



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

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**The EPIPHANY of the LORD**

**7th January, 2024**

**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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**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:**

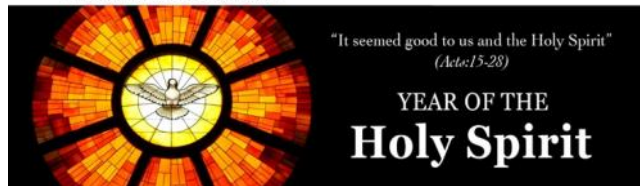
**Hoskinstown:** Four times a year—1st Sunday Feb, May, Aug 10:30am (Nov cancelled)

**Gundaroo:** 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am

**Tarago:** TBA

**Krawarree:** 5th Sunday 11.00am

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024



**Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
 For the Archdiocese**

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
 did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
 Grant that by the same  
 Holy Spirit we may be  
 truly wise and ever rejoice  
 In his consolations. Through the same  
 Christ Our Lord.  
 Amen



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

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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## First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;  
the wealth of the nations come to you;  
camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

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## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

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## Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted  
by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it  
was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of  
the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed  
through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets  
was unknown to any men in past generations; it means  
that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they  
are parts of the same body, and that the same promise  
has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the  
gospel.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!

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## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea  
during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came  
to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of  
the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and  
have come to do him homage.' When King Herod  
heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of  
Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and  
the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where  
the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,'  
they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of  
Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him  
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the  
star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem.  
'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when  
you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go  
and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king  
had to say, they set out. And there in front of them  
was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and  
halted over the place where the child was. The sight of  
the star filled them with delight, and going into the  
house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and  
falling to their knees they did him homage. Then,  
opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold  
and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in  
a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their  
own country by a different way.

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## Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## 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**—18th February

### **For direct credit payments to the Parish:**

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

Please give some consideration into how your time and talents can be used in our parish.

We need more people for the offertory and also for church cleaning.

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

The Archdiocese is closed until after 2nd January 2024 as they take a well earned break.

### **Feasts this week:**

8th January— The Baptism of the Lord



### **Principal Celebrations to come:**

14th February—Ash Wednesday

28-31 March—Pascal Triduum

19th May—Pentecost

**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 & Katherine Southwell .

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** Barry Patrick Sherd, Tania Heinecke, Patricia Agnes Darmody, Isabella Mary Doyle, Michael Rae, Ellen Grady & Thomas Joseph Murphy

### **Church Cleaning Thanks!**

**DECEMBER : Tess Montesin &**

**Rene Mallia**

**JANUARY : Julie-Ann Snudden**



### **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 : 7th January, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: David Bishop**

**R1; R2: Pauline Segeri & Julie-Ann Snudden**

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

**Sunday : 14th January, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley**

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

**Offertory: Pauline Segeri**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

## **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

## *Reflection*

### **Stars and Seekers after Truth**

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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### **Who are today's wise men??**

Wise Men  
Seek Him Still

