



St Mary's Bungendore
 St Joseph's Gundaroo
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
 St Joseph's Tarago
<http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx>
 Fr. Mick Burke 0448 414 541



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th 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)
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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.

Reflection

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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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

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading

Sir 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to

be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

*A Warm Welcome to
Olivia & William Mathews and their
parents
James & Kate Mathews*

*Olivia & William were baptised
here on Saturday.*



*We also welcome Isabelle Rowlands
and her parents
Jacob Clarke-Rowlands and Gabrielle
Miller*

*Isabelle is being baptised at Gundaroo
this morning!*

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:

Anniversaries:- John Robert Maxwell Reid, Noel Albert Salton, Norman Bruce Ahern, Henry Joseph Leahy, Cloda Lilla Wilson, John Doyle, Michael Nash, Freda Griffin (nee Murphy), Samuel John Crowley, William Lawless, Catherine Nash & William Ahearn.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

February:

Catherine Mueller

If you are rostered for cleaning and do not have flowers please contact Pauline Segeri who will provide you with some. Please call her to arrange collection on 6238 1996



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 : 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

Sunday : 19th February 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: Miriam O'Brien & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

Christians for an Ethical Society

Tuesday Feb 21 7-9pm \$5 <http://ces.org.au/>

Peter Martin AM, presenter of the forum will speak. If people are compassionate, where does that leave economics?

Economics is built on the assumption of a “rational economic man,” a being that is said to make decisions solely on the basis of maximising “utility”.

But there’s an awful lot of evidence that people aren’t like that, being generous to others in ways that couldn’t possibly advance their own interests, and being prepared to harm their own interests rather than be party to arrangements they don’t think are fair. It has sparked debates in economics about how much the profession will have to change to incorporate reality, or whether it should.

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT

We Are Given What We Choose

For 2000 years we’ve been living in the final chapter of this amazing story. Before it ends, Jesus wants us to get positioned for what’s next even as we live in the undeniable context of what’s now.

For instance, we’re tempted to feel pretty good if we don’t kill or commit adultery. Not bad, eh Lord? The religious folk of Jesus’ time said the same thing because they led morally correct lives according to the law.

Don’t kid yourself, Jesus advises. Claiming righteousness now puts us in a bad position for the dawning kingdom. The truth is we’re ALL sinners in need of forgiveness. “Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?” Jesus asks later in Matthew, “I’m after mercy, not religion” (9: 12 - 13).

In light of this, it’s better to settle our differences than to maintain conflicts. Reconciliation is key: that’s why it’s a sacrament! It’s a visible sign of the inward reality of the kingdom. But to claim it, we have to practice it. Only by living in forgiveness do we experience it.

Pray

God of our deepest yearnings, give us devoted hearts that seek to listen, think, and feel anew. Open in us the wisdom of Jesus, with the courage needed to travel his life-giving road. Amen.

Ponder

In what ways do you tend to see yourself as a pretty good person? How does “self-righteousness” teach you about the deeper reality of sin we all live with? Make conscious choices today. See the difference between what’s passing and what’s important. In the light of the forgiveness given to you, choose to be forgiving.

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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

Tuesday 14th February - Parish Pastoral Council meets

LENT

Wednesday 22nd February— Ash Wednesday 5.30pm
NO 9AM MASS

