



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)



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25th 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,

We have the three P's during Lent:

Prayer
 Penance
 Project Compassion.

I came across this fascinating quote from *Evagrius Ponticus (345-399)*, a desert monk in Egypt, on prayer:

Prayer is an offshoot of gentleness and freedom from anger. Prayer is an antidote to sadness and despondency.

For memory of injury blinds the mind of one who prays, and darkens one's prayers.

Those who heaps up sorrow and memory of injury within themselves, and then expect to pray, are like people who draw water and pour it into a perforated wine jar.

If you wish to pray in spirit, hate no one, then you will not have an obstructing cloud hanging over you at the time of prayer.

When standing to pray becomes a greater joy than any other, then you have truly found prayer.

I gleaned this from an app called 'Daily Gospel,' which as you can see, gives simple access to our rich spiritual tradition – a source of amazement to us.

Enjoy your day of rest with loved ones,

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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

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My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Dates for your Diary

Fridays @ St Mary's—9am PRAY FOR PEACE
Rosary & Reflection .

SOCIAL SUNDAY—17th March
Mass times for Easter will be released next week

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*In
Loving
Memory*

The Funeral of John Connolly will be held here
on Monday 26th February at 11.30am.

The hall will be set up with additional seating so
please allow the family to occupy the seats in
the church if you can.

We offer our prayers to Maureen, Michele, Chris
and the family at this time.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST
Thursday, March 7, 2024, Ainslie Football Club
7.30AM– 9AM
Cost: \$40

www.cgwomen.org.au or 0487 388 873.

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: John Connolly

Anniversaries:- Mike Cramsie, Philip Sheather, Vicki Anne Hardy, Richard John Sillis, Thomas Hickey, Mrs Carl Whyte, Brigid Cozier, Mary Lawless, Sidney James Shanahan & Robert Whyte..

Church Cleaning Thanks!

FEBRUARY : Catherine Mueller
MARCH : Penny Ford & Helen
Jewell



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 : 25th February, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

Welcomer:

Sunday : 3rd March, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden & Pauline Segeri

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)



Second Sunday of Lent 25th February 2024



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413

Pope Francis' Focus

'We too are called to climb up the mountain,' says Pope Francis, like the chosen disciples. But, as he points out, we are also called to bring our experience back down the mountain.

In our own lives, one way of understanding this is to contemplate our personal spiritual behaviours. The Pope takes the opportunity of this Gospel to remind us to beware of the risk of 'spiritual laziness'. Are we tempted to 'remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own'? Do we risk taking too much private and possessive comfort from 'our prayers and liturgies'?

As the Pope points out, we cannot stay on the mountain. 'Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life.' There is work to be done. It is not enough to come to Mass and posture and pray in a way that is cut off from life. The Church should never become a means of escaping reality or responsibility.

'We', the Pope proclaims, 'are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere.' Called up the mountain, we are sent down the mountain to go forth and take the mystery of the Transfigured One with us wherever we may go. We cannot do that if we keep our heads stuck in tents of our own making.