



St Mary's Bungendore  
St Joseph's Gundaroo  
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown  
St Joseph's Tarago

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Fr. Tony Percy 0431 225 574 (Acting Administrator)



**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24th September, 2023**

**BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM**

Fr. Tony Percy is looking after the parish while we await the appointment of a Priest.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms will be on 1st & 3rd Sunday after Mass. 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

**BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Greg Darmody (Chairperson)

Michele Murdock

Richard Konarski

Ian Cusack

Ed Cory

Stephen Dunkerley

**BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES**

**Bungendore :** Sunday 8.30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Braidwood:** Saturday 6.00pm **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10.00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**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.

**Today in Australia we commemorate the 109th World Day of Migrant and Refugees.**

Pope Francis' theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. In his message for the day, the Pope says eliminating the causes of forced migration needs a *"commitment on the part of all" and also "we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant (in) a community ready to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate everyone."*

For a decade Australia hasn't heeded the Pope's message to 'welcome and protect' refugees who came by boat. There have been recent improvements, but there is still more to do. Of urgent concern are:

about 15,000 people who are not *'free to stay'* safely in Australia, as they live in destitution, unable to work but denied a financial safety net; and

the people still held in PNG, whom the Australian Government has abandoned in unsafe conditions, with many not *'free to leave'* there for a safe country.

In the official Australian booklet for the Day, Archbishop Prowse suggests we reflect on our understanding of refugees and migrants, drawing on the flight of Jesus and his family into Egypt. Vinnies calls on Catholics to use the information in this booklet to pray for all migrants and refugees on 24 September.

[Booklet \(catholic.org.au\)](http://catholic.org.au) <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>



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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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### First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**  
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**  
The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life  
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but  
then death would bring me something more; but then  
again, if living in this body means doing work which is  
having good results – I do not know what I should  
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone  
and be with Christ, which would be very much the  
better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more  
urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be  
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is  
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers  
for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the  
workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw  
others standing idle in the market place and said to  
them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a  
fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and  
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out  
and found more men standing round, and he said to  
them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?”  
“Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said  
to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the  
evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,  
“Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting  
with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So  
those who were hired at about the eleventh hour  
came forward and received one denarius each. When  
the first came, they expected to get more, but they too  
received one denarius each. They took it, but  
grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last”  
they said “have done only one hour, and you have  
treated them the same as us, though we have done a  
heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of  
them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to  
you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your  
earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as  
much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like  
with my own? Why be envious because I am  
generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first,  
last.’

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### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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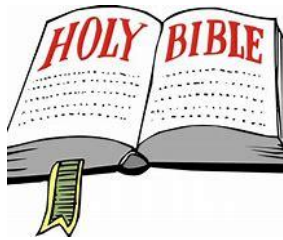
*A Warm Welcome to  
Billy & Grace Tarlinton  
and their parents  
Jessica Overend & Anthony Tarlinton*

*Billy & Grace were baptised  
here on Saturday.*

*We also welcome  
Harley Pantos and his parents  
Amy & John Pantos*

*Harley is being baptised Sunday  
at St. Joseph's Gundaroo.*

*The parish supports you and your  
family on this commitment to your  
faith.*



**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, Ken & Cathy Vine, Elizabeth Van Gessel, Barb Rayner & Fr. Mick Burke.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** Tony Boys, James Gormly, John Daniel, William Daniel, Sidney Smith, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Gallagher, Carolyn Mary Douglas, John Joseph Nash & Cathy Connolly.

**Church Cleaning Thanks!**

**SEPTEMBER: Pauline Segeri**

**OCTOBER: Maureen Elgood &  
Jenny Amey**



**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 : 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**

**Sunday : 1st October 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock**

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

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

**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 .

**Social Sunday**—15th October

**Sunday 22nd October**—12 noon Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Old Cathedral Sts. Peter & Paul's Mass & Lunch followed by Devotions.

**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!!!!!!**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:phil13murray@gmail.com)

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

*Dear Parishioners,*

The *Spring* is with us in all her beauty. We pause during our Mass and thank God for the gifts of nature and grace. The early Christians were clearly a grateful bunch, giving the name '*Eucharist*' to our treasured sacred celebration. The word, as you know, means 'thanksgiving,' and so the best way to *prepare for Mass* – both remotely and immediately – is to thank the Lord for everything we are and have.

We pray in a special way for *Father Vincent Michael Thomas Burke!* (I always address him in such fashion, having known him for years). Let's hope a couple of months recuperation finds him in better health, with a bright and fruitful retirement ahead of him.

The Archbishop has informed me that Father Joshua and I will be among you for perhaps *18 months*. The towns and parishes of Bungendore and Braidwood – and the surrounding areas – do need a full-time priest. In the meantime, we will do our best – under-promising and hopefully over-delivering.

For many years, the Archdiocese has gathered each year to celebrate what was known as the *Galong Procession* – honouring the Our Lady, Mother of God. It took place either in May or October. The Archbishop has decided, for a number of reasons, to switch the venue to the newly restored *Old Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul in Goulburn*.

Construction of the Old Cathedral began in *1872*, with rock quarried just outside Goulburn – Australia's first inland city. Believe it or not, it is the *only Greenstone Church in the world*, constructed with the rock that is – again, believe it or not – that is 440 million years old. It occupies a special place in world history.

*Date Claimer:*

*Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Old Cathedral Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Sunday 22 October 2023 12noon Mass & Lunch  
Followed by Devotions*

I think you will be very impressed with the restoration work. It is our intention to make the Old Cathedral a pre-eminent place of pilgrimage in Australia.

Blessings to one and all,

Father Tony