



St Mary's Bungendore  
 St Joseph's Gundaroo  
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown  
 St Joseph's Tarago  
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**Third Sunday of ADVENT**

**11th 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**

Helen Jewell (Chairperson)  
 David Bishop  
 Jenny Amey  
 Chris Murdock  
 Tess Montesin  
 Julie-Ann Snudden  
 Fr. Mick Burke (ex-officio)

**BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Greg Darmody (Chairperson)  
 Michele Murdock  
 Ian Cusack  
 Ed Cory  
 Stephen Dunkerley  
 Fr. Mick Burke (ex-officio)

**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 Louella Reeves brings the Shepherds candle to be lit. It is Pink. This weeks candle symbolizes JOY. The angels sang a message of joy and this is also experienced by the world at the coming birth of Jesus.

Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, Incline thy ear to our prayer and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of thy visitation. 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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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## First reading

Is 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

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## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Lord, come and save us.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

## Second reading

Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

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## Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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## Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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## Reflection

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how

demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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*A Warm Welcome to  
George O'Brien and his parents  
Miriam & Clare O'Brien*

*George was baptised  
here on Saturday!*

*We also welcome  
Logan Chan and his parents  
Alfred & Kristy-Ann Chan.*

*Logan will be baptised today at  
Gundaroo!*



**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, Pam Finch & Bob Fletcher.

**Recently Deceased:** Christine Harrison

**Anniversaries:-** David Busby, James Thomas Bede Doyle, Alfred Ronald Allen, Julia Flynn, Thomas Flynn, Brigid Catherine Flynn & John Butler.

### 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 : 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

**Sunday : 18th December 2022 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Ian Buckley

**R1; R2:** Julie-Ann Snudden

**Offertory:** Thomas Konarski &

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

## News from the Archdiocese of Sydney

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 11am & 7pm The internationally acclaimed St Mary's Cathedral Choir will team up with the talented chamber orchestra, Sinfonia Australis for concerts made up of Christmas carols alongside classical favourites from renowned composers including Bach and Handel. Archbishop Fisher will give a Christmas reflection at the 7pm concert. ALL OTHER ADVENT FESTIVITIES at 7pm proceeds to Archbishop's Flood appeal.



### *A Message from Father Mick Burke*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This weekend I begin with an extract from a letter to Jesuits by Patrick O'Sullivan, S.J, on accepting one's sinfulness. "One of the things that happens, when we give ourselves to prayer, is that we get to know ourselves very well. The first thing is we get to know and experience our own sinfulness. It is so terribly important for ordinary living and the service of people we accept our own sinfulness otherwise we will condemn others for theirs. For example, sometimes you hear a person say, "I have lost all confidence in the Church". They might be talking in terms of a priest or even the Pope; and they say, "Look how he has done this or that". I think that the person who talks like that really doesn't accept their own frailty and sinfulness. The big question is whether I have accepted God's mercy and forgiveness, and my own sinfulness, at a sufficient depth to find true peace. We must always be aware and conscious of the evil spirit who wants power and control, who works against the Holy Spirit, rejects change and manipulates others convincing them that their way is the only way. Advent is a time for prayer and coming to know our need for forgiveness. As a sinner I act in the person of Christ and offer his mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance, Saturday morning in the front room of the parish house. There will also be the opportunity for communal reconciliation on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at St Mary's.

I have printed on the bulletin the names of those parishioners on the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council so you can speak with them and give your opinion and criticisms for the good of our community. Every parishioner has a right to their views and concerns for the good of our future and it shouldn't be left to a few who consider they are the only ones which should be heard. The Holy Spirit will lead us all to a better future, this I know and believe. The PPC meets this week.

You may have noticed a tradesman working on the parish house this week doing work on the window frames of the parish house and replacing wood which is rotten. He won't be doing the roof etc, this will be done when we have the finances.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

### For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

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

**Wednesday 14th December 9am** —Mass of Anointing for the Sick

**Friday 16th December 6pm**—Communal Reconciliation

**Tuesday 20th December** —Christmas Hamper packing at the Scout Hall

**Saturday 24th December Vigil** - 7.30pm Bungendore

**Christmas Day** - 8.30am Bungendore

10.30am Gundaroo