



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 OF LENT

17th 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,

We are approaching the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection, known as the Paschal Mystery.

The word 'paschal' means 'passing.' We are about to celebrate the Lord's 'passing' from this life, through death, to his merciful Father.

And that is what each one of us will do at the end of our life, whenever that may be, whatever the circumstances.

Our 'passing' will be made smooth, full of trust and hope, if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus and his 'passing.'

Today we have proclaimed the *Letter to the Hebrews*. Various theories abound about its author, origin, structure and intended audience.

Was he a *travelling preacher*, wandering around early Christian communities, proclaiming Jesus Christ as the one, true priest? Most likely.

Certainly, Jesus offered himself *to* his eternal Father *for* us, establishing the one great sacrifice permeating human hearts:

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard (Hebrews 5).

By his great *act of love* – surrendering to death – Jesus reversed the whole history of human sin and rebellion against God.

This *act of love* is made-present in the Eucharist:

This is my body. This is my blood.

What might be our response? Hebrews dares us to:

Draw near. Enter in.

Let's keep encouraging each other (*Hebrews 10:25*),

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

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

Second reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to
this hour.
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Dates for your Diary

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

SOCIAL SUNDAY—17th March

PALM SUNDAY—24th March

HOLY THURSDAY—7pm in CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY—10am Stations of the Cross
3PM Passion

Principal Celebrations to come:

19th St Joseph—Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

**THERE IS ONLY ONE
COLLECTION DURING MASS
it will be split 70:30**

**Parish : Central Presbytery Fund
(Priest Support)**

**Playgroup meets in the Hall
9.30 –11.00am on Thursdays.**

All welcome to attend.

Gold coin donation

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 & Carmen Azzopardi.

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll (14.3.24) Colleen McAlister (nee Sillis), Marie Docherty (Fr Mick's Sister) & MaryAnn Wilson.

Anniversaries:- Bev Raby, Michael Francis (Frank) Larkin, Alphonsus Daly, John Joseph Kopec, Catherine Doyle, Dorothy Weeks, James Gallagher, William Henry Day & Henry John Pearse

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

St THOMAS MORE FORUM—

How Christianity Triumphs in a Newly Pagan
Society

Wednesday 20 March 2024 7.30PM - 9PM

Speaker: Greg Sheridan Foreign Editor, *The
Australian* Newspaper and Author

Register Now:

<https://bit.ly/stmf-200324>

VINNIES at PALM SUNDAY RALLY

24th March—Garema Place Canberra City

1.00PM-2.30PM

Justice for Refugees

CHRISM MASS— 25th March @St Christopher's

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

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 : 17th March, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

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

Offertory: Pauline Segeri & Renate Marz

Welcomer:

Sunday : 24th March, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Helen Jewell & Jenny Amey

Welcomer:

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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Michele Murdock
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Stephen Dunkerley
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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
17th March 2024**



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Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

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.

Reflection

We want to *see* Jesus

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.