



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)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10th 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,

Many thanks for the feedback re the Easter Ceremonies. I spoke with the Archbishop about the advice I had received when it is not possible to have a priest celebrate the three parts of the Easter Triduum.

He confirmed that he is happy for the following to take place:

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

Our Father and Holy Communion

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Proclaim the Word of God (First Reading, Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel – Passion Narrative)

General Intercessions

Collection for the Holy Places

Veneration of the Cross

Our Father and Holy Communion

Easter Masses

Saturday Night Mass Braidwood 5pm

Sunday Morning Mass Bungendore 8.30am

Sunday Morning Mass Gundaroo 10.30am

Blessing in every way,

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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."''

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **(R.)**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **(R.)**

Second reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal
life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be
lost

but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,

because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is
done in God.'

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

Dates for your Diary

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

SOCIAL SUNDAY—17th March

PALM SUNDAY—24th March

CHRISM MASS— 25th March @St Christopher's

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, 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: Jack Sealey, Marie Docherty (Fr Mick's Sister), Mary Ann Wilson & Colleen McAlister (nee Sillis).

Anniversaries:- Ken Ahearn, Robyn Almeida, John Francis Clancy, Michael Peter Sherd & John Hourigan.

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 : 10th March, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Pauline Segeri & Alison Bishop

Offertory:

Welcomer:

Sunday : 17th March, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: Miriam O'Brien & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory:

Welcomer:

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

**Please note from now on:
THERE IS ONLY ONE COLLECTION
DURING MASS this will be split
70/30 Parish : Presbytery Fund
(Priest Support)**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

The Knights of the Southern Cross Canberra Branch

13th April 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM FREE

Holy Trinity Church, 3 Strangways St, Curtin
Induction of new members – all Catholic men in
Canberra are welcome to attend as visitors. Bob
Perkins, 6247 2977 or kscaneo@inet.net.au

Cursillo Movement – Canberra & Goulburn Men's & Women's Separate Retreats

12-14th April 2024 Cost \$280

St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong

<https://bit.ly/cursillo24> or call 0401 159 852 or
email irmandjoe@gmail.com

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)

Reflection

Coming to the Light

(John 3: 14 - 21)

What does it mean to come to the light? It starts with honesty, primarily about ourselves. We have to lay down our defences and rationalisations, “our side of the story,” and confess ourselves in good old-fashioned Catholic tradition, telling the truth about who we are. It involves admitting we’re afraid of our darkness, ashamed of some of our choices, knowing we can be petty and self-serving. We may be unwilling to love our enemies or to forgive those who injure us. Our compassion is undersized, and we shrink from self-sacrifice above all. We don’t like risking our comfort and security; most acts of goodness, we know, require that.

We prefer the darkness to the light. In darkness, we can pretend we’re better people. We can feel better about ourselves without having to change. But once we come into the light, things *have* to change. WE must change. The good news is, Jesus makes such change possible, even desirable. We become who we’ve longed to be. And God so loved the world, just for this.

What truths are hardest to admit about yourself? What kind of person do you long to be?

Pray

Come all who need justice, God weaves in us the path of life. Come all who need peace, God weaves in us the way of truth. Come all who need comfort, God weaves in us sure hope. Come all who need healing, God weaves in us the promise of wholeness. Come all who need community, God weaves in us the love of Christ. Come all who need God, God weaves us in the heart of the Divine. Give thanks to God for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures for all time. Amen.

Ponder

Build on the good that has come to you. Was someone merciful? Show mercy to others. Was someone generous? Give generously. Did someone listen? Be present to those in need.

The Commissioning

Give thanks to God.
God is good. God’s steadfast love endures.

Respond to that love.

As we ready ourselves for a fresh start,
God’s steadfast love is there.
As we prepare to put everything unworthy behind us,
God’s steadfast love is there.
As we affirm those who support and encourage others,
God’s steadfast love is there.
As we remember that God is there for the most vulnerable,
God’s steadfast love is there.

Rejoice! God’s love for you is complete and never-ending.

We will go out with joy.