



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

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Solemnity of Our Lord JESUS CHRIST THE KING

26th 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,

The *Feast of Christ the King* was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

It confronts all the '*isms*':

Marxism, Communism, Capitalism, Nazism, Terrorism, Hedonism, Consumerism.

I am sure you can think of other utopian visions peddled by ideologues. In fact, it is good to remember that 'utopia' means just that – '*no place*.'

There are no utopias in this world, but we are working, praying and walking to the only utopia there is – perpetual life with the Blessed Trinity.

On our way, we do well to take stock of how we are recognizing Jesus Christ in the poor, for it is the criteria that Jesus will use in his judgement: '*I was hungry and you gave me food.*'

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta knew a thing or two about ministering to the poor:

There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives – the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognise it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them.

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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one

man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he

will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

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 .

DUE TO THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT OF THE PARISHES OF ST MARY'S AND ST PHILLIP'S AND THE COMBINED CHURCHES RODEO COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS, THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DONATE \$2,500 to the Christmas Hamper Fund and a WHOPPING \$15,000 to each church!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE , CONTRIBUTION AND HARDWORK TO MAKE THIS OUR BIGGEST RODEO and THANK YOU TO THE COMMITTEE!!!!

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:- Allan Dunk, Paula Bannerman, Maddie Wakeling, Patricia Sheather, Gregory Gordon, Mary Roach & Eliza Jane McGrogan.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

NOVEMBER: **Helen Jewell**

DECEMBER : **Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia**



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 : 26th November 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 3rd December 2022 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Pauline Segeri & Catherine Mueller

Offertory:

Welcomer:

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

November and returning there again 8-9.30am
Monday, 27-November. All are invited and/or to

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

COP28 PRAYER GATHERING

SUNDAY 26th November

PARLIAMENT HOUSE LAWN 2.30PM-4PM

The United Nations' Climate Change Conference, COP28 commences in Dubai on November 30. The Archdiocese is planning to show public prayer support for effective global action on climate (identified as a mainstream faith issue in the recent papal exhortation *Laudate Deum*). There will be a gathering of faith communities for multi-faith prayers on the authorised lawn assembly area in front of Parliament House 2.30-4pm Sunday, 26-

give prayer support off-site. More information LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com.

CANBERRA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2023

SATURDAY 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

Ultimate Power

The church year ends this week. Our calendar is not far behind. These endings carry a certain finality about them. We've spent the year studying Matthew's gospel, with its emphasis on God's kingdom. We look forward to the start of a new cycle following Mark, who ponders the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his coming. We're always glad to get to Advent, the happy season of warmth and giving. But before we leap into tomorrow, this church year has one more lesson to teach us.

The liturgical calendar always ends with Christ the King (Jesus Christ, Heart of the Universe), but the readings for this feast are remarkably different each time. In Matthew's year, Christ's kingship is defined in terms of judgment. A ruler has the power to separate good from evil, lives worthy of reward from those deserving punishment. Rulers establish the rules and enforce them. But in Matthew's judgment scene, the rules turn out to be completely different from what everyone expected. The Son of Man doesn't quiz people about whether they went to church or obeyed the commandments. No one is asked about divorce or sexual purity or saying their prayers. What does concern the king is how the saddest members of society are being treated.

If we took the quiz today, how would we do? This is an appropriate reflection for the end of the year. It's also a good time to consider how we might prepare to pass this exam at the mother of all endings.

Ask yourself the questions that appear in the last judgment. Where do you stand today, with the sheep or the goats?

PRAY

Joy-making, shepherding God, your love, goodness, mercy, and grace are constantly before us. May we know you so well that we implicitly trust you, and unselfconsciously live to your glory and praise. Amen.

PONDER

Find a way to answer the needs of the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the naked, the sick and imprisoned, in the upcoming year. Gifts of generosity, hospitality, and compassion are always in season. *"I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me".*