



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 Easter**

**7th April, 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,

What has changed? Jesus has indeed died and risen from the dead. He himself has been transformed, but what about us?

Despite the joy of the disciples, the powers that had crucified Jesus were still abroad. He has ascended to the Father, but they were still where they always were. He had gone to glory, but they were locked in their old fears (Anthony Kelly, Meditations on Holy Week, 69).

It does seem remarkable that the 'doors were locked for fear of the Jews.' Perhaps the violence of Jesus' death still overwhelmed, tracing their lives with trauma and fear.

Jesus enters the fray with his peace. Was it the 'shalom' of normal Jewish greeting? Jesus had said:

My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled (John 14).

Difficulties and antagonism will always be our lot, but we receive a gift of peace beyond human reckoning:

The peace of his presence would continue, no matter how troubled the times would be. He had come 'that you may have peace. In the world you will face persecution. But take courage. I have conquered the world'(John 14). (Kelly, 70).

We encourage each other – in our parish life – to open ourselves to a peace unknown to the world.

Blessings this Easter Day,

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

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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### First reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children  
if we love God himself and do what he has  
commanded us;

this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

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### Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.’

‘As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give

me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

#### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### *Dates for your Diary*

**Monday 8th April**—The Annunciation of the LORD

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

**SOCIAL SUNDAY** - 21st April

**PENTECOST**— 19th May

#### **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)

*A Warm Welcome to  
Lincoln Pastega and his parents  
Lyndsay & Ian Pastega*

*Lincoln will be baptised  
here today.*

#### **NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

#### **WOMEN ALIVE RETREAT**

Let your Light shine, Mathew 5:16  
Saturday 14th April, 2024 9am—3.30pm  
St Benedict's Catholic Church  
10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah ACT  
COST—Free & Lunch provided  
0451 015 527 or winrebello09@gmail.com

**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:**

**Anniversaries:-** David Fogarty, Maria Baz, Mabel Margaret Berry, Elizabeth Mary Annie Flynn, Edward Heath, Harry Day, Fredrick Berry, John Thomas Roufeil & Mary Anne Simpson.

#### **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 :** 7th April, 2024 8:30 am

**Minister of the Altar:** Chris Murdock

**R1; R2:** Pauline Segeri & Catherine Mueller

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

**Sunday :** 14th April, 2024 8:30 am

**Minister of the Altar:** Thomas Konarski

**R1; R2:** Miriam O'Brien & Julie-Ann Snudden

**Offertory:** Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

**Welcomer:** Julie-Ann Snudden

## **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*

The focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, and we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

#### *Historical Context – My Lord and my God*

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

#### *Scriptural context – Not an ending?*

The final two verses of today's gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

#### *Have you thought? Those who have not seen*

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!