



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 (Administrator)



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th 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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Secretary- Julie-Ann

Office Open: - Wednesday - 10:30am - 5:00pm
 Thursday—9:00am—3:30pm

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,

We pray for our loved ones during this month of November.

When permitted to celebrate Mass publicly, after a long period of persecution (at times extremely violent), Christians instinctively prayed at cemeteries.

The name change from *necropolis* ('city of the dead') to *cemetery* ('sleeping place') was most important, since it embedded in our psyche the truth that beyond death there is resurrected eternal life. We must try to never lose sight of the meaning of life and we should encourage each other in our conversations. We don't need to shout – *whispering* in the ears of friends and family will have the necessary impact.

Mass 2 for All Souls has this beautiful prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, by means of these sacrificial offerings, wash away in the Blood of Christ, the sins of your departed servants, for you purify unceasingly by your merciful forgiveness those you once cleansed in the waters of Baptism.

These prayers are really quite important, not only turning *desire into prayer*, but gathering together, in a coherent unity, a *number of truths*: death, sin, the love of Christ pouring forth his blood for our forgiveness, and all made present in the Mass that we celebrate together.

Blessings to you each day,

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

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave
you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as
they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about
those who have died, to make sure that you do not
grieve about them, like the other people who have no
hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and
that it will be the same for those who have died in
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you

this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who
are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any
advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet
of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the
command and the Lord himself will come down from
heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first
to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be
taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet
the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for
ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort
one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them
were foolish and five of them were sensible: the
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no
oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well
as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all
grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was
a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."
At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed
their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible
ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going
out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for
us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it
and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to
buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the
door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he
replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So
stay awake, because you do not know either the day
or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Reflection

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE COMBINED CHURCHES RODEO A SUCCESS.

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

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

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:

Anniversaries:- Karlo Boric, Mary Ann Harriott, Ellen Margaret Griffin, Christopher McDermott, Elizabeth Winter, John Edward Griffin, Michael Flinn, William Heath, Thomas Roach, Margaret Cunningham & Peter Fogarty.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

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 : 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

Sunday : 19th November 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

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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Richard Konarski
Ian Cusack
Ed Cory
Stephen Dunkerley

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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

GOULBURN MASS AND GALA LUNCHEON

November 18 @ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

On the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, you are invited to visit the beautifully restored Old Cathedral in Goulburn, followed by a Gala Luncheon. Tour the Old Cathedral at 11am, Mass at 12noon, Luncheon at 1pm.

Cost \$100 per person.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLEOK>

Email admin@sppoc.com.au

or call 0476 025 676 to RSVP to the event.

Prison Sunday

Each year, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. "We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time.

A Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry

God of all life,

Your son called us to be compassionate,
just as You are compassionate.

And so we pray:

For our generous Earth,

Who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish and sustain us.

May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples,

Who, even when facing injustices, teach us resilience and hope.

May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us,

Who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine love and strength.

May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries,

Which, in times of change, find new ways of reaching out and in.

May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired

As we hear these words anew:

"For you had compassion for those who were in prison."

In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,

Amen