



**St Mary's Bungendore
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Joseph's Tarago**
<http://cg.org.au/bungendore/>
Fr. Mick Burke 0448 414 541



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 July 2021

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Mick Burke is the Administrator of Bungendore and Braidwood. Fr Mick is residing in the Bungendore presbytery.

Baptisms: Baptisms will be on Saturdays at 10:30 am. Please email or ring the parish office to arrange a baptism.

Weddings: Please contact Parish office; at least six months notice required.

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Office Open: - Wednesday - 10:30am - 5:00pm
Thursday—9:00am—3:30pm

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BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

Bungendore : Sunday 8.30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9am

Braidwood: Saturday 6.00pm **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10.00am

Hoskinstown: 1st Sunday 10:30am

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am

Tarago: TBA

Krawarree: 5th Sunday 11.00am

Third Sundays will be shared between extra Masses at either Braidwood or Bungendore for First Communion / Confirmation or Mass at either Araluen or Nerriga.

Current Covid Protocols (changes from 26 June) - capacity of church is now 32 people plus 20 in the Hall

Limited numbers. We are restricted in numbers attending by the 4 sq m per person rule.

Seating in the church and hall has been arranged to simplify compliance with the regulations. Please fill the front rows first, and at the end of Mass exit starting from the back rows. Members of the same household may sit together.

Arrival. Please arrive no later than 10min before Mass to allow time to sign in individually.

Contact Tracing. You will be required to provide your name, phone number and time of entry.

We are now using the NSW government Contact tracing app, using a QR code, which is on display in the porch. The supervisor will help you if you don't already have the app on your phone. If necessary we can return to paper lists. This list is secured until it is no longer required, which is usually 28 days. One person per line, please.

If you would like your own copy of the QR code so you can sign in before you leave your car, please email the parish office.

Communion at Mass. The priest or minister will bring Communion to you in your seat.

Hygiene. The church will be cleaned after Mass, in accordance with Health Department guidelines. Please minimise touching of furniture to reduce cross-contamination. Wearing of masks is mandated by the government.

Collection. We once again have collection plates, but they will be brought to you, not passed along the pews. The EFTPOS 'Tap and Go' machine and a collection box will continue to be at the church entrance. If wishing to donate to a particular collection, please use an envelope (provided) for your cash, and label for either 1st or 2nd collections. Money from EFTPOS will go to the 2nd collection.

Music. Instrumental music only.

After Mass. Please clean your hands on exiting; make sure you've recorded your contact details; check out if you checked-in with the app and maintain social distancing rules if chatting outside.

Thanks for your cooperation in working with us to keep everyone safe.



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First reading

Jer 23:1-6

·‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

Responsorial Psalm

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.



Reflection

I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again.

Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'.

Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethical employment policy. It is about

humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself. The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

- it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;
- work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;
- through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.

I hope today you have a well-earned break

From a reflection by Fr. Richard Leonard SJ at the website <http://liturgyhelp.com>

Please pray for:- Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, Peter Fogarty, Margaret Mikkelsen, Zelma McManus, Erwin Feeken, Maureen Boss, Sheather family, Kelena Mifsud, Doris and Roger Cutbill, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Patrick Elwood, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Robert Murdock, Jack Sealey, Magdalen Sillis, Stewart Briggs, Julie-Ann Snudden, Ed Cory, Philomena Constable (Magdalen Sillis's sister), Cassandra Mallia, Russell Taylor, Mary-Anne Webster, Bob Yates

Recently Deceased: Anna Powell (Sarah Darmody's sister), Fr Brian Maher

Anniversaries:- Grace Sutor, John Nash, Elizabeth Griffin, Anne Byrne, Ronald Thompson, Marjorie James, William Flanagan, Maria Sant.

Church Cleaning : July Catherine
Thanks to Penny for cleaning the church in June and to everyone who is helping to keep the church Covid-safe.



Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall.

Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.



Liturgical Roster

Sunday 18th July 2021 8:30 am
Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock
R1; R2: Anna Melek & David Bishop
Offertory: Rick & Mary Lenarcic
Supervisor: Mary Lenarcic

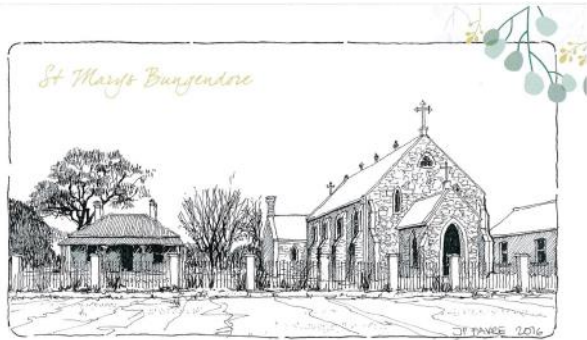
Sunday 25th July 2021 8:30 am
Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek
R1; R2: Mary & Rick Lenarcic
Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell
Supervisor: Jacinta Carroll

Bank Account for Fr. Mick's Timor L'Este project

This is the account for donating to Fr Mick's Timor L'Este project. BSB 062786 . A/C 000028521 ref. Timor donation

St Mary's Cards

Our beautiful St Mary's cards are available from the office on Wednesdays for \$2 a card. The inside is blank with a border of the leaves and gumnuts similar to the top corner of the front. The cards will also be available on morning tea Sundays.



*The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

Cleaning roster for St Marys

There are some gaps in our church cleaning roster. New volunteers would be very welcome.

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

6-8 August "Retreat - Finding God in Australia"

Fr John Hill will lead a retreat to be held at St Clement's retreat house, Galong, NSW, "Finding God in Australia". Please contact St Clement's to register.

info@stclement.com.au or phone 02 6380 5222.

26 - August "Inaugural Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life"

Speaker: John Anderson - Venue: Parliament House, Canberra - Tickets: \$30 www.tfo.org.au Inquiries: jeanie.alberto.cg.org.au, Ph: 6239 9801

**** This dinner has been postponed until

3-September ****

16 - July (5:00pm) "Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner"

The dinner will be held at the Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Job Vacancy: Catholic Voice Journalist

The role requires grassroots local journalism offering flexible hours and an opportunity to work in print and online. Find more information at <https://bit.ly/3hnjUnm>

Saint of the Week—St Martha

Born:- probably Iudaea Province (modern-day Israel or West Bank)

Died:- traditionally Larnaca, Cyprus or Tarascon, Gaul (modern-day France)

Feast Day:- 29th July

Canonised:- Before formal processes.



Short Biography:- "Jesus loved Martha, her sister Mary and brother Lazarus."

This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them.

Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene.

Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done.

In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with

Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was.

Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life.

We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus. We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. According to a totally untrustworthy legend Martha accompanied Mary to evangelize France after Pentecost.

But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is "They served"?

Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.