

**St Mary's Bungendore** St Joseph's Gundaroo St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown St Joseph's Tarago http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx



## Fr. Joshua Scott (Interim Administrator)

#### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st July, 2024

#### **BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM**

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Fr Joshua Scott : joshua.scott@cg.org.au or 6299 4611 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.

Email: bungendore@cg.org.au Website: http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx Secretary-Julie-Ann Office - 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 Friends,

As a part of our preparations for the Jubilee year next year, I would like to warmly invite you to join the Christ our Firm Foundation Retreat Day, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. This special day is designed for men and women ages 18 and older who wish to deepen their spiritual life as we journey through the Year of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee.

\*\*Event Details:\*\*

\*\*Date:\*\* Saturday 10th August 2024

\*\*Time:\*\* 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (With 5.30 PM Mass following)

\*\*Location:\*\* St. Gregory's Primary School Hall, Macqoid Street, Queanbeyan.

\*\*Cost:\*\* \$20

The retreat will feature inspiring talks, a Holy Hour, opportunities for Confession, and plenty of time for fellowship and discussion. It's a wonderful chance to rediscover the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition and renew the foundations of your faith.

\*\*Schedule Highlights:\*\*

- 10:00 AM: Welcome (Sr. Cecilia Joseph)
- 10:15 AM: Talk 1: Building on Rock (Sr. Susanna)
- 11:00 AM: Talk 2: The Joy of Putting First Things First (Sr. Joanna Marie)
- 1:30 PM: Being Made New through Adoration
- 3:15 PM: Talk 3: Living in and Loving the Church (Sr. Anastasia)

Further schedule details to follow!

Please join us for this enriching experience! To register, https://www.trybooking.com/CODMW or the QR code is attached.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Fr. Josh

**Parish Administrator** 



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**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

#### First reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

**Responsorial Psalm** 

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.) Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

#### Second reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

## PARISH NEWS

Wednesdays @ St Mary's—9am PRAYER AND COMMUNION SERVICE Followed by ROSARY Join us after at The Gathering for a cuppa

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

Social Sunday—21st July ASSUMPTION MASS Thursday 15th August 9AM

For direct credit payments to the Parish: BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851 NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore Reference: NAME

#### CALLING ABLE BODIED PEOPLE TO ASSIST WITH PARKING AND TICKETING AT THE COMBINED CHURCHES RODEO SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2024.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO ALL DAY BUT GIVE PREFERENCE FOR AM OR PM PLEASE.

PLEASE CONTACT: STEPHEN DUNKERLEY 0417 293 578 OR THE OFFICE WITH YOUR AVAILABILITY. THANK YOU

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**St Mary of the Cross Annual Pilgrimage Eden** Saturday 3rd August, 2024 Our Lady Star of the Sea 88 Calle Calle St, Eden Archbishop Christopher's annual pilgrimage to Eden to commemorate Australia's First Saint, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church. 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop **Christopher Prowse and visiting priests** 1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us, by emailing our parish office at pambula@cg.org.au https://www.trybooking.com/events/ landing/1228948?

# Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life

Wednesday 7th August 6PM Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter *For more information & tickets visit* <u>www.tfo.org.au</u>

<u>Please pray for</u>:- Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, Margaret Mikkelsen, Erwin Feeken, Sheather family, 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, Peter Hugonnet & George Bishop-Lyras.

## **Recently Deceased:**

<u>Anniversaries</u>:- Mitchell Bush, Gos Cory, Kate Davy, John Doyle, Graham Parnaby, John Joseph Chalker, Bridgette Gourlay, James Beazley, Thomas Pratt, Bernard Millynn, Patrick Sweeney, Michael Doyle, Bridget Dwyer, Zelma McManus & Maria Sant.

Church Cleaning Thanks! JULY : Miriam O'Brien



Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall.

ANNE CHONG KENG LIM

Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.

Liturgical Roster

Sunday : 21st July, 2024 8:30 am Minister of the Altar: John Windsor R1; R2: Miriam O'Brien & Mary-Anne Curran Offertory: Welcomer:

Sunday : 28th July, 2024 8:30 am Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley <u>R1; R2</u>: Sue & Geoff Orchison <u>Offertory:</u> Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell <u>Welcomer</u>: Julie-Ann Snudden

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## **BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Helen Jewell David Bishop Jenny Amey Chris Murdock 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

Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

## Have you thought? Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

## Living the Gospel – Take time out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilised and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, 'When do I take time out to renew myself?'

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