



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 Easter 21st 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,

It's the year 2034. You wake up and head to the bathroom. First, an alert from your toilet—you're dehydrated—better remember to take the water bottle to work.

The mirror over your sink advises you to apply your prescription cream. Next, step into the shower—it glows with infrared light, designed to soothe inflammation (Wall Street Journal).

Every age is a time of change, always accompanied by cataclysmic predictions. It is always best to keep up with a little history reading and, of course, to ask for the gift of wisdom.

That's what we have today:

I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10).

God told Moses to tell the people that his name is I AM (Exodus 3:14). Jesus walks on the water, assumes God's name, and declares to the frightened disciples:

I AM. Do not be afraid (John 6:20).

The Gospel of John then sets up seven I AM statements. Today we have the fourth.

Christ is our Good Shepherd and we are his sheep, the only animal – apparently – not to go feral. What does that say about us?

According to St. John Vianney, priests are supposed to be good shepherds after the heart of Christ. What a gift to a parish that would be!

We should remember that priests do not choose the priesthood. Rather, they are chosen by Christ, not because of their gifts, but because of their weaknesses:

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised in the world (1Corinthians 1:27-28).

In other words, a priest's greatest strength is never to forget his weakness and Christ's predilection – a beautiful word.

On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for priests, we pray for vocations and if able, contribute towards the education of priests.

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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia

First reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

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

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life
for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Let us pray to Christ, who rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Reader: Lord, remember those who are consecrated to your service.

R. *May they set before your holy people the example of their lives.*

Reader: Grant to those who rule us your spirit of justice and peace.

R. *May our country be united, heart and soul.*

Reader: Make our daily life a pilgrimage of salvation and joy.

R. *Let the earth be rich and plentiful to meet the needs of the poor.*

Reader: We pray for the sick, the frail, the lonely, the abandoned.

R. *May we reach out with the love of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.*

Reader: Let us pray for priestly vocations on this Good Shepherd Sunday.

R. *May priests be ardent, yet gentle ministers of your Gospel.*

Reader: Christ, our Saviour, light of the world, you have called all mortal men and women to imperishable life.

R. *Shed eternal light on our departed brothers and*

sisters.

Priest: Guide us, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, into pastures where we find rest and refreshment on this, your great day of rest and resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Warm Welcome to
Ted Peter Wells and his parents
Hanna & Joshua*

Ted will be baptised here today.

BUNGENDORE ANZAC DAY 0545 for 0600
War Memorial Gibraltar Street followed by Gunfire breakfast at Scout Hall. (Pre booking req)
Then 9.45am Muster for 10.45am Step off from Gunadoo Bakery & march to War Memorial for 11am start.

THE MILITARY ORDINARIATE of AUSTRALIA
invites members and friends of the Parish to attend the
National ANZAC Day Mass
St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka, ACT.
Thursday 25th April, 2024 at 8am Parishioners are requested to be at the Cathedral by 7.45am for 8.00am Mass.

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 & Mary McCullagh.

Recently Deceased: Derrick Orchison

Anniversaries:- Geoff Sillis, Joan Lai-Fook, Stephen Reardon, Kathleen Ita Hourigan, Patrick James Daniel, James Darmody, Roy Heath, Thomas Robinson, Mary Jane Nash, Patrick Donohue, Henry Donnelly, Norman John Staunton & Robert Hatch.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

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 : 21st April, 2024 8:30 am
Minister of the Altar: John Windsor
R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison
Offertory:
Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 28th April, 2024 8:30 am
Minister of the Altar: David Bishop
R1; R2: Louella & Luke Reeves
Offertory:
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)

Dates for your Diary

Wednesdays @ St Mary's—9am PRAYER AND
COMMUNION SERVICE
- 5pm ROSARY

Fridays @ St Mary's—9am PRAY FOR PEACE
ROSARY & REFLECTION

SOCIAL SUNDAY - 21st April

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore
Reference: NAME

THERE IS ONLY ONE COLLECTION DURING MASS

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – Collection for
Formation of our Seminarians:

This weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous donation today or begin a monthly donation to support the education of our seminarians. Donations can be made through the parish or on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2024

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 11th June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

Book Launch at Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden

Corina Room #1.

Tuesday, 7 May 2024 10AM

Sr Antonia Curtis OSB, author of "*I Give You My Word*", along with Fr Richard Thompson Archdiocesan VG.

The Benedictine Nuns of the Jamberoo Abbey invite you to the launch of this practical hands on guide to the ancient practice of *Lectio*. Copies of this resource will be available on the day. Please join us, all are welcome.

Enquiries please call Libby 0451236814

Reflection

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.