



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

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November, 2023

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr. Tony Percy is our Administrator.

Baptisms: Baptisms will be on 1st & 3rd Sunday during 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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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 10:30am (Nov cancelled)

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am

Tarago: TBA

Krawarree: 5th Sunday 11.00am

Dear Parishioners,

November begins with the feast of *All Saints*. St. Paul begins his letter to the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish, *'To the saints in Bungendore.'*

We are probably working with a saint. We are probably living with a saint:

A saint knows deeply that God loves them and responds by trying to live like Jesus.

Emphasis on *'trying,'* because it is important we never give up.

Next comes *All Souls*.

There are three Masses set down for this day. I will glean some of the prayers this month and place them before you. The *Opening Prayer for Mass 1* proclaims the mystery of the resurrection:

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.

November has this wonderful theme of meditating on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and on our own personal and collective resurrection. Since we are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, the mystery is now at play in our daily life:

We try 'to die' a little each day. We try 'to rise' a little each day.

May this day of rest and resurrection be just that,

Father Tony



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngannawal 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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First reading

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **(R.)**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



Reflection

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where

talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

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ARE YOU BAKING FOR THE CAKE STALL?? PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL THE INGREDIENTS ON YOUR GOODIES.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR RODEO RAFFLE TICKETS ROLLING IN TO BE IN THE DRAW!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday Prayer & Communion - 9am then please join us as we gather afterward at local café.

Fridays @ St Mary's—9am PRAY FOR PEACE Rosary & Reflection .

Social Sunday—19th November

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, Ken & Cathy Vine, Elizabeth Van Gessel, Barb Rayner, Fr. Mick Burke & Adrian van Prooyen.

Recently Deceased: Jane Kelly

Anniversaries:- Mark Cooke, Doug Costello, Bruce Reid, John Fletcher, Eileen Mary Mortlock, Leslie Henry (Ted) Sillis, Walter Francis Flynn, Patrick Michael Sherd, William John Gallagher, Ada Johnson, Michael Noel Marsden, Mark Lawless, Thomas Whalen, Catherine Murphy, Michael Day & Angela Ann Pearse.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

OCTOBER: Maureen Elgood &

Jenny Amey

NOVEMBER: Helen Jewell



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 : 5th November 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Alison Bishop

Offertory: Pauline Segeri

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 12th November 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley

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

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell (Chairperson)
David Bishop
Jenny Amey
Chris Murdock
Tess Montesin
Julie-Ann Snudden

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Michele Murdock
Richard Konarski
Ian Cusack
Ed Cory
Stephen Dunkerley

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

ARCHBISHOP'S TEACHING DAY FOR CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Saturday 4 November from 8:30am to 2pm at
Haydon Hall, Franklin Street, Manuka ACT.

Speakers are Archbishop Christopher Prowse and
Lalith Perera (founder of Community of the Risen
Lord, Sri Lanka). Holy Mass, worship, preaching,
prayer ministry and free BBQ lunch. To register,
[https://www.trybooking.com/events/
landing/1133486](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133486). For more information call/text
Susanna 0419 902 293 or Tim 0404 805 082.

ST. MATTHEW'S AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SPIRITUALITY RETREAT DAY

11th November 2023

St Vincent de Paul's, 7 Bindel St, Aranda

Sr. Magdalen Mather of Benedictine Abbey
Jamberoo will lead a parish spirituality retreat day
at St. Vincent's parish centre, Aranda. The theme
will be Going Deeper, and looking at ancient prayer
practices of the desert fathers and mothers to help
us in our current troubled times.

Cost \$20

Email: BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au

Dear friends,

I'm sure October 7 is etched in our memories now as a day when once again the Middle East, and particularly the Holy Land, was devastated with a new wave of violence. The Franciscans have, for eight centuries, been responsible for the care of the many sacred places, as well as schools and parishes in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank.

Pope Francis has called for peace: *"Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity... Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"*

Besides looking after the pilgrims and pilgrimage sites, the Franciscans look after 15 schools in the Israel/Palestine area and offer wide-ranging housing and social support programs. The Latin Patriarch looks after another 10 schools. There are two Catholic schools in the Gaza parish – they are part of the Holy Family Parish and part of the Latin Patriarchate. Both communities are currently sheltering families and will need help when the current violence stops. The Holy Child School in Bethlehem provides an intense therapeutic day treatment program and alternative education for children in the Bethlehem region who suffer from untreated complex mental health issues and exposure to intergenerational trauma.

At this time, I ask you on behalf of all those affected by this conflict to pray for peace. In the near future, I hope to have more information on how you can help but for now, prayer is the best answer.

Let us pray with Psalm 122, 6-9:

*Ask for peace for Jerusalem:
may those who love you live in safety;
let there be peace in your walls,
safety in your palaces.*

For my brothers and my friends, I will say:

*Upon you be peace!
By the house of the Lord our God,
I will ask good for you.*

Fr Bernie Thomas OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land Australia