



St Mary's Bungendore  
 St Joseph's Gundaroo  
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown  
 St Joseph's Tarago  
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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February, 2023

### 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)  
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 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.

## *Reflection*

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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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 come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

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### First reading

Is 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any  
show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you  
what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you,  
the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus,  
and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from

relying on any power of my own, I came among you in  
great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the  
sermons that I gave, there were none of the  
arguments that belong to philosophy; only a  
demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this  
so that your faith should not depend on human  
philosophy but on the power of God.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the  
earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it  
salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be  
thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top  
cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under  
a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for  
everyone in the house. In the same way your light  
must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your  
good works, they may give the praise to your Father in  
heaven.'

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### Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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### *Mindful Moment*

As I settle to pray, I slow down and become aware of  
being in God's presence. I gently breathe in his  
goodness and love. I remain in this awareness. When I  
am ready, I read the text a couple of times.

I consider the metaphor of salt. I look to Jesus, or to a  
favourite saint, or to people I know, and become  
aware of the different ways they radiate goodness. I  
give thanks to God for this. What strikes me most in  
these examples? How can I apply this teaching to my  
life in a practical way?

I may also want to ask pardon for the ways I perhaps  
dampen spirits and become despondent, when I

become 'taste-less'. I ponder about being light – how it scatters darkness, and brings joy and warmth. How do I experience this, at the moment, and how do I share it? Or can I sometimes be negative or selfish and hide my light? I speak to the Lord about this.

But Jesus tells me that I am salt of the earth, light of the world – I thank him for these gifts, given in his love. Perhaps I ask to be worthy of his trust, and for the grace to spread that love, hope and joy in my life, just as I receive it from others. I end my time of prayer with a *Glory be*

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

## Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

Visit [Word of God Sunday \(catholic.au\)](http://Word of God Sunday (catholic.au))

to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

## The Importance of the Word of God

In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time. Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching." Celebrate, Study, Disseminate the Word The first Sunday in February is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The document inaugurating this day, *Aperuit Illis*, offers a number of practical strategies (AI, 3).

**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, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, Karen Toscan, Pam Finch, Bob Fletcher & Rene Mallia.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Drinkwater

**Anniversaries:-** Gloria Clancy, Pam Sutor, Timothy Joseph Sands, Frederick William Chalker, Blenner Leahy, John Nash, Edmund Hatch, Michael Flynn, Joffre Leo Jermyn & William Day.

## Church Cleaning Thanks!

January/February

Catherine Mueller



## 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 : 5th February 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Chris Murdock

**R1; R2:** Sue & Geoff Orchison

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

**Sunday : 12th February 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Ian Buckley

**R1; R2:** Louella & Luke Reeves

**Offertory:** Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

## News from the Archdiocese and beyond

Golden Jubilee Mass of Saint Christopher's Cathedral Sunday 5th February 11am  
Join us to celebrate the 50 Year Anniversary of Saint Christopher's Cathedral, as the Mother Church of the Archdiocese. Reception follows at 12pm Haydon Hall.

February 22 @ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM FREE

Ignatian Spirituality seeks to find God in all things. You might like its peaceful approach to prayer, contemplation, and discernment.

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### *A Message from Father Mick Burke*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am extremely grateful to Ian Buckley, David Bishop and Chris Murdock who removed the old apricot tree blown over in the storm two weeks ago. Having contacted arborists in the region they were unable to do anything for at least a month and would charge \$500 an hour!

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend the funeral of Fr. Drinkwater this Tuesday as we have the opening School Mass at St. Bede's in Braidwood. We have a record number of students at the school this year due to great teachers and a caring community.

The season of Lent fast approaches beginning on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February with Ash Wednesday. This is a time to rejoice that our life is eternal through the saving act of our Saviour. This year Fr. Dermid will celebrate in Braidwood and by virtue of his generosity, we will be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and the Vigil on Holy Saturday in Bungendore. Ash Wednesday there will be Mass in Braidwood at 10am and 5.30pm in Bungendore. It is critical we take this Lenten Season seriously, to be renewed in faith and reach out to the lost.

After Easter I will be taking annual leave and hope to return to Timor Leste. It is my passion in life to serve the poorest of the poor and for years I have worked in poor countries during annual leave. Our organization known as Yass/Gunning Belun is one of very few NGO's registered in Timor Leste and is accountable to their Department of Justice. We are not registered as a charity in Australia due to the required paperwork and annual fees. I have asked Geoff Orchison as a journalist to interview me so people are informed of the work we have done in Timor Leste.

I have a wedding at Gundaroo this weekend and humbly ask for prayers for the beautiful couple.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

## For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

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

**Sunday 5th February**—Mass at Hoskinstown 10.30am

**Tuesday 14th February** - Parish Pastoral Council meets

## **LENT**

**Wednesday 22nd February**— Ash Wednesday 5.30pm