



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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July, 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  
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 Julie-Ann Snudden  
 Fr. Mick Burke (ex-officio)

**BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Greg Darmody (Chairperson)  
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 Richard Konarski  
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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.



World Day  
 for Grandparents  
 and the Elderly  
 2023

On Sunday, 23 July, the Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. Pope Francis established the celebration in 2021, near the liturgical memorial of Jesus' grandparents, **Saints Joachim and Anne**. According to a **Vatican News report**, 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk 1:50) is the theme chosen for this year. This choice was intended to connect event to World Youth Day in Lisbon (1-6 August) – to ideally put young and old 'in dialogue'. 'The theme was chosen to be in tune with that of World Youth Day in Lisbon: *Mary arose and went with haste*, taken from Luke's Gospel. Even the short passage "His mercy from age to age" is taken from Luke's Gospel and is the end of the first part of the Magnificat, when Mary immediately goes to meet her elderly cousin Elizabeth after the Angel's annunciation. Thus, it is a theme that highlights the importance of dialogue between generations, which is fundamental for perceiving and contemplating God's merciful action on behalf of human beings. Indeed, dialogue between the elderly and the young helps to obtain a more complete vision of the way in which a more humane and fraternal society can be built.'



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

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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### First reading

Wis12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows

everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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### 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!

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### Gospel

Mt 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of  
the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well

then, just as the dandelion is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.



### Prayer for the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

Virgin Mary,  
Mother of faith and hope  
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,  
make me as willing as You  
to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude,  
you who knows my heart,  
do not allow me to become discouraged.  
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.  
Heal my wounds  
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love  
brings us to experience the joy  
of seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God  
to the grandchildren and youth  
so that, in addition to praying for them  
we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:  
sustain my weakness;  
breathe into my heart the consolation  
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit  
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's  
embrace.

Amen.

**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, Rene Mallia, Trish McRoberts, Ken & Cathy Vine & Elizabeth Van Gessel.

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** Mitchell Bush, Gos Cory, Kate Davy, John Doyle, Graham Parnaby, John Joseph Chalker, Bridgette Gourlay, James Beazley, Thomas Pratt, Bernard Millynn, Patrick Sweeney, Michael Doyle, Bridget Dwyer, Zelma McManus (M-A Curran Mum) & Maria Sant.

### Church Cleaning Thanks!

**JULY : Mary-Ann Curran**



### 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 : 23rd July 2023 8:30 am**  
**Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek**

**R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop**

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:**

**Sunday : 30th July 2023 8:30 am**  
**Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock**

**R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden & Catherine Mueller**

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:**

### **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 .

**Araluen**—Tuesday 8th August 11AM - Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross

**Nerriga**—Sunday 20th August 11AM then lunch @PUB

### **Parish News**

**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

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

The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. It's a 7 week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Weds 19 July to Weds 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to encounter Jesus in a deeper way! For more info and to register, call Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

## *Reflection*

### **Might and Mercy**

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow up together in the harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and thistles.

No wonder that good and bad grow up together in families; parishes are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we were surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If I find within myself both good and evil, I have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in me.

### **Pray**

God of dreams and visions, we enter into moments of stillness and feel your presence. Through relationships – our relationships with you and with others – we know that you are constantly with us. We thank you for your many gifts to us, but especially for the gifts of being named, known, and cherished by you. Amen.

### **Ponder**

Try “preventative” and “punitive” justice. Give people a break: forgive and show mercy before it's deserved. Be kind when kindness isn't returned. Try patience instead of irritation. Plant a good seed in every encounter. *“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”*

### **Kids Corner**

Have you ever seen a seed when it first sprouts? So tiny and tender! But sometimes a weed pops up nearby. If you try to pull it, you might hurt that little seedling too. Sometimes it's best to leave the weed alone until the seedling is stronger. In the parable, Jesus is telling us that sin can be all around us. It's not going to go away. We are all tempted – even Jesus was tempted. But if we put our trust in Jesus and nothing else, we don't have to worry about what happens around us. We will grow strong in Jesus' love.

Jesus, keep me close to you always. Amen.

A reflection from Gpbs.com.au