

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



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd October, 2021

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

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

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

<u>Weddings</u>: Please contact Parish office; at least six months notice required.

Phone: 6238 1247 Email: bungendore@cg.org.au Website: http://cg.org.au/bungendore/ Secretary- Julie-Ann Office Open: - Wednesday - 10:30am - 5:00pm Thursday—9:00am—3:30pm Finance - Maureen

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.

Meeting our Commitments now and into the future.

With the cessation of services, collections have ceased however we still have responsibility to support Fr. Mick, and we still have to pay our bills and maintain our churches and buildings. Therefore the decision has been made to split contributions 70/30.

For new Parishioners, and others who may not have yet committed electronically to the financial support of the Parish, this would be a good moment to review your giving. If you plan on starting, or are already making a regular schedule of payments, please be assured that we understand in normal times, that financial and other circumstances can change, and that as a result adjustments may be necessary to your contributions. For payments to the Parish:

Direct Credit Via Bank Account:

BSB: 062-786

ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

Credit/Debit Card Payment via St Mary's Parish Bpoint: Click/copy link:

https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/SMPB

To enable ease of payment we have implemented a combined single parish contribution which will be split 70% Parish/30% Clergy ensuring we maintain our required commitment to the Archdiocesan Clergy Fund. If you wish to make separate arrangements please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you



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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,

and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First reading

Gen 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second reading

Heb 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

A Message from Father Mick Burke

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is looking more hopeful we will return to the new way of living with Covid in the next few weeks and we will be able to gather once more as Christ's faithful. Since ordination to the priesthood I have served in the Cathedral, Young, Cootamundra, Queanbeyan, Gowrie, Grenfell, back to Queanbeyan, Bega, Yass/Gunning and now in Bungendore/Braidwood. There has never been anything like this last appointment due to the pandemic and the hopelessness I feel not being able to get to know you all and minister to your needs. Please God this is about to change.

Some of you may be aware that the Fifth Plenary Council begins this coming Sunday with Mass in the Adelaide Cathedral at 2pm. A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. The Fifth Plenary Council is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. My experience of the process has been disappointing. There was initial enthusiasm in Yass with a significant number of parishioners involved, putting forward their suggestions for the Council delegates. There was no response and parishioners lost interest. To quote Archbishop Coleridge, "The culture in which we have to proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago." I hope and pray the delegates will be in tune with the Holy Spirit for the direction of the Catholic Church in Australia into the future.

It is a challenge for us in Bungendore and Braidwood parishes to be directed by the Holy Spirit in a vastly different culture to what we experienced only a couple of decades ago. We must also discern the best way forward in proclaiming the Gospel. There must be significant changes if we are to survive and grow.

May the Lord continue to bless our communities as we continue to cope in these difficult times.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

<u>Please pray for</u>:- Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, Peter Fogarty, Margaret Mikkelsen, 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, Judita Oblak <u>Recently Deceased:</u>

Anniversaries:- Jessie Therese Yates, James Edward Griffin, Clarice Hazel Sillis, Mary Murphy and Patrick JB Donnelly.

Church Cleaning : We are looking for more volunteers so that we are able to meet COVID safe requirements into the future when we gather again.



Plaques for Memorial Wall
We are now taking orders for

plagues for the memorial wall.

IN LOVING MEMORY - OF ANNE CHONG KENG LIM 21.07.1994 - 27.10.2016

Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.

Liturgical Roster

Sunday 3rd October 2021 8:30 am Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock <u>R1; R2</u>: Mary & Rick Lenarcic <u>Offertory:</u> Pauline Segeri <u>Supervisor</u>: David Bishop Sunday 10th October 2021 8:30 am Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek R1; R2: Sarah & Stephen Dunkerley Offertory: Mary Coombe & Jim Bowring Supervisor: Jacinta Carroll

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Calendars for 2022—Columban & Josephite

The office has received order forms for both of these calendars. Cost is \$10 plus postage. Please let Julie-Ann know if you are interested.



News from the Archdiocese and beyond

The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins this weekend and runs 3-10 October

Visit <u>https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/</u> assembly-1/

Archbishop Christopher would like to invite all to pray the Rosary via Zoom.

All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions.

TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp! ZOOM DETAILS: Simply go to

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332? pwd=MDZ40DFhNjlvdnpFd21aVDQzWnAydz09

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app

Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332 Passcode: 543675

Reflection

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

PlenaryCouncil Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA from liturgyhelp.com