



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)



**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**

**24th 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,

Palm Sunday has its own joy. We – the crowds – acclaiming Christ as King, yet with the twinkling of an eye, we enter the Passion of Jesus:

Why is it that we proclaim the Passion of Jesus on Palm Sunday, when it is proclaimed on Good Friday?

The Church desires that we contemplate the Passion of Jesus for the week that is called 'Holy Week.'

This is not a request that we deepen our intellectual knowledge of Jesus and his death. Rather, we are being asked to feel what Jesus felt.

St. Ignatius (1491-1556) bequeathed *The Spiritual Exercises*. He is insistent that the *Exercises* are not about head-knowledge but about intimacy with God.

His introduction to the *Spiritual Exercises* is important:

For it is not knowing much, but realising and relishing things interiorly, that contents and satisfies the soul (Fleming, *Draw Me Into Your Friendship*, 6-7).

So yes, we are being asked to feel the way Jesus felt during his passion and death:

The sorrow of the abandonment and physical suffering, yet the spiritual joy of knowing that it all leads to the salvation of humanity.

As we gather together for these beautiful and evocative liturgies in the next few days, let's be conscious of each other – how much we need each other in our journey of faith.

Blessings,

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.

Mark 11:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Entrance Antiphon**

Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant  
mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant  
mercy!

**First reading**

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.)** *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

**Second reading**

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his  
equality with God but emptied himself to assume the  
condition of a slave, and became as men are,  
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to  
accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name  
which is above all other names so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel**

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

As per the script to be returned after Mass.

**Communion Antiphon**

Father,  
if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

*TODAY IS THE  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
Of  
Oliver Coleman &  
Benjamin Booth*

## Dates for your Diary

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

**HOLY THURSDAY**—7pm in CHURCH  
**GOOD FRIDAY**—10am Stations of the Cross  
3PM Passion

**EASTER SUNDAY:** 8.30AM as usual

There will be an **EASTER VIGIL** held at St.  
Raphael's Queanbeyan @ 5.30PM

**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)**

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**VINNIES at PALM SUNDAY RALLY**  
24th March—Garema Place Canberra City  
1.00PM-2.30PM  
Justice for Refugees

**CHRISM MASS**— 25th March 5pm @  
St. Christopher's Cathedral

**Cursillo Movement – Canberra & Goulburn**  
Men's & Women's Separate Retreats  
12-14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Cost \$280  
St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong  
<https://bit.ly/cursillo24> or call 0401 159 852 or  
email irmandjoe@gmail.com

**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 & Carmen Azzopardi.

**Recently Deceased:** Kate Flores (Anne & Justin Barwick Gundaroo) & Archbishop Francis Carroll.

**Anniversaries:-** Donn Oates, Norma Greenlees, Laurie Isabella Sillis, Ambrose Joseph Reid, George Winter, John Burns, Leonora Mary Donoghoe & Lucy Ryan.

### Church Cleaning Thanks!

**MARCH : Penny Ford & Helen  
Jewell**  
**APRIL: Sarah Darmody &  
Christine Allard**



### 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 : 24th March, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Ian Buckley

**R1; R2:** Sue & Geoff Orchison

**Offertory:** Julie-Ann Snudden & Pauline Segeri

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

**Sunday : 31st March, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:** Anna Melek

**R1; R2:** Alison & David Bishop

**Offertory:**

**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)



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As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

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

## *Reflection on the Words of Pope Francis*

‘Let us ask for the grace to be amazed’, reflects Pope Francis. ‘A Christian life without amazement’, he warns, ‘becomes drab and dreary’. Palm Sunday is about so much more than an annual waving of branches.

Whether our faith has become what the Pope styled ‘dull from habit’, or we find ourselves ‘trapped in our regrets’, or ‘crippled by our disappointments’, or easily inclined to ‘take refuge in legalisms’, the Pope suggests we return our gaze to Jesus’ self-sacrifice and allow ourselves to be amazed.

‘Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again,’ the Pope says, ‘for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved.’

When we allow ourselves to embrace this fact our lives will be changed. As the Pope points out, many of those who welcomed Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem quickly abandoned him. They were, he suggests, ‘following an *idea* of the Messiah rather than *the* Messiah’. Their public demonstrations seem to have proved self-oriented and shallow.

‘To admire Jesus is not enough’, the Pope declares. ‘We have to follow in his footsteps, to let ourselves be challenged by him; to pass from admiration to amazement.’ This, he says, enables us to really ‘know that we are not alone: God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word.’

‘And with the grace of amazement’, the Pope adds, ‘we come to realise that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus.’