



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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd March, 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,

It is unfortunate that many people no longer know and live by the *Ten Commandments* (Decalogue), since they promote and protect fundamental human values:

God, Respect, Rest, Family, Life, Sexual Fidelity, Land & Property, Truthfulness.

We should not doubt that if we keep trying to live by these fundamental values we will be contributing to the benefit of others and society as a whole.

You will find a one-page sheet entitled 'Celebrating the Sacred Triduum Without a Priest.' (**SEE BACK PAGE**)

In putting this together, I had to consider a number of realities:

We have Queanbeyan Parish, Michelago Parish, Braidwood Parish and Bungendore Parish (Gundaroo).

We can cover the Easter Sunday Masses (Queanbeyan 5.30pm, 8am, 10am, 5pm, Braidwood 5pm, Bungendore 8.30am & Gundaroo 10.30am), but not Holy Thursday and Good Friday in each community.

Faith celebrations on Holy Thursday and Good Friday can take place without a priest, but they are to be different in structure.

I consulted Father Peter Williams, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta, who is regarded as one of the pre-eminent Liturgists in the country. What you have in your hands is the fruit of a discussion with him.

What is suggested may not entirely satisfy all of us, but it does allow us to gather to celebrate with faith in a meaningful way. So, we can come together in a way that supports and aids faith.

Blessings to you as Autumn begins,

Father Tony



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

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Shortened Form: God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Dates for your Diary

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

EASTER SUNDAY MASS ONLY See back page
HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY TBA

For direct credit payments to the Parish:
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*A Warm Welcome to
Margaret Anne O'Brien and her
parents Miriam & Claire*

*Margaret will be baptised
here today.*



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW CAMPAIGN

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.
Visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events.
Open Day, Principal's Address and Year 7 2025 Information Night: Wednesday 8 May

- Be a Merici Girl Days: 3, 6, 13 May
- Talk and Tours: 11 May

QUEANBEYAN PARISH GATHERING & BOOK LAUNCH

March 15 @ 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Please Join Us To Celebrate The Publication Of
"Under the Pines: A History of St Gregory's Catholic
Parish Queanbeyan NSW"

Cost: \$25 per person

5.30 Mass at St Raphael's Church 47 Lowe Street
Queanbeyan

6.30 Dinner – Canapes at the Roos Club 33 Stuart St
Queanbeyan

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Margaret Carmody

Payment: BSB: 062786 A/C: 12889 ref. "Book launch"
OR Cash to Parish Office

PLEASE RSVP BY WED 13 MARCH 2024

E: Queanbeyan@cg.org.au

Please indicate any dietary requirements

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 & Kate Flores.

Recently Deceased: John Connolly

Anniversaries:- Michael Hovar, Ettie Boys, Cyril Gordon Smith, Lawrence Flynn, Thomas Cunningham, Emily Rose Heath, Patrick Valentine Smith & Anne Catherine Hennessy.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

**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 : 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: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 10th March, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Alison Bishop

Offertory: Pauline Segeri

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)

Celebrating the Sacred Triduum without a Priest

The Sacred Triduum consists of three celebrations that are in fact one (Holy Thursday, The Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil). It celebrates Jesus' 'passing-over' to his Father, for our salvation.

What do we do when it is not possible to celebrate the Paschal Triduum, with its three integral parts, because a priest cannot be present? Can we celebrate just one part? Holy Thursday, but not Good Friday or vice versa? Can we celebrate just the Easter Vigil?

Father Peter Williams, a well-renowned liturgist, strongly suggests the following liturgical acts when it is not possible to have a priest celebrate the Sacred Triduum.

Holy Thursday

Proclaim the Word of God (First Reading, Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel)
Washing of the Feet (Mandatum)
Prayers of the Faithful
Collection for the Poor

Notes: Holy Thursday focuses on the gift of Christian service, the Holy Eucharist, the Priesthood. However, the absence of a priest re-focuses the celebration entirely to Christian service (Washing of the feet & Collection for the poor). Liturgical instructions concerning Holy Communion are clear: 'Holy Communion may only be received by the faithful during Mass.' Father Williams concurs. A homily, prepared by the Parish Priest, can be read by a parishioner. Depending on numbers, a few lay people are assigned to perform the washing of the feet.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross can be prayed by the faithful, but The Celebration of the Lord's Passion (normally celebrated at 3pm) does not take place, since the priest must play the part of Christ during the proclamation of the Word of God. The Veneration of the Cross replaces the Eucharistic Sacrifice (Mass) and so again, unfortunately, Holy Communion is not received.

Notes: It would be good for a variety of people to be involved in proclaiming the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Saturday Night

If Mass is celebrated on Easter Saturday night, then the Easter Vigil Mass is not celebrated, but rather the Easter Sunday Mass, with the readings and prayers that are set down in the lectionary and missal. The blessing of the Paschal Candle takes place after the homily and before the renewal of baptismal promises.

Comments: Many Catholic communities are unable to celebrate the Paschal Triduum, but as usual, it is not the end of the world. Much can be done in the absence of a priest and these celebrations should and will be full of faith.

Father Tony Percy (March 2024)