



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

<http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx>

Fr. Tony Percy 0431 225 574 (Administrator)



**SECOND Sunday of ADVENT**

**10th 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.

**Phone:** 6238 1247

**Email:** [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

**Website:** <http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx>

**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,*

Amidst the *fog* of the numerous – and sometimes onerous – Christmas parties, staff farewells and end of year *gyrations*, we should take some time to experience the beauty and grace of the *Advent Prayers*:

*For he assumed at his first coming  
 the lowliness of human flesh,  
 and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,  
 and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,  
 that, when he comes again in glory and majesty  
 and all is at last made manifest,  
 we who watch for that day  
 may inherit the great promise  
 in which now we dare to hope (Preface 1 Advent).*

**Ad (towards) + Venio (come) =** God is coming towards us.

He comes in weakness (first coming) and he comes in glory (second coming). The Preface begins with the first and finishes with the second.

It is a remarkable reality that God enters our world as a vulnerable Baby – completely reliant on Mary and Joseph. The door of salvation is opened, and so we dare to hope in the great promise of eternal, resurrected life.

We are being invited to accept our *vulnerability* and live our lives with *deep purpose*, looking forward to ‘the’ promise not of our own making.

Enjoy Advent – especially the kindnesses that are offered to us at this time of year,  
 Father Tony



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

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

---

### First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

---

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

---

### Second reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

---

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

---

### Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet  
Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before  
you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were

baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



### 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 .

### **ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP SET UP CHAIRS AND PEWS from 3pm ON CHRISTMAS EVE ??**

Please let David Bishop or Chris Murdock know.

### THE ADVENT WREATH

The lighting of a different candle on each Sunday in Advent invites us to pause and reflect.

Each candle has its own symbolism, while the intertwined evergreen leaves of the Advent wreath remind us of the promise of eternal life that Christ brings.

In most Christian traditions the first candle, lit on Advent Sunday itself, represents hope – a sign of our hopeful expectation as we await the coming of the Messiah.

The next three candles mark the themes of peace, joy and love. The large white candle is the 'Christ candle', it as we mark the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach, the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

**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 & Carol-Jayne McManus.

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:-** David Busby, James Thomas Bede Doyle, Alfred Ronald Allen, Julia Flynn, Thomas Flynn, Brigid Catherine Flynn & John Butler.

### 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 : 10th December 2022 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Thomas Konarski

**R1; R2:** Sue & Geoff Orchison

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann

**Sunday : 17th December 2022 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** John Windsor

**R1; R2:** Miriam O'Brien & Julie-Ann Snudden

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann

## **BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Helen Jewell  
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!

#### **ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL**

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm & 11:50pm

Christmas Day: 8:00am & 5:00pm

#### **COMFORT WITH A CATCH**

*(Mark 1: 1 - 8)*

"There's good news, and there's bad news". A whole body of jokes begin this way, and we laugh ruefully because that statement is generally true. The news is hardly ever good or bad, but rather a blend of results better for some than others. One ball team beats another; is this good news, or bad?

John the Baptist preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Good news or bad? It's great news for sinners who repent. It's good news for people who yearn to be forgiven and know they have reason to be. It's not good news for people who have no intention of leaving their sin behind. And it's positively bad news for the self-righteous, convinced of their innocence and resentful that sinful types are getting off the hook.

The message of John the Baptist is comfort with a catch. The catch is baptism, a drowning to the old way and a resurrection into grasping new life. We can't find comfort in religion – not this religion! – if we intend to remain just as we are. John's baptism is with water, bracing and cold. The Mighty One is coming along soon with fire and spirit. Things are going to change.

*How does the message of John comfort you? How does it challenge you?*

Pray

God, our comfort and our strength, open our senses to hear your promise of liberation. Guide us to bring words and deeds of comfort and hope to the world. Amen.

Ponder

Give a little comfort this season. Listen to someone who has a story to tell. Include the lonely at your table. Remember the poor. *"His baptism will change you from the inside out".*

a reflection from [gpbs.com.com.au](http://gpbs.com.com.au)

### **Christmas Mass Times**

24th December: *8am Mass BUNGENDORE*  
*10.30am Mass GUNDAROO*

Christmas Vigil:

5pm Braidwood

6pm Queanbeyan

7pm BUNGENDORE

12am Queanbeyan

Christmas Day:

8am Queanbeyan

8am Michelago

9am GUNDAROO

10am Queanbeyan