



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)



**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**19th 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,*

I thought you'd be interested in these statistics from *Queanbeyan Parish*. When we get the figures for our parish, I will make them available.

During the month of October it is the custom in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to take stock of how many people are coming to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

The average for the four Sundays in Queanbeyan parish was *515 people*.

If we take the population to be approximately *45,000*, and if we assume that *25%* of the population is Catholic, then the percentage of Catholics coming to pray on a Sunday is *4.5%*.

You often hear people speak about the *shortage of priests*, but should we be speaking about the *shortage of people*?

In due time, we might take up the important issue of how we reach out to others. For instance, I suggested to the *Queanbeyan Parish Pastoral Council* that a good outreach during Advent and Christmas would be to send out parishioners *two-by-two* (Luke 10), armed with postcards inviting people to our Christmas Masses. The cards would be placed in people's mailboxes – we won't be knocking on doors, you'll be happy to know!

Simple things like this, which lets people know we are alive – and interested in them – over time makes a difference.

Thanks to all of you for coming to Mass. It is not a numbers game, as you know, but a faith adventure, with all its 'highs and lows,'

Father Tony



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngabri 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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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### First reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly

happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

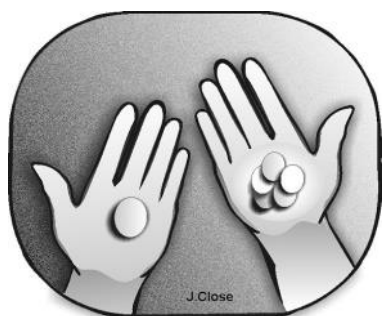
Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take

the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

### Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.



The parable of the talents brings to mind the importance of personal growth and the enhancement of life. In this context 'trustworthiness' refers to our ability to use what we are given in life to best advantage.

**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:** Rex Sutherland

**Anniversaries:-** Fr Parker Moloney, William James Girvan, John Sherd, James Hourigan, William McGrogan, Joseph Thomas Quinlan & Michael McMahon (Gundaroo)

### Church Cleaning Thanks!

NOVEMBER: **Helen Jewell**



### For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

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

**WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!**

### **RAFFLE WINNERS:**

**1st—Tina Kelly**

**2nd— Alison Bishop**

**3rd—Jess Chapman**

### *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

### 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 : 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

**Sunday : 26th November 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Anna Melek

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

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

## **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

## **NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

### **LIVING IN THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

One day retreat with Fr Roni  
25th November 2023 9.30am-4 pm

St Benedict's Catholic Church  
Corner Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave  
Narrabundah, ACT 2604  
Prakash Rebello 0406381446  
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### **CANBERRA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2023**

December 9 @ 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Free  
Stage 88 Commonwealth Park  
Get there early to secure a spot

Come and join us at the annual *The Canberra Times* Carols by Candlelight. An evening of family, fun and celebration, brought to the national capital by the Woden Valley Youth Choir and *The Canberra Times*. Food stalls available or bring a picnic. Plenty of space for everyone and it's free!

## *World Day of the Poor—Message from Pope Francis*

As the Church prepares to celebrate the World Day of the Poor on 19 November, Pope Francis urges everyone to work toward providing free healthcare, medical examinations, vaccinations, and bill payment assistance to those in need.

Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the World Day of the Poor in 2017.

He encouraged the Church to “go forth”, beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty “in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today’s world.”

The Pope will preside over the Eucharistic Celebration marking the seventh edition of the World Day of the Poor in St. Peter’s Basilica on 19 November.

“Do not look away from the poor” (Tobit 4,7), is the theme for the 2023 World Day for the Poor.

Pope Francis begins his message for the Day by stressing that “a great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity.”

“We are living,” he continues, “in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard.”

Schedule for the day: Lunch and medical care

### **Pope Francis’ Message**

The Dicastery for Evangelisation reiterated the Pope’s message.

*“The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father’s mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live poverty and to serve the poor.”*