



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



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th 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.

Mass Time change please note:

This Wednesday Mass time is 5.30pm ASH WEDNESDAY

There will not be a 9am Mass as Fr Mick has a school Mass in Braidwood at 10am. (So the children can participate in Ash Wednesday).

If you attend St Raphael's Queanbeyan from time to time please check the website first as their new PP is making some Mass time changes. They are still having their Pilgrimage to Inner Peace meditation group on Tuesdays at 7pm.



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 Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First reading

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is

foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

*A Warm Welcome to
Zara Margules and her parents
Jason & Lauren Margules*

*Zara was baptised
here on Saturday.*



Reflection

Do No Harm

One of the more famous embodiments of the message behind today's gospel reading is Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent resistance. Working from the words of Jesus, Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind". Not only did Gandhi pioneer the idea that mass social change could materialise through non-violent means, but would fast if violent actions occurred against the British by his own people.

Today's gospel promotes these two ideas: non-violent resistance and loving our enemy. If these concepts seem counterintuitive, it is because they are. Biologically we are wired to react aggressively toward

threats to protect against ourselves. Non-violent resistance and loving our enemies are conscious actions that challenge the way life is lived by most people.

Jesus and Gandhi were not only enlightened minds, but they were also strong leaders who manifested what they preached through their actions. As a practitioner of *ahimsa*, an Indian term meaning "to do no harm," Gandhi swore to speak the truth and advocated that others do the same. Gandhi gave up any hint of materialism and lived his life in a self-sufficient community. Jesus, too, was famous for immersing himself in the lives of sinners, the poor, the suffering. It is not enough simply to preach. It is only through action that true change can come about.

The Commissioning : Go from here as those who are ready to forgive generously.

We will leave wrongdoings in the past.

We will dialogue with those who dislike us.

We will reconsider and give friendship another opportunity.

We will face up to our mistakes and say those hard words:

"I am sorry".

We will sit down with our adversary and find common ground for the way forward.

Are you ready to give generously?

We will love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

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:- Ken Ahearn, Carl Phillips, Eileen Veronica Fletcher, Henry Sillis, John Joseph Doyle & John Day.

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 : 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

Sunday : 26th February 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: J Amey & H Jewell

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
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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

LENT

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



Project Compassion Sunday 19 February 2023



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Although a Christian celebration, Ash Wednesday evokes questions of who we are as human beings, and where we are heading as a nation and a world. Ash Wednesday (22 February) is not a stand-alone day. It is part of a process. It marks the beginning of Lent, which in turn prepares for the central Christian remembrance of Jesus' death and rising from the dead at Easter. Belief in Jesus who died and rose for our salvation lies at the heart of Christian faith. It also takes us into the depth of our human life – our hope in a blessed life, its testing by rejection, isolation and painful death, and our hope vindicated by Jesus' rising from death. To enter into these depths demands serious reflection.

Ash Wednesday is the gateway, suitably solemn, to the 40 reflective days of Lent which culminate in the exuberant celebration of Christ's Resurrection. The colour of church draping's and vestments changes from white and green to a sombre purple. Ash Wednesday also introduces a time of fasting and abstaining from animal foods. Fasting is common in many religions, usually associated with a serious focus on what matters most deeply in life. It is also associated with an awareness of sin and the desire to change one's way of life. Ash Wednesday highlights these things. It takes its name from the practice of marking our foreheads with ashes.

The symbolic actions of taking off colourful dress, of fasting, of spending 40 days in prayer, and of putting on ashes, echo central stories in Scripture. They recall the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert as he prepared for his life's mission. For the first readers of the Gospels, too, this story would also call to mind the 40 years that the People of Israel passed wandering in the desert as they awaited their entry to the Promised land, and the 40 days that Moses spent in prayer and fasting as he asked God to pardon the people for their rejection of God by worshiping a golden calf.