



**St Mary's Bungendore
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Joseph's Tarago**
<http://cg.org.au/bungendore/>
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th October, 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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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.

THE MESSY BUSINESS OF DISCERNMENT

No 4: Tuesday 5 October 2021 – Professor Emeritus John Warhurst AO

Where are we up to? The reports back from the small groups and the draft minutes from the first Plenary Session greeted the Plenary Council members when they woke up this morning. Only then did the members of each of the ten 'large' small groups learn in full how the other nine were going. Catching up and checking in is a substantial exercise. The draft minutes run to 35 pages including appendices.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge tells the story of his light bulb moment when he was in Rome for the Synod of Bishops on the Family. 'For the first time – certainly at a Roman Synod – I saw discernment in action. It was messy and unpredictable; at the halfway mark it looked very unlikely that we would achieve anything worth achieving. Yet at the end we did produce something which wasn't the last word, but was a real contribution to the ongoing journey of the church.'

A step forwards towards a real contribution to the ongoing journey of the church in Australia must be the aspiration of this First Assembly. The notes reveal that the members are knuckling down to the task, speaking openly, revealing their inner feelings, and making constructive suggestions. Some of the discussions have gone back to basic concepts. As we go about our discussions, I am holding Mark's reflection lightly at the back of my mind.

The live streaming today captured the reports back from groups by spokespersons who had been chosen yesterday by their groups, not appointed by the organisers. After the live streaming ended there were a total of sixteen individual interventions, twelve pre-organised and four spontaneous. These were diverse, but one thread was strong, though not unanimous: thoughtful and passionate advocacy for women preaching.

Like many members I continue to benefit from reinforcement and encouragement from within and outside the Council membership. My Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn colleague, Francis Sullivan, whose brave initial Intervention yesterday morning on the issue of women's participation in governance and ordained ministries made me so proud, has written in his blog, [Plenary Speaking](#), of the same phenomenon. Heartfelt thanks to all once again. We are sharing responsibility together.



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

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

First reading

Wis 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!*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second reading

Heb 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

Mk 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

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

It is easier for a camel
to pass through the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God



A Message from Father Mick Burke

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

All being well we should be able to gather for Mass from the 16th and 17th October. As the work on the roof at St Bede's has caused issues with dust and debris internally in the church, we will have to move to the school hall until the work is finished. The same rules apply as were in place before the lockdown, masks and four square metres. It will be wonderful to see you all again after such a lengthy period in lockdown. At this stage we are planning for First Holy Communion in Braidwood on the 21st November at 10.30am.

As you can imagine there is a backlog of weddings and baptisms; the first baptism in Braidwood on the 23rd October and the first wedding in Bungendore on the 20th November. Please remember these parishioners in your prayers as it has been extremely difficult for them, especially those to be married. It has been truly amazing that we have had only one death but please don't start falling over just because we are out of lockdown.

When I first arrived I had been planning to give the men of the region the opportunity to experience a MenAlive weekend before the end of the year, now I'm looking at late February or early March next year. These weekends led by the MenAlive team, give men a great opportunity to be renewed and support each other in their faith.

Sunday will be the last Mass on YouTube and I express my gratitude to Rebecca Webster for the time she spent offering this service for interested parishioners.

Stay safe and continue to pray for each other.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

Please pray for:- 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 Nikolau, Robert Murdock, Jack Sealey, Magdalen Sillis, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Philomena Constable (Magdalen Sillis's sister), Cassandra Mallia, Russell Taylor, Mary-Anne Webster, Bob Yates, Judita Oblak

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:- Brian Elgood, Calvin Thomas James, Albert John Velnaar, Elizabeth Velnaar, Iris Burns, Monica Montesin, Marie Lucinda Barnes, Robert Don Tacon, Freda Constance Cumberland, Francis Benedic Shiels, Thomas Arthur Donnelly, Phillip Gilligan, Michael Sherd, Thomas Daniel, Margaret Teresa Hyles, Henry Oswald Gillard and William Haydon.

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 plaques for the memorial wall.

Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.



Liturgical Roster

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

Sunday 17th October 2021 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: David Webster & Jacinta Carroll

Offertory: Jean & John Reardon

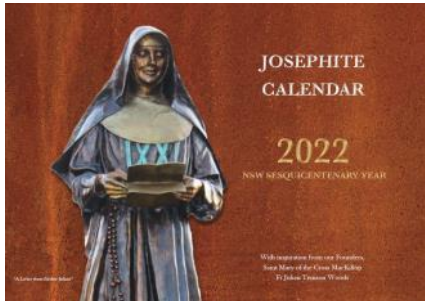
Supervisor: Stephen Dunkerley

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

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.



Reflection

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA from liturgyhelp.com

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

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

Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/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=MDZ4ODFhNjlvdnFkd21aVDQzWnAydz09>

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app

Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332

Passcode: 543675

Plenary Council 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.*

