



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



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**7th May, 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.

*Welcome back Fr Mick! Thanks be to God You have returned safely to us. We hope you have enjoyed your time off.*



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 sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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## First reading

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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## Responsorial Psalm

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**

For 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.)**

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## Second reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

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## Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen  
him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' the full.'

### Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

*This morning Mia Tognolini is being presented to the Parish by her parents Katherine & Matthew.*

*Mia will be baptised here 27th May*

### 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*

**Friday 26th May**—Pot Luck Dinner in the Hall from 6pm

**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 .

*A Warm Welcome to Archie Barrett and his parents Bailey Barrett & Jamie Stewart*

*Archie was baptised here on Saturday.*

**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, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, Karen Toscan, Pam Finch, Bob Fletcher, Rene Mallia ,Kaye Moore, Trish McRoberts, Ken & Cathy Vine and Pamela Fogg.

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:-** Patricia Ryan, Beatrice Jane Crowe, Rebecca Ruby, Kevin Joseph Patrick Campbell, George Jermyn, Edward Goulding & Mary Golding.

### Church Cleaning Thanks!

**MAY: Jude Sillis & Maureen Towler**



### 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 : 7th May 2023 8:30 am**  
**Minister of the Altar:** John Windsor  
**R1; R2:** Alison & David Bishop  
**Offertory:** Pauline Segeri  
**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

**Sunday : 14th May 2023 8:30 am**  
**Minister of the Altar:** Ian Buckley & Thomas Konarski  
**R1; R2:** Miriam O'Brien & Mary-Ann Curran  
**Offertory:** Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia  
**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

## **News from the Archdiocese and beyond**

The Catholic Women's Taskforce invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Saturday 6 May ( or Zoom in on evening of 8 May). Meet and enjoy the friendship of other women across the Archdiocese or become a Friend of the Taskforce and get involved when you can. Being together and listening to one another makes us all stronger and more resilient in our faith. Please register your interest in person or for Zoom at: [www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)  
**Contact:** Andrea Dean: [andrea1959@gmail.com](mailto:andrea1959@gmail.com)

### **Divine Renovation Book Group**

May 2 @ 7:30 PM - June 20 @ 8:30 PM

Free Blackfriars Parish Cnr Phillip Avenue & Antill Street, Watson ACT 2602

**Calling all Book Lovers:** Please join us as we read together the international best-seller *Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Church* by Fr James Mallon. Starting Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm reading groups will meet in-person and online (via zoom) for 8 weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about creating vibrant parishes, sharing your ideas and meeting likeminded Catholics. This will be a practical, faith-filled and powerful book group. Please contact Emily at [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) or phone 0422815680 for further information.

## ***Reflection***

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

**Living the Gospel – The Way, the Truth and the Life**

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

a reflection from [liturgyhelp.com](http://liturgyhelp.com) by © Greg Sunter

## **Parish News**

### **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Council**

This community event is being held 13th May in the Scout Hall at 2pm Contact Christine Allard 0402 306 131 for further details.

**POT LUCK DINNER FRIDAY 26th May** from 6pm in the Parish Hall. Start thinking about what slow cooker recipe you might want to cook as the weather cools down. Invite friends or a new neighbour. Let Julie-Ann know you are coming :-)

### **HAVE YOU GOT SOME EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE WITH THE PARISH?**

A new baby to the family or other happy news? Prayers of thanks? Let me know and I will share the joy with our parish.

