



**St Mary's Bungendore  
St Joseph's Gundaroo  
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown  
St Joseph's Tarago**  
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**The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**26th December, 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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**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.

**Current Covid Protocols (from 15th December 2021)**

**Masks:** Masks are no longer required however they are still strongly recommended indoors.

**Vaccination:** Both vaccinated and unvaccinated permitted at Mass.

**Density Limits** no longer apply

**Contact Tracing** is still required. We are using the ServiceNSW app, using a QR code, which is on display in the porch. You will be required to provide your name, phone number and time of entry. This list is secured until it is no longer required, which is usually 28 days.

**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.

**Collection.** We once again have collection plates, but they will be brought to you. 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collections. Money from EFTPOS will go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

**Music.** Singing IS permitted.

**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.

*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

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

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### First reading

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,  
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.  
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.  
My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.  
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

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 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  
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

Col 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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### Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

# Christmas Message 2021—Archbishop Prowse

## Bethlehem Amazement

Sometimes we are offered the following Christmas greeting: “Have an amazing Christmas!” No doubt this greeting can mean all sorts of things. For Christians, the most amazing aspect of Christmas is God becoming human in the little babe of Bethlehem. For us, all other amazements in life flower from this fundamental Bethlehem amazement.

The Christmas scene of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, three Magi, animals, stars and angels are all stilled in silent amazement as they gaze on the Almighty God becoming a vulnerable baby in the humble stable at Bethlehem. Mary’s prayer becomes our prayer as she says for all of us in amazement that our “soul magnifies the Lord.”

During this Christmas and New Year Season, let us all magnify Jesus in our gratitude and humble response to all the amazing things that have happened to us during this extraordinary Covid year of 2021 – both good and not so good!

Let us show an amazing closeness to our families, neighbourhoods and cities where this time may be a real practical struggle. Now that we are able, let us visit each other- especially those who have had a very isolated and lonely 2021. Then our Bethlehem amazement will also have a real practical expression.

Rest up during this time! We are all tired!

God bless you all during this Christmas and New Year Season.

**Please pray for:-** Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, 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, Ed Cory, Philomena Constable (Magdalen Sillis’s sister), Cassandra Mallia, Russell Taylor, Mary-Anne Webster, Bob Yates, Judita Oblak

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** Dulcie Maud Edmonds, Robert James (Bob) Daniel, Colin Thomas Booth, John Partridge, Ada Sparrow, William Gallagher, Clifford Ahern & Mary Ahearn.

**Church Cleaning :** *We are looking for more volunteers so that we are able to meet requirements into the future. Pls talk to Julie-Ann*



### **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 26th December 2021 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:**

**R1; R2:**

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer/Supervisor:**

**Sunday : 2nd January 2022 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: David Bishop**

**R1; R2: Mary & Rick Lenarcic**

**Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell**

**Welcomer/Supervisor: Stephen Dunkerley**

Jesus' birth is a gift of love seeking to embrace all people in their need. It is a gift we celebrate and are called to share. We are again being called to support the needs of our neighbours through the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal collections during Christmas mass celebrations across the Archdiocese. Much needed support will also go to the Diocese of Broome in Western Australia to further their presence and work across many isolated and remote communities as well as to our near neighbour, the Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes, facing similar issues.

Continued support will be given to:

- the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal to assist in bringing hope and opportunity to those in need in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan;
- student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land where the University is endeavouring to train future leaders within a Catholic education environment;
- projects within the Diocese of Otuokpo, Nigeria in Africa and within the La Salette Matha Province in India focused on helping the poor.

## News from the Archdiocese and beyond

**ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

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Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Rev \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Block letters please)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please find enclosed my | Cheque | Money Order

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Please send to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal  
 Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell  
 GPO BOX 3089, Canberra ACT 2601

## *Dates for your Diary*

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Penance :

**23/12** – 6-6.30pm St. Mary's

**24/12**—Rosary & Reflection 9AM St Mary's each Friday

**Christmas Eve** — Friday 24th 7.30pm Bungendore

**Christmas Day Mass**—Saturday 8.30AM

**26/12**— Sunday 8.30AM Feast of the Holy Family

## **2022**

**1/1**—9am, Mary the Holy Mother of God

**2/1**— 8.30am, The Epiphany of the Lord

**8/1**— Baptism Levi at St Mary's

**23/1**—Steve Scroope & Frank Stanford from MenAlive

**20/2** - Mass at Nerriga at 11AM

Please advise Julie-Ann if you are attending lunch@Pub

**19/3**—St Mary's Autumn Fair

**April**—Women's Retreat

**15-17/4**—Easter

## *Reflection*

### **Adolescent Impatience**

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about *my* Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say '*My* Father'. We say '*Our* Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

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