



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)



FIRST Sunday of ADVENT

3rd December, 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,

Advent begins and so does the proclamation in Year B of the Gospel of Mark.

Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels. Mark is the most dramatic of the four Gospels:

When Mark wrote his Gospel, to become a follower of Jesus was a radical decision.

It could mean incurring disapproval or outright rejection from friends and family (Healy, Gospel of Mark, 17).

It was not until the early middle ages that the first commentary appeared on Mark. Why?

The Gospel of Mark is deceptively simple.

Mark writes in a plain, 'street language' style of Greek that made his writing accessible to the uneducated but led others to disparage his work as unrefined and vulgar (Healy, 23).

No wonder Mark appeals to me more than the other Gospels.

I lived in a Cooma during childhood and worked in retail and encountered that 'street language.'

But, we should not be deceived by the simplicity:

Mark writes with consummate skill.

His narrative style is the most vivid of the Gospels.

One of his favourite words is euthys, 'immediately,' used over 40 times, giving his narrative a sense of urgency and fast-paced action (Healy, 23).

Sit back and enjoy the urgency and action of Mark during Year B,

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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and
we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you
have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your
teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has
indeed been strong among you so that you will not be
without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are
waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he
will keep you steady and without blame until the last
day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in charge, each with
his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay
awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when
the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight,
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must
not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all:
Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.



For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

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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 .

*This morning we welcome
Fr Mick Burke as he receives
Holly Tomas into the Catholic Church.*

*Holly has been guided on this walk of
faith by Sue & Geoff Orchison and
accompanied by her husband Adam.*

*Our warm congratulations Holly!
May our loving God continue to bless
and strengthen you in your faith.
You are part of St Mary's Parish
Family.
Welcome!*



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

This welcoming into the Catholic faith is a great opportunity for us to re-affirm our faith as recited in the Apostles Creed.

Take a few deep breaths and make this prayer your own.

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

(St Richard Chichester)

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:- Christine Ellen Harrison, Bet Mitchell, Patricia Redman, Geroa Elizabeth Emma Feeken, Harold Hickey, Thomas Rogers, John O'Sullivan & John Flynn.

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 : 3rd December 2022 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Pauline Segeri &

Offertory:

Welcomer:

Sunday : 10th December 2022 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann

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

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 available or bring a picnic. Plenty of space for everyone and it's free!

7 Dec—Roundtable on Domestic Church

In preparation for our Archdiocesan Assembly in October 2024 you are invited to participate in a series of prayerful listening & discussion 'roundtables' on various topics, This Thu 7th Dec

we will reflect on the blessings and challenges of family life in relation to the evangelising mission of the Church. Attend in person (St Christopher's Pastoral Centre) or online (Zoom). 7:00pm - 8:30pm More info at www.cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables/ Register at <https://tally.so/r/3xJdY9>

8 Dec—Ministry Support Officer Applications Close

The Archdiocese is seeking a skilled applicant keen to provide practical and administrative support to the Marriage Family & Relationships team who run faith-based relationship formation programs for students, parents and families, as well as engaged & married couples. For more information and to apply text "Job Info" to 0429 192 869 by Fri 8th Dec

Like Leaves in the Wind

I've known several people in the last three years who were told by their doctors they were terminally ill. In each case, these folks immediately made decisions about their lives that they'd been delaying until now. People who know they're dying can't afford to save anything until later. There may not be a "later". There's only now.

The rest of us are kidding ourselves if we think we're not dying: not now, not any time soon, maybe never. When Jesus says, "Be watchful!", we think he means the other guy. We put our faith squarely in "later". Some of us belong to the Church of Later, in which we fully intend to be good, spiritual, faithful people – at a future time to be announced.

Some of us may live to a satisfying old age and wear out with a smile. Some of us will get a deadline from our doctors and have some lead time to prepare. Many of us are left in the dark as to when we'll die or how. This can make us sloppy about the way we live, even arrogant about it. Not taking death seriously is a real mistake in the spiritual life. The church's wisdom is to remind us, right from the start of the church year, that mortality is just what it says it is: a short-term proposition.

What are the lessons that death teaches you?

PRAY

God, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. Amen.

PONDER

Resolve to live this Advent season with watchfulness and attention. Miss no opportunity to be kind, generous, forgiving. Resist spiritual laziness with its shrug toward "later". Be a saint in the making right now.

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