



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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th September, 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

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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.

A Message from Father Mick Burke

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Due to ongoing health issues I have decided to finish this weekend serving the region of Braidwood, Bungendore and Gundaroo. It has been an enormous privilege of mine getting to know and walk with such understanding and committed parishioners in this special region. A great deal has been achieved and I firmly believe you will continue to live the Gospel and be a great influence in the broader community. Many thanks for your support and love.

I have spoken to Fr. Tony Percy and you will be cared for by him and Fr. Joshua Scott until a priest can be found for the region.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke.



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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

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.)**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,
we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to
the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came
to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead
and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must
I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as
seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you,
but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who decided to settle his accounts with his
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him
a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no
means of paying, so his master gave orders that he
should be sold, together with his wife and children and
all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the
servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give
me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And
the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let
him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant
went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who
owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by
the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you
owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and
implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay
you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary,
he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the
debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when
they saw what had happened, and they went to their
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the
master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I
cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to
me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your
fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his
anger the master handed him over to the torturers till
he should pay all his debt. And that is how my
heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each
forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Parish Spring Working Bee

Saturday 23rd September commencing at 9am.

Spring has sprung, and the temperature is warming up. The lawns are growing, buds are bursting. Floriade is just around the corner.

Come and help make the parish grounds look blooming lovely. Lots of work to do, pruning, hedging, weeding and mowing.

Be part of the team and enjoy a cuppa afterwards while reflecting on the work done.

Please contact Chris Murdock 0448 310 854



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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 .

Social Sunday—15th October

Combined Churches Rodeo—Mark your calendars with these important dates raffle prizes/tickets are coming.

SATURDAY 4th November—Cake Stall/raffle tickets and sausage sizzle will be held outside IGA

SUNDAY 5th November RODEO!!!!!!



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:- Diana Studder, Michael Curran, Cecil Brodrick, Enid Gallagher, Walter Kelly, Ronald Crowley, Joseph William Heath, Leo James Sparrow, George Byrne, Veronica Ford, Agnes Day, Anne Campbell & William Maroney.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

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 : 17th September 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: Miriam O'Brien & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 24th September 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

Called and Gifted Seminar

Wednesday 27 September @ 7:00 PM - October 25 @ 7:00 PM Cost \$50 Blackfriars Parish Cnr Phillip Avenue & Antill Street, Watson ACT

Called & Gifted is a three-part discernment process intended to help lay Catholics discern their charisms. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all baptized Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them the power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 798-801).

Over five weeks we will journey together to discern God's unique purpose for each of us. When we work out of our charisms we are more fruitful, resilient and joyful. Starts Wed 27 Sept @ 7pm in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre (Watson). Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com or 0422815680

Café of the Gate of Salvation Choir

Sydney's premier a capella gospel choir will be holding concerts in St. Bede's Church Braidwood on the weekend of 14th & 15th October. 7pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday.

NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey.

Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>

Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com

COMPLETION OF THIS SURVEY IS SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE Vicar General Fr. Richard Thompson

Reflection

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount. Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required – without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it.

Living the Gospel – Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

Gospel Focus – How many times?

Peter asks, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

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