Brian Elgood  
Diana Stutterd

### Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Sheehan  
Thomas Murphy  
James Heath  
Samuel Gallagher  
John Wilson  
William Frederick Moore  
Eileen May Hardy  
Gregory Edward Gallagher  
Brian Whiteley  
Moira Sheridan

### 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.

### St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto: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 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.

### Bible Study

Next Bible Study will be on Thursday 27th October in St Mary's Hall at 7:30pm. In case anyone was wondering we are only doing one parable at a time!

### 18 - October "Parent Forum and Documentary Screening"

The Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Office and St Edmund's College are hosting a free screening of the documentary 'Over 18' at 6-8pm to help raise parental awareness about pornography. Parents will receive a free resource pack from Perimeter Guardian with tips and advice.

Bookings are essential at

<http://bit.ly/over18doco>.

Enquiries [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

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

### Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Reflection and Practice session will be on Wednesday 17th October at 6pm in the Church (for a maximum of 1.5 hours);

The Confirmation Mass is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October and will be followed by morning tea.

### Bungendore Rodeo

Sunday 4th November 2018



St Mary's and St Philip's  
Combined Church  
Rodeo Association Incorporated

**We did a fantastic job last year.... We can do it again with your continued support.**

The following activities require **YOUR** assistance:

### .Working Bee at the Rodeo grounds:

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> October 8:30am & Sun 21<sup>st</sup> October 10:30am and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 8:30am.

### .Stall & Gate Helpers:

will be needed on the day.  
**.Get involved in the spirit of the Rodeo season—it's fun and rewarding.**

Thanks all, Jenny Amey on 0417 382 493

### Catholic Care

Please note that there are now information cards about various services provided by Catholic Care on display in the church porch. These include Family Support Services, Mental Health Outreach, and a Marriage Preparation Program. There are plenty of these cards so please feel free to take a few and pass them on.

*Please join us next*

*Sunday for a cuppa in*

*the hall after the Confirmation Mass*



Please bring a small plate

### Ministries Roster

**Sunday** 14th October 2018 **8:30 am**

A: John Windsor

E.M: Anna Melek & Pauline Segeri

R: David Bishop & Gavin Whiteley

Gifts: Almond family

Servers: Gilbert A.

**Sunday** 21st October 2018 **8:30 am**

A: David Webster

E.M: Anna Melek & Tess Montesin

R: Confirmation families

Gifts: Confirmation candidates

Servers: Thomas K.