



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)



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February, 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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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: 1st & 3rd Sunday after Mass

Braidwood: Saturday 6.00pm **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10.00am

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am **Baptisms** will be conducted during Mass on these dates.

Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday begins Lent:

Wednesday 14 February 2024

Please bring along your old palms in the next few days so that we can burn them and use the blessed ashes on your foreheads.

Did you know?

Last week the population of Australia reached 27 million and will reach 28 million by August 2025
2024 is the last year that Generation Alphas will be born
Generation Beta will be born 2025-2039.

Many thanks for all your prayers and wishes directed towards our family at the death of our mother – Joan Mary Percy. We are sorrowful, but also full of gratitude and joy that mum was with us for just over 92 years.

I will be away for a few days to attend to a few matters relating to mum and will get a little break in too. I'll be back Monday 12 February 2024 and leave you in the capable hands of Father Joshua.

Many blessings as the new-year gets fully underway,

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 come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First reading

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty
which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I
did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I
might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a
responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do
you know what my reward is? It is this: in my

preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and
not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made
myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I
could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made
myself all things to all men in order to save some at
any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and
John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now
Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever,
and they told him about her straightaway. He went to
her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the
fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who
were sick and those who were possessed by devils.
The whole town came crowding round the door, and
he cured many who were suffering from diseases of
one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but
he would not allow them to speak, because they knew
who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left
the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed
there. Simon and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is
looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to
the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach
there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all
through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and
casting out devils.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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:

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Feasts & Memorials this week:

2nd February—The Presentation of The Lord

5th February— Anniversary of the Dedication of the Canberra Cathedral 1973 & St Agatha

6th February—St Paul Miki and companions

10th February—St Scholastica

Principal Celebrations to come:

14th February—Ash Wednesday

18th February—Rite of The Elect, St Christopher's Cathedral

25th March—Chrism Mass, St Christopher's

28-31 March—Pascal Triduum

Lenten study Please let Julie-Ann know if you are interested in participating in a group on Wednesday nights in the Hall and what time you want to start.....Allow 90 mins.

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: Joan Mary Percy

Anniversaries:- Gloria Clancy, Pam Sutor, Timothy Joseph Sands, Frederick William Chalker, Blenner Leahy, John Nash, Edmund Hatch, Michael Flynn, Joffre Leo Jermyn & William Day.

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

A revised curriculum will commence on 18th February and run for 6 weeks for those that were preparing last year, with a new text.

Key dates are:

Preparation for Reconciliation 18th & 25th Feb with Confession on 3rd March.

Preparation for Holy Communion 10th & 17th March and First Holy Communion on 24th March.

Attendance at the Sunday Mass 8.30am is required with parents. Preparation will be held after Mass.

Please contact the office if you wish your child to be included.

Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples:

FOCCUS - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare.

Evenings for the Engaged - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm.

Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25.

SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information contact

marriage.preparation@cg.org.au

To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Contact Lara Kirk on lara.kirk@cg.org.au

Church Cleaning Thanks!

JANUARY : Julie-Ann Snudden

FEBRUARY : Catherine Mueller



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 : 4th February, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop

Offertory:

Welcomer:

Sunday : 11th February, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Louella & Luke Reeves

Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

Welcomer:

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell
David Bishop
Jenny Amey
Chris Murdock
Tess Montesin
Julie-Ann Snudden (ex-officio)

BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Greg Darmody (Chairperson)
Michele Murdock
Richard Konarski
Ian Cusack
Ed Cory
Stephen Dunkerley
Julie-Ann Snudden (ex-officio)

Looking for Jesus

Mark 1:29-39

One of Jesus' first acts in Mark's gospel is to liberate a man from a demon, as we heard last week. Next, Jesus tames a fever; and by nightfall, everyone is after him. Is this a surprise? Not to anyone who's ever suffered. If there's a miracle cure for our pain, we'd all like to have a piece of it. Jesus, for his part, doesn't seem to mind. He gets down to business and sends those diseases and demons packing.

The next day, Jesus moves on to the next town, and the same thing happens. The world is full of opportunities to encounter Job, and one village is as good as another. Job, unhappily, lives in all of them. The early success of Jesus' ministry owes itself to the rampant misery in the world and our desperate desire for an answer or a cure. For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life.

For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Jesus is ready to reach into our lives and liberate us from the demons that enslave us. Jesus is the only real healer, making even death itself a king without subjects. Though our misery runs deep and happiness becomes a memory, Jesus can restore our peace. No wonder so many are still after him.

When do you go looking for Jesus?

Pray

Merciful God, we are sorry for our apathy, for our lack of action, for our ignorance, for our indifference. Forgiving God, help us to be free from the feeling of being overwhelmed, free to reflect, pray, and act in whatever way possible. Help us not to deceive ourselves but always to grow towards truth and action. Loving God, help us in our journey with you to be growing, imaginative, generous, letting-go people. Amen.

Ponder

For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life. For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Alleviate some misery in the "ash heap" nearest you. Kindness, sympathy, companionship, or a word of forgiveness can go a long way to make happiness live again.

Kids' Corner

Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. (Mark 1: 35)

Do you like to pray at night, in the morning or throughout the day? Do you like to be alone when you pray, or would you rather pray with others? Everyone prays in different ways. Talk and listen to God as if you were talking with a friend, and you will feel the power of prayer working in your life, no matter how or when you choose to pray.

Hi God! Here's what I want to say today _____ . Amen.

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