



St Mary's Bungendore
 St Joseph's Gundaroo
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
 St Joseph's Tarago

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Fr. Joshua Scott (Interim Administrator)



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th August, 2024

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

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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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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.

REFLECTIONS ON VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK—Sowing Seeds of Hope and building peace.

When Jesus was asked for the true bread from heaven, he replied, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' In Jesus we have life, and life to the full - this is eternal life. And just as Jesus, the Light of the World, called his followers to let their own lights shine, Jesus, the Bread of Life, calls us to sow seeds of hope and peace in our world.

I wonder who has planted the seeds of faith in your own life? Who else has watered, pruned or harvested them? We might begin by remembering those people and giving thanks. Some may have planted the seeds long before we were born; some we have never met; and others have kept encouraging us throughout life. As Pope Francis says, let us "recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence."

We might first think of our parents, godparents or other family members. So many of Jesus' followers have a vocation to be a mother or father, or to nurture children in life and love so that they can flourish and produce a rich harvest. In Ephesians we are challenged to "follow Christ by loving as he loved you". Through relationships of love in a family, we make that love real every day, through the good and the bad times.

Pope Francis also asks us to think of those called to ordained ministry, as Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Women and Men. In prayer, ministry, service and the sacraments, they are "sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom." They commit their passion and energy to the wider faith and human family, along with "those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good". These pathways are not beyond any of us. As young people are shown career options, let us also raise awareness of the Christian vocation options. Even through the simple everyday work of our hands, Jesus calls us to "work for food that endures to eternal life."

So much work is needed for seeds of wheat to become a loaf of bread. They are sown, harvested, processed into flour and finally baked in an oven. The bread that we present at our offertory today is the work of human hands, and we pray for God to receive it and transform it into the bread of life. Each of us plays a role, through our own vocation, to sow seeds of hope and peace in our world. In doing so, we discover that we also grow into people of joy and happiness. And as we receive the body of Christ in communion, we also become the body of Christ to share in his works of love.



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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second reading

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call

each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from
heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PARISH NEWS

Prayer for Vocations—Pray for our Parish

Lord of the Harvest,

Help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 Rosary and Reflection

Social Sunday—18th August join us after Mass

***** MASS**—Thursday 15th August 9AM

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Season of Creation Convocation 2024 -

Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia

Saturday, 14th September

Catholic Earthcare Convocation 12-14 September

2024. 12-13 September online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

Saturday 14 September in the Archdiocesan Hub to transform learning into action (online available).

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165>

Contact: catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

Encountering God in Lectio Divina

Thursday 26th September Cost \$150

Lectio Divina is Sacred Reading. It is a way of prayer

whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our

hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love

between the person and God as heart speaks to

heart through the Word. This weekend retreat

focuses on the process of lectio divina by engaging

participants in the ancient art of reading and praying

with the Word of God in scripture. For more details

ring 0242360011 Ext. 114

Please pray for:- 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, Bishop Pat Power .

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Gannon

Anniversaries:- Andy Kelso, Kelena Montesin, Joseph Lim, Melissa Menegazzo, John Lees, Joyce Jones, Jean Reardon (John's mother), Mary Jane Allen, Bridget Hourigan, Anne Murphy, Edward Daniel, Mary Amelia Donohue, Mary Gallagher, Sydney Gallagher, Edward Campbell, Hilton Locke & Patrick Campbell.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

**AUGUST : Mary-Anne & John
Curran**



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 : 11th August, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Geoff Orchison

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 18th August, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

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
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

This passage continues the extended discourse on the Bread of Life. The passage shows the crowd bristling at Jesus describing himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. They dismiss his claim because they know his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. How could he have come down from heaven if they are aware of his parents on earth? It must also be remembered that Jewish tradition held firm to the idea of God as one God only, with no offspring or personified manifestations. For the Jews of Jesus' time, the very idea of Jesus being the Son of God was completely blasphemous. But this gospel is a Christian document, written at a time when the Christians and Jews were emphasising their differences.

Jesus replies to the complaints of the crowd through an extended image. He depicts the intimate relationship that exists between himself and the Father. Later, this discourse will be drawn on in the argument about the divinity of Jesus and that he is 'one in being with the Father'. Those who are drawn to Jesus and his message are – perhaps unknowingly – drawn by the Father and by listening to the teaching of Jesus they are in fact drawing closer to the Father. It is a somewhat complicated image that Jesus paints but at its heart he emphasises the intertwined nature between Father and Son. Refuting the concern of the crowd, Jesus again describes himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven. Unlike the manna the people ate in the desert that sustained them physically for a short period of time, the living bread of Jesus will sustain those who believe for all time.

Historical Context – The Jews

It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with 'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus'. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of 'the Jews'? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.

Scriptural context – Who is Jesus?

One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the 'great' images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.

Gospel Focus – Living Bread

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.