



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



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Social Justice Sunday - 27th August, 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.

Phone: 6238 1247

Email: bungendore@cg.org.au

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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.

Welcome back Fr. Mick!



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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

First reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of
the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him
anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes
from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for
ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say
the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John
the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I
am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,'
he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied,
'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it
was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but
my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are
Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the
gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I
will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven:
whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound
in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the
disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was
the Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer
the heart.

Our Archdiocese is marking
Vocations Awareness Week

from 24 to 31 August this year.

When thinking about vocations, we often jump straight to their state of life manifestation – that is, the important question of whether we are called to marriage, the priesthood, religious life, or single life.

A vocation, however, is, first and foremost, an invitation from God. A call to love, to serve, and to grow in holiness.

In discerning our vocation, in big ways or small, we are each invited to listen attentively to, and be shaped by, the voice of our Lord. As Sister Mary Raphael so beautifully observes, “Discerning one’s vocation is not an obstacle course to race through, but it is a journey that takes time and interior growth.”

In this way, our vocation, our individual call, is not one decision but the pilgrimage of a lifetime. It requires us to place God at the centre of our lives and to be constant in prayer. To truly recognise that we are loved, individually and beyond measure. To hold fast to our knowledge of who our Creator is, even when His call becomes quiet or unclear. To trust that His plan will fulfil the deepest longings of our hearts in ways we could never imagine or plan. To have confidence that if we are truly listening and responding to God’s call, every step is drawing us closer to becoming the Saints, we were created to be.

This Vocations Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on God’s call in our lives and where He might be inviting us to take the next step in our journey together.

Let us pray, through the intercession of our Beloved Mother, that when we discern God’s call, we might always have the courage to echo her fiat.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Do you love being out in the garden and can spare 1 hour per week or fortnight?

Consider joining the St Mary's Garden Angels!

No experience or training necessary.

LEARN AS YOU GROW

Contact Tess Montesin on 0400174034 or email tessmontesin@gmail.com



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, Barb Rayner & Fr. Mick Burke.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:- Kenneth Coombe, Douglas Phillips, Irene Gormly, Neville Flynn, Kara Kingston, Karina Kingston, Peter Gallagher, Mary Jane Girvan, William O'Donnell, George McIntyre, Annie Hamilton, Leo Evans & Patrick Joseph Byrne.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

AUGUST : Mary-Ann Curran

SEPTEMBER: Pauline Segeri



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 : 27th August 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory: Helen Jewell & Jenny Amey

Welcomer:

Sunday : 3rd September 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Pauline Segeri & Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory:

Welcomer:

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

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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 .

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

Latest Issue Catholic Voice available here:

[Current Edition - Catholic Voice](#)

ONLINE EVENT -With ACU, the Archdiocese is convening a series of online dialogues on Care for Our Common Home teachings as first steps in our synodal journey for the year of the Holy Spirit.

Six Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm

31st Aug— 5th Oct. Register at <http://bit.ly/3rTieKp>
<https://cgcatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/>

Wednesday 13 September | CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

Info and registration www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Helena Zobec

marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or 0405 440 463

SOCIAL JUSTICE is integral to living a fully human life.

As situations change so does the Gospel-inspired social justice tradition.

Social justice is often seen as a garden shed of the Church whose living quarters are faith and personal morality. People who speak about social justice and advocate for it are regarded as hired staff rather than as family. As a result, in times of financial stringency the social justice budget is one of the first to be cut.

This view, however, reflects an impoverished view of the Church and of social justice. Central in the Catholic Church and to social justice are human beings and what a fully human life looks like. As human beings we are defined by our relationships: those within ourselves as bodily beings, with God, with friends and family, with our environment, with institutions such as schools, hospitals, workplaces, prisons, shops, corporations and governments, with other races, religions and nations, to name a few. All these relationships are interwoven and our relationship to God is expressed in each of them. Jesus Christ, who took on all this variety of relationships in his own time and world, did so to heal broken relationships and to offer a way of just, kind and devoted living. Because all our relationships intersect and are involved in our relationship with Christ, the division into personal, religious and social relationships is only for convenience. It should not distinguish what is central from what is peripheral within the Church.

That said, the tradition of Catholic reflection on social justice is very rich. It deals with the human relations between government and citizens, employers and employees, corporations and governments, asking how they ought be shaped if they are to contribute to decent human living. It does not confine itself to generalities but looks at the detail of economic and other settings. As situations change so the social justice tradition inspired by the Gospel will grow.

Under Pope Francis, the scope of reflection on social justice has expanded beyond the economy, migration and war to include our relationships with the environment. This recognised that human beings can flourish only if our personal and collective relationships to our world are respectful. Pope Francis has spoken of Integral justice to insist that in all our relationships we need to take account of our environment.

The recent concern about the development of Artificial Intelligence suggests that the scope of social justice must broaden even further. The public concern about AI has so far focused on its effect in on employment in industry, planning, in creative work and in publications. Unemployment is not simply an economic matter. It affects the health and welfare of the people who lose their work. We can also see how AI might affect our trust in governments and in communications, and so feed polarisation in society.

AI, however, is only one of many technologies that can affect a full human life. Advances in genetic and nano technology offer similar possibilities of altering human beings according to our wishes. We can imagine the power of genetic engineering to prevent hereditary illnesses, and the possibility of designer babies, and of the creation of babies in a laboratory. All these developments and the profit that might be made by promoting them pose important questions about what it means for us to be social beings, and so about the heart of the Gospel.

Such questions will also be intertwined with those dealt with in Christian reflection on personal morality and will lead to shared deep reflection on the implications of the Christian Gospel. We shall need to think seriously about what technological possibilities will respect our shared humanity and which possibilities will diminish it. Integral justice will then need to include both personal justice and technological justice, our relationships to ourselves as human beings and to the tools that we have made to enhance our lives. *(Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ @ Jesuit Communications)*