



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 LENT

18th 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 5.00pm (Starting 2nd March)

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

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent was originally just two days – Good Friday & Holy Saturday. Then the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth – the Christ – was celebrated.

No doubt with the Old Testament in view, and with the realisation of Jesus' temptation and testing in the wilderness, the Lenten period was lengthened – and deepened.

What has emerged over the centuries is Lent (40 days) and Eastertide (50 days), culminating in the Feast of Pentecost.

We are offered an immense opportunity – to enter into the rich spiritual tradition of the Church. This tradition is essentially letting God speak to us through carefully chosen passages of scripture:

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.

Let not your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, ready to relent (Joel 2).

If we can, we try to make a little more space and time for God, so that we can hear what the Lord is saying to us. Yes, it is challenging to do this kind of thing, but the 'fringes benefits are out of this world' (literally).

That reading from Joel – proclaimed on Ash Wednesday – continues:

Call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children, even the infants at the breast.

Treasuring community, and giving of ourselves to others, is surely one of the desired outcomes.

The weather is just sublime. We stop and give thanks to our majestic God.

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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.*

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in

prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

Do you want to fast this LENT? Pope Francis tells us how:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and have trust in God
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness; fill your heart with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words, be silent and listen.

Dates for your Diary

Fridays @ St Mary's—9am PRAY FOR PEACE
Rosary & Reflection .
SOCIAL SUNDAY—17th March

For direct credit payments to the Parish:
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*A Warm Welcome to
Ellis Wilson and his parents
Breanna & Alistair and their families.*

*Ellis is being baptised
here today.*



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

An Evening of Dialogue with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP hosted by Genevieve Jacobs AM
Wednesday 13 March 2024 from 7-8.30pm at
Marist College Canberra.

Please [click here](#) to register and access more information about this significant event. Places are limited, so please book early and share with family and friends!

PURPOSE

The purpose of the evening is to create a space for respectful dialogue on the National Marist theme 'FIRST LIGHT – Reveal the Spirit' and its implications for Catholic Education in the Canberra community.

We have invited a keynote speaker who will provoke new thinking and rich discussion. The evening is open to all members of the Marist College Canberra community and invited guests and representatives from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

FORMAT:

Keynote presentation by Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, followed by a short panel discussion, participant dialogue and time for question and answer.

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:- Ken Ahearn, Carl Phillips, Eileen Veronica Fletcher, Henry Sillis, John Joseph Doyle & John Day.

Church Cleaning Thanks!
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 : 18th February, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 25th February, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop

Offertory:

Welcomer:

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell
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Chris Murdock
Tess Montesin
Julie-Ann Snudden (ex-officio)

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First Sunday of Lent 18th February 2024



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

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Pope Francis' Focus

Discussing this Gospel, Pope Francis once said that 'Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow!'

The Pope wanted to remind Christians that Lent is a season of 'a joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of our selfishness ... and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism.' Note his emphasis on it being 'joyous.'

In one of his major teaching documents, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Pope begins as follows: 'The Joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.' He goes on to say that 'With Christ joy is constantly born anew.' This is the kind of Lent we should all strive for: a joyful one.

Later in the same document the Pope expresses concern about joyless seriousness. 'There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.'

The Pope then reminds us that 'Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.' Our Lent should be a time of joyful response to that love. Fasts and penances should be helping us find joy in Christ, not misery.

After all, Jesus emerged from the desert proclaiming 'Good News'.