

## St Mary's Bungendore St Joseph's Gundaroo St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown St Joseph's Tarago

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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 11th September, 2022

#### **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.

Weddings: Please contact Parish office; at least six months

notice required.

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#### **BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES**

<u>Bungendore</u>: Sunday 8.30am; <u>Weekday Mass</u>: Wednesday 9am <u>Braidwood</u>: Saturday 6.00pm <u>Weekday Mass</u>: 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.

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2022-SAFE AND SUPPORTED

In the Catholic Church, Safeguarding Sunday occurs at the end of National Child Protection Week. It complements the wider Australian commemoration but has a distinctive emphasis.

Safeguarding Sunday was affirmed by the members of the Church's recent Plenary Council, who in the decrees expressed "our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse". That focus naturally leads to the desire to make amends to the people who were abused and to ensure that in all the relationships with children within the Church they will be safe. The processes and protocols support that commitment to say "Never Again" to abuse.

National Child Protection Week looks more broadly at the need of children for protection. Its theme this year is "Every child in every community needs a fair go". It asks us to reflect on the support that children need to grow into confident and trusting adults, free from abuse of every kind. This perspective brings home to us the horror of what was done in the Catholic Church by setting it in the broader need for protection in the Australian community as a whole.

Our effectiveness in safeguarding children depends on changing deep-rooted attitudes, particularly to recognise our own sinfulness and failure to protect children and to be attentive to the vulnerable people in our Church community. The Mass readings focus on this.

We must also, however, make safe the environment in which they live. We do this by ensuring that they are listened to, are accompanied, that they are not vulnerable to predators and that protocols of conduct with children are strictly observed.

The Plenary Council "calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful". The ways of keeping safe must be imprinted on hands and feet, on fences and in timetables, as well as on minds. For children, being given a fair go means that they will be safe in the company they keep and in the activities they do. For adults who accompany them, ensuring that they have a fair go means constant care to keep them 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.

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First reading

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

## (R.) I will rise and go to my father

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.) I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been

celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

**Communion Antiphon** 

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Please pray for:- Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, Margaret Mikkelsen, Erwin Feeken, Maureen Boss, Sheather family, Doris and Roger Cutbill, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Patrick Elwood, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Jack Sealey, Magdalen Sillis, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Russell Taylor, David & Mary-Anne Webster, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith & Karen Toscan.

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Anniversaries:- Maureen Gordon, Jean (Roufeil) Robinson, Constance Reid, Garnet Peter Sherd, Moya White, Patrick Joseph Campbell, Frances Dunn, Thomas Sparrow, James Harriott, Pauline McKie & John Leahy.

## Church Cleaning Thanks! September -

Pauline Segeri



Plagues for Memorial Wall We are now taking orders for

plagues for the memorial wall.



Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.

## **Liturgical Roster**

Sunday: 11th September 2022 8:30 am Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock R1; R2: Mary-Anne Curran & Catherine Mueller Offertory: Thomas Konarski & John Reardon Welcomer: Julie-Ann

Sunday: 18th September 2022 8:30 am Minister of the Altar: John Windsor R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop Offertory: Pauline Segeri & Renate Marz Welcomer: Julie-Ann

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## News from the Archdiocese and beyond



<u>Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don</u> Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send us an inquiry - <a href="www.cagliero.org.au">www.cagliero.org.au</a> or <a href="linkhaba@salesians.org.au">lhichaaba@salesians.org.au</a>

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## **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

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday Mass & Cuppa - 9am Mass then join us as we share afterward at local café.

Fridays @ St Mary's—9am PRAY FOR PEACE Rosary & Reflection

17th September—First Reconciliation 10.30am
18th September—First Holy Communion Mass &
SOCIAL SUNDAY BREAKFAST

# Reflection

Jesus said, "Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbours, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it – there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue". (Luke 15: 4 – 7)

People are usually surprised when I tell them that I love political canvassing. They ask, don't you get doors slammed in your face? It hasn't happened even once. After many years of doing this, I continue to be surprised by how well I'm received – by people of all political stripes. Sure, there have been a few times when the person I was calling on unloaded with quite a rant. But not many. And even then, those encounters are very worthwhile – because I'm not combative back. I don't change their mind, but I leave them less angry. The vast majority of people love to be asked by me what they think about the problems of our city, state, and country. Once given the opportunity to share their opinions with me, they're a little more open to hearing mine. Sometimes I spend as much as half an hour on

somebody's front verandah –because they don't want me to leave. I've come to the conclusion that one of the biggest reasons people are so furious these days is because they feel unheard. Ignored, unimportant, pushed aside, wronged. From my vantage point, the 99 sheep all feel like the one left behind – or like the Prodigal Son's brother, saying, what about me? What we've lost is the precious coin of connection with each other, and it's up to us to look hard and reclaim it – maybe one doorbell at a time.

a reflection from gpbs



Nevermind what you have done; it is time to come home!