



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 Lent

5th March, 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)

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.



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**Teresa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Teresa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.**



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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

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### First reading

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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### Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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### Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

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*A Warm Welcome to  
Atticus Luong and his parents  
Christine & William*

*Atticus was baptised  
here on Saturday.*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past two weeks I have been offered places to live in retirement, planned at the beginning of next year and I seek your prayers to discern where I can best serve and support younger priests. No doubt there are a number of parishioners in a similar predicament as we age and try to maintain properties far beyond our capability. For those who are not facing these challenges, it's not as easy as you think.

The misinformation about our reluctance to sign a new lease with the pre-school continues. There is a person and his supporters who are determined to undermine your Parish Finance Council and myself in particular and the article in the Canberra Times has only highlighted the breathtaking lengths to which they will go. Just to remind you of a few facts:

As the landowners, without any consultation with us, they had an architect draw up plans for a permanent building on our land and also had applied for a grant. These plans were presented to your Finance Council before any discussion with us or the Trustees of the Archdiocese. The Trustees are the only body who could give approval.

Five years ago the pre-school was informed that St. Mary's parish needed to review the peppercorn rent as it couldn't be sustained, our community having contributed massively to its running over 42yrs. Your Finance Council did extensive research and arrived at a figure of \$39,000 per annum for rent. Not only is this significantly below what equivalent pre-schools are paying it is half what is paid to the Goulburn parish for similar premises.

The pre-school decided to cease contact with myself and your Finance Council and employed a legal firm from Queanbeyan to liaise with the Trustees. I have made it clear, with the support of the Finance Council, if they are not prepared to sign on our terms they should vacate our property.

Finally, they keep reminding us they are not for profit, so are we. The major difference is that we have desperate needs with maintenance and ongoing expenses and in living out our mission we should have a preferential option for the poor.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

**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 & Kaye Moore.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** Michael Hovar, Ettie Boys, Cyril Gordon Smith, Lawrence Flynn, Thomas Cunningham, Emily Rose Heath, Patrick Valentine Smith & Anne Catherine Hennessy.

## Church Cleaning Thanks!

March: Penny Ford & Helen Jewell



## 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 March 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock**

**R1; R2: Patrick Ellwood & Pauline Segeri**

**Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia**

**Welcomer:**

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

**Minister of the Altar: David Bishop**

**R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Alison Bishop**

**Offertory: Pauline Segeri**

**Welcomer:**

## News from the Archdiocese and beyond

### Saint Christopher's Cathedral's 50th Anniversary Mass and Dinner

You are warmly invited to Mass (5pm) and Dinner in Celebration of our Cathedral's 50 Anniversary, March 17th, 2023. 5pm-10pm

Places at the Anniversary Dinner are limited! Tickets can be purchased Individually or in Tables of 8. We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate this milestone in the 75th Year of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1017990&>



### For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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### 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*

**Sunday 16th April**—Social Sunday morning tea

**Friday 26th May**—Pot Luck Dinner in the Hall



**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

## *Reflection*

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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