



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)



Sixth Sunday of Easter 5th May, 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,

Building on the image and teaching Jesus gave us last week – I AM the Vine and you are the branches – we have perhaps the most sublime truth in the whole of the Bible:

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love (John 15).

Commenting on this teaching of Jesus, St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) says:

Reflect and bow down before this awesome mystery, that as the Father loves the Son, so does the Son love you. What mystery in the whole circle of revealed truths is greater than this?

In his humanity, Jesus experiences the love of his Father, and this is the love that he has for us. Quite incredible. We need a lifetime to get our heads and hearts around this astounding truth.

A saint from a much earlier time – St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) – phrases it like this:

You are my Creator, eternal Trinity, and I am your creature. You have made of me a new creation in the blood of your Son, and I know that you are moved with love at the beauty of your creature, for you have enlightened me.

It is the same sentiment, but a different accent. How many of us would think of ourselves as beautiful in the eyes of God? Yet, that is what Catherine – not only saint, but doctor of the Church – says explicitly, in and through her own experience of God.

What a wonderful way to prepare for Ascension Sunday next Sunday and then Pentecost Sunday.

Have a wonderful day of rest,

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Let us pray to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus to life and exalted him at his own right hand.

Reader: Father, through the victory of the cross you have lifted up Jesus from the earth.

R. May he draw all of humanity to himself.

Reader: Through the exaltation of Christ send your Spirit into the Church.

R. Make her the sign of unity for the whole human family.

Reader: You have become the Father of us through water and the Spirit.

R. Keep us faithful to our baptism until we enter eternal life.

Reader: Through the exaltation of your Son raise up the sorrowful, set prisoners free, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful.

R. May the whole world rejoice in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: You nourished the faithful departed with Christ's body and blood.

R. Let them share in his glory on the great day of resurrection.

Priest : These prayers, Lord, we ask in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen

*A Warm Welcome to
Winter & Indi Little and their parents
Teegan & Dylan*

*They are being baptised here
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:

Anniversaries:- Patricia Ryan, Beatrice Jane Crowe, Rebecca Ruby, Kevin Joseph Patrick Campbell, George Jermyn, Edward Goulding & Mary Golding.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

APRIL: Sarah Darmody & Christine Allard

MAY: Jude Sillis & Maureen Towler



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 : 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

Sunday : 12th May, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Sarah Dunkerley & Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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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

Ed Cory is looking for a nice photo of Fr Brian Maher 'at work' 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

Parish Secretary – Inner North Parishes

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a part-time position of 25 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months) . Please email

Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for a detailed copy of the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, by 17th May anthony.riosa@cam.org.au

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House

Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

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Position Description: bit.ly/4aLK78

More information: Call Anthony Spata at Reach HR on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au

Reflection

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)