



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 Easter

28th 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,

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, used to say that 'God does not expect us to be successful but faithful.'

Likewise, we should remember that we are 'not called to be busy, but fruitful':

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the Vinedresser. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty (John 15).

We are called to 'bloom where we are planted.'

So much of life can be wasted by waiting for the right moment to arrive or for the right circumstances to finally present themselves:

No. Out with excuses.

Let's shut down, once and for all, the 'complaints department.'

Jesus is the vine – we are the branches. Our lives are interwoven with our Lord in intimacy and vulnerability – essential in sincere friendship. Faithfulness and fruitfulness has its source and summit in Jesus.

We have to toughen up, however:

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

Purification is entirely necessary.

We are going to have lose some branches, and we are going to have to let ourselves be pruned, since the great Vinedresser is constantly at work within us.

Cool nights, beautiful days – what could be better than the season of Autumn?

We stop and thank God for the gift of Creation, the original, primordial covenant forged with us,

Father Tony



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngannawal 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

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth

and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he
knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the
fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Let us pray to Christ, who is our living hope of
rising from the dead.
Reader: Lord Jesus, by shedding your blood and rising
from death you entered into your glory.
R. Let us go with you into the presence of your Father.
Reader: You sent your disciples into the world, their
faith made strong by the resurrection.
R. Grant to the baptised, to priests and bishops, the
grace of bearing witness to the 'new life' you have
granted us.
Reader: Through your resurrection you united the

faithful in one hope and love.
R. May we share in your ministry of peace and
reconciliation.
Reader: Through your resurrection you healed the
cripple who begged at the entrance to the temple.
R. Look with pity on the sick and manifest in them your
glory.
Reader: You are the first to rise from the dead, the first
of many brothers and sisters.
R. Share your glory with those who have hoped in you.
Reader: God our Father, your Son died that we might
live.
R. Grant eternal rest to those who gave themselves in
service and sacrifice for our country.
Priest: Lord, be the beginning and end of all that we
say and do. Prompt our actions with your grace and
complete them with your all-powerful help. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen

*A Warm Welcome to
Oriel & Molly Tredgold and their
parents
Kathleen & Liam*

*They are being baptised at St Joseph's
this morning*

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:- Elizabeth Durr, Mark Murphy, Monsignor Eugene Harley (retired military chaplain), Dennis Crimmins, James Donohue, Maree Margaret Cooper, Henrietta Clare Roach & Joseph Roufeil.

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 : 28th April, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Louella & Luke Reeves

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 5th May, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Mary-Anne Curran

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

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)

PARISH NEWS

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

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

SOCIAL SUNDAY and Parish Update - 19th May

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851
NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore
Reference: NAME

Polly's Biggest Morning Tea Raffle

Raffle was drawn at Wheels of Wamboin/
Wamboin Market last Saturday. I am pleased to
announce that 1st prize went to Sarah Darmody.

I wish to thank everyone that donated and
participated in the raffle. Thus far we have
raised just over \$800 with a couple of pledges
still to come in. Should you wish to make a
donation my page online will be open until end
of June, or see me after Mass or give me a call
on 62381996. Thanks again,

Pauline Segeri

Ed Cory is looking for a nice photo of Fr Brian
Maher 'at work' i.e at a wedding, baptism, or
otherwise ministering to parishioners for
inclusion in the forthcoming 2nd Edition of
'Chords from the Harp', Fr Brian's history of
Bungendore parish. (Contact Ed at 0468 369
285, edward.f.cory@outlook.com)

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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

The vine is the lifeline for the branches. If branches are cut off from the vine, they die. Jesus is our lifeline and he often works through the people in our life.

Who do you know that acts as an emotional lifeline for you? Who gives you life and support and strength?

The Scriptures tell us that those who live in Jesus do good work and bear much fruit—apart from Jesus, we cannot do anything worth doing. Do you know people who clearly live in Jesus and are doing good work? What are they like? How do you know they are living in Jesus? What good work do they do? How can you be more like them?

Jesus says that if his words are living within us, whatever we ask for in prayer shall be granted. What does it mean to have Jesus' words living within us? If his words are truly living within us, then what would our prayer be like?