

Do you know these characters who were at our ball?



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying



Is the parish planning to have a gathering to enable parishioners to help prepare one or more collective submissions to the plenary council?

Yes, we are planning to have a gathering on Thursday 22nd November in St Mary's Hall at 7:30pm to discuss the plenary council.

Jacinta Carroll is going to be the facilitator for the evening. The hall will be set up with tables and chairs, so please feel free to bring light refreshments with you. The urn will be set up so that people can make tea or coffee.

The format which we are planning to use for this evening is:-

- **We would like people to give some thought beforehand to what they want to say and to bring with them a short written statement.** We will scan these to provide a base to work on a submission
- An introductory session of about 15 minutes by Shane Dwyer, who is a consultant to the plenary council executive committee, to provide some background information on the plenary council and the lead-up processes
- Discussion at each table centering on the question *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"*
Please listen respectfully to everyone's ideas. It's quite likely that the Holy Spirit may lead you to hear something you hadn't thought of yourself
- Summing up by the facilitator
- Any necessary arrangements for further meetings / smaller gatherings needed to finalise our submission.

So get your thinking caps on.

This is a link to the description of the suggested listening process on the Plenary Council website
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/PC2020-LD-Sept18.pdf>

What other ways can I have a say?

More information about how 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/>
- Also <https://johnmenadue.com/massimo-faggioli-the-catholic-churchs-biggest-crisis-since-the-reformation/>
- <https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincents-address-to-the-concerned-catholic-of-canberra-and-goulburn/>
- <https://catholicoutlook.org/plenary-do-we-have-time-to-listen/>
- <https://johnmenadue.com/jack-waterford-we-need-a-catholic-yom-kippur-and-a-serious-sacrifice/>
- <https://www.ncronline.org/news/parish/anonymous-author-posts-21-theses-erie-cathedral-calling-discussion-reform>
- <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2018/08/gay-priests-are-caught-in-a-trap-of-dishonesty/>
- <https://johnmenadue.com/des-cahill-and-peter-wilkinson-clericalism-celibacy-and-child-sexual-abuse-in-the-catholic-church-in-australia/>
- <https://johnmenadue.com/peter-wilkinson-catholic-church-2020-plenary-council-bishops-must-tap-into-the-grassroots-without-delay/>
- <https://johnmenadue.com/paul-collins-breaking-the-seal/>
- <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/just-catholic/synod-who-listening-whom>
- https://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/new-life-ahead-church-55350?utm_source=Abuse+crisis_sister+columns&utm_campaign=cc&utm_medium=email
- <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/religionandethicsreport/australian-catholic-bishops-conference/10199390>
- <http://www.cathnews.com/cathnews/170-draft-9/33566-overcoming-the-snap-in-plenary-council-discussions>
- <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/open-letter-us-catholic-bishops-its-over>

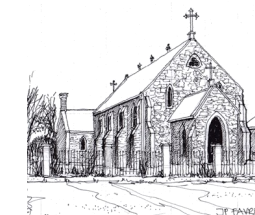
The parish office is happy to email this list of links to anyone who requests it.

There may also be more diocesan or multi-parish events before Lent next year, including the following two events in the next few weeks.

- Concerned Catholics—ACCC Barton 29th November 7:30 pm
- Women's consultation follow-up 1st December St Francis Xavier College Florey 10am-2pm



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Year B

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th November 2018

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

R: *Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

Second reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.
'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.



Reflection

The cycle of the Church's year is coming to an end. The 'end of the world' – when God's great plan for creation will be realized – will be one of the themes of the liturgy during the coming weeks. In the time of Jesus, centuries of frustration under occupying powers had given rise among the Jewish people to a form of literature (today called 'apocalyptic') that expressed a confidence that, despite all appearance to the contrary, God's promises – so important in the faith of old Israel – would be fulfilled in 'a new heaven and a new earth'. Some of this literature is included in the Scriptures – the prophecy of Daniel, from which our first reading comes, is an example. This literature has often been misunderstood by 'fundamentalist' interpreters. Its startling images of the passing away of the present world were not intended to describe how the end will come; its essential message was an assurance that God's designs will be fulfilled, despite all appearances to the contrary. Jesus preached the coming of the final reign of God; it is not surprising, therefore, that he used some of the images and expression of this literature – as he does in today's gospel, the final section of a long passage that gathers together recollections of this teaching of Jesus.

The title, 'Son of Man' – adopted by Jesus as a subtle intimation of his role in the designs of God – comes from the prophecy of Daniel. Coming from God, the 'Son of Man' will fulfill the great destiny of Israel, bringing all the peoples of the world under God's reign (see Dan 7:13-14). The

community that gave us Mark's gospel rejoices in the knowledge that the Son of Man has truly come - Israel's hopes have been realized. For the early Christians, this confidence raised challenging questions, that took some time to resolve (see St Paul in 2 Thes ch 2) – if, in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery, God's final achievement



in creation has been realized, what are we to make of our life in a world that seems to go on as before? In the face of this problem, today's gospel reflects the outlook of a community that is finding a healthy balance. Though it speaks with certainty of the coming of the end, it acknowledges that 'nobody knows' when it will be fully manifest 'but the Father'. Echoing the language of literature such as the prophecy of Daniel about the signs of the end, it nevertheless urges constant vigilance, lest believers be taken unawares – one of the themes of the preaching of Jesus. We know God's final achievement has been realized in the Christ's risen greatness; but we wait in faith and hope for our full sharing in all that Christ has promised. With Mark's community, we place our trust – whatever lies ahead of us - in the one who said: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

From a reflection at <http://theemmauseries.com> by Fr John Thornhill sm

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 Andrew Dung-Lac and the martyrs of Vietnam



Born:- 1795, Bac-Ninh, Vietnam
Died:- 21 December, 1839, Hanoi, Vietnam
Feast Day:- 24 November
Beatified: 24 November 1900, Rome, by Leo XIII
Canonised: 19 June 1988, Rome, by John Paul II
Short Biography: Among the earliest martyrs in Vietnam were the Spanish Dominicans *Francisco Gil de Federich* and *Alonzo Lenziana*, who came to the country about 1580. In 1773 two more Dominicans were beheaded, *Hyacinth Casteneda*, and *Vincent Liem*. In 1798 the first

Vietnamese diocesan priests, *John Dat* and *Emmanuel Trieu*, also suffered martyrdom. During the first twenty years of the 19th century Christianity made steady progress, but this was dramatically interrupted by the persecutions by emperors Minh-Mang (1820-40) and Tu Duc (1847-83). From 1832 Minh-Mang excluded all foreign missionaries and ordered Vietnamese Christians to renounce

Christianity. Very many suffered death or extreme hardship. The Spanish Dominicans *Ignatius Delgado* and *Dominic Henarez*, each of whom had worked for 50 years there, were also died under this regime. These included Vietnamese diocesan priest *Andrew Dung-Lac*. His name was originally Dung An Trãn, born in 1795. When he was twelve the family had to move to Hanoi where his parents could find work. There he met a catechist and got food and shelter from him. He also got education in Christian faith for three years, and was baptised in Vinh-Tri with the Christian name Andrew. He became a catechist and was later chosen to study theology, and on 15 March 1823 he was ordained priest. As parish priest in Ke-Dâm he was tireless in his preaching. He lived a simple and moral life, he was a good example for the people, and many were baptised. In 1835 he was imprisoned under emperor Minh-Mang's persecutions but his freedom was purchased by donations from members of the congregation he served. To avoid persecutions he changed his name to Lac (Andrew Lac) and moved to another prefecture. But on 10 November 1839 he was again arrested, this time with *Peter Thi*, another Vietnamese priest whom he was visiting to go to confession. Once again Andrew was liberated, along with Peter Thi, in exchange for money. Their freedom was brief. They were soon re-arrested and taken to Hanoi where they both were beheaded 21 December 1839.

Bungendore Parish General Information

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Deacon Chris van Gessel (2nd & 4th Sundays)
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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.

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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



Anthony Goonan

Archbishop

Frank Carroll

Linda Lahm

Lauren Horton

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

Erwin Feeken

Tony Boys

Maureen Boss

Anniversaries:

Joseph Thomas Quinlan

William McGrogan

James Hourigan

John Sherd

William James Girvan

Fr Parker Moloney

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.

Bungendore Rodeo and Cake Stall

The Cake Stall made over \$1,200. Another great contribution from Gennie Cramsie and Tina Kelly. You both do a marvellous job of co-ordinating this event and also a massive thank you, to you the parishioners who kindly donated goods to be sold. Fantastic effort one and all.

The morning of the Rodeo was bright and sunny but unfortunately the wind came up mid afternoon and covered everyone in dust (even the food)!

The committee sincerely thank all the workers who helped out at the working bees and on the day. The Food and alcohol Stalls were busy all day and the band of workers were marvellous in keeping the queues small. Well done!

A huge Thank you to the small band of workers who help prepare the grounds in prior weeks to the big day. Without you the grounds and amenities wouldn't look as good nor work so well. A big congratulations.

Thank you, St Mary's – once again you prove to be the champions of volunteering
Greg Darmody John Reardon Jenny Amey

Rodeo Raffle

1st: Paul Darmody \$750 Cash
2nd: Vicky Staley \$500 IGA Voucher
3rd: Trish Stevens \$250 Cash
Congratulations. Enjoy your prizes!

A big **thank you** to everyone.

Church Cleaning : November:- Helen Jewell and HELP NEEDED!!!

Thanks to Maureen and Jenny for cleaning the church in October.

Bungendore Spring Ball

A good time was had by all! Thanks to all who attended; congratulations to all successful bidders in the silent auctions, and extra thanks to all who helped with setting up the hall.

100th Anniversary of the Armistice

Many thanks to all who helped to make last Sunday's Mass commemorating the Armistice a very moving occasion.



St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing

bungendore@cg.org.au

Current regular bookings for the hall are Mon 5:30–8pm, Tues evenings, Wed 5:30–8pm, Fri 9am–10:30am, and Seniors 10am-2pm Tuesdays.

November Remembrance Book

The November Remembrance folder is available in the Church porch for parishioners wishing to write in the names of deceased loved ones. November Offering envelopes are also available. If you prefer you may write names on a November Offering envelope and I'll add them to the folder.

Next Morning Tea: After 8.30am Sunday Mass on 2 December 2018

Ministries Roster

Sunday 18th November 2018 8:30 am

A: Margareth Stumpel

E.M: David Bishop & Anna Melek

R: Tess Montesin & Jacinta Carroll

Gifts: Alison & David Bishop

Servers: Thomas K.

Sunday 25th November 2018 8:30 am

A: Anna Melek

E.M: Tess Montesin & Pauline Segeri

R: Sarah Dunkerley & Gavin Whiteley

Gifts: Rob Warner & family

Servers: Natalie G..

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.