



St Mary's Bungendore
 St Joseph's Gundaroo
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
 St Joseph's Tarago
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 Fr. Mick Burke 0448 414 541



Second Sunday of ADVENT

4th December, 2022

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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Secretary- Julie-Ann

Office Open: - Wednesday - 10:30am - 5:00pm

Thursday—9:00am—3:30pm

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

Bungendore : Sunday 8.30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 9-9.30am

Braidwood: Saturday 6.00pm **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10.00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5-5.15pm

Hoskinstown: Four times a year—1st Sunday Feb, May, Aug & Nov 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.

Our Advent Wreath

This week Beatrice Morrison brings the Bethlehem candle to be lit. It is Purple. There are 3 Purple Candles and they help to remind us of Preparation, Prayer and Penance.

This weeks candle symbolizes FAITH and PREPARATION. It reminds us of Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. We are instructed 'get ready' and welcome God.

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.



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

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First reading

Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of
peace for ever.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second reading

Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures
was meant to teach us something about hope from the
examples scripture gives of how people who did not
give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us
when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant
with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus,
so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat
each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated
you. The reason Christ became the servant of
circumcised Jews was not only so that God could
faithfully carry out the promises made to the
patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to
God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For
this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your
name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached
in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he
said:

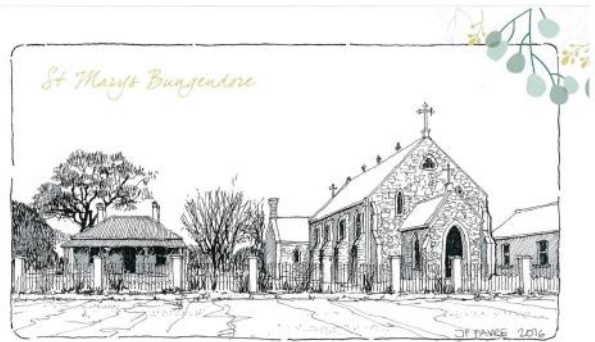
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair
with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was
locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea

and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

*A Warm Welcome to:
Ally Clouston and her parents
Chloe & Gareth Clouston.*

*Ally was baptised
here on Saturday!*



*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*

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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:- Bet Mitchell, Patricia Redman, Geroa Elizabeth Emma Feeken, Harold Hickey, Thomas Rogers, John O'Sullivan & John Flynn.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

December—

Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia



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 : 4th December 2022 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden & Brigitta van Deas

Offertory: Helen Jewell & Jenny Amey

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 11th December 2022 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Pauline Segeri & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory: Rene Mallia & Tess Montesin

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Write it down - Fr Tony Percy

It just takes a few moments.

The experts say that if you *'write it down,'* you will remember it. Advent has begun. The word means 'coming,' 'presence,' or maybe 'arrival.'

God comes to us in three ways (Augustine):

In the flesh and in weakness – first coming

In power and in Spirit – now

In glory and in majesty – second coming.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (2009):

God enters my life and wishes to speak to me.

In our daily lives, we all experience having little time for the Lord and also little time for ourselves. We end by being absorbed in 'doing.'

Is it not true that activities often absorb us? Is it not true that we devote a lot of time to entertainment and to various kinds of amusement?

What might make a difference?

To keep, as it were, an 'interior journal' of God's love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life!

Why don't I try and take note of how God enters my life – on a daily basis?

Just a few moments to notice the way God comes to me. This way 'the whole of our life' is like a visit from God.'

Amen.

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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

Fridays—Clever Craft in the Hall 10.30am until 1.30pm

December 4@11:00 AM—Mass at Nerriga

December 18@ 6pm—Combined Anglican Carols in St Peters & Paul's Hoskinstown afterwards supper in the hall.

December 20th—Christmas Hamper packing at the Scout Hall



Reflection

As we take another step into Advent, the First Reading introduces one of the main themes of this period of the year: Peace. Isaiah paints a picture of the whole world, of people and animals living together in harmony, led by a King who has all the qualities to rule justly. The Psalm, too, speaks of this hope for peace and justice for all.

St Paul, when he writes to the Romans, also mentions the hope that can be found in Scripture. All the more reason, then, for us to be tolerant of one another, so we can all give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist appears by the River Jordan to entreat people to repent and prepare a way for the one who is to come. He tells them that being a son or daughter of Abraham will not be enough to be sure of being saved. There is no room for complacency. People are to repent; to change their way of life.

Mindful of this week's readings, we can perhaps look around us and, by word or deed, encourage people to set out on their journey to meet Jesus at Christmas. We continue to pray for all those who live in countries where there is no peace.

As I prepare to celebrate the Lord's coming, I am grateful to find a few moments to spend with him. Wherever I am, I acknowledge his presence, and tell him about my mood and why I feel the need to be with him today.

When I have found some inner quiet, I spend a few moments reading this familiar text. What strikes me particularly today? Maybe there is a word or expression I haven't 'heard' before?

I read of the attributes of this perfect King, on whom the spirit of the Lord rests. Who comes to mind, particularly in this Advent period? Maybe there are people around me, or people that I know, who have many of these qualities? I give thanks for them.

The picture of a world where there is no hurt or harm may challenge me. In what ways can I contribute to make it a little more real? What words or actions would help? I speak to the Lord and I listen to him. Slowly, I bring my prayer to a close . . . *In the name of the Father . . .*

A reflection by Australian CATHOLICS