



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)



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August, 2024

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

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.

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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.

*Life is an integral part of this food image:
 the living God sent Jesus and Jesus gives eternal life through his body.*



The Commissioning:

Go from here as those who have been blessed.
 We have celebrated our membership in the Christian family by taking bread and wine.

Go from here as those who have been blessed.
 We have listened in the silence for the voice of the Holy One.

Go from here as those who have been blessed.
 We have praised from the heart with our praying and singing.

Go from here as those who have been blessed.
 We have resolved to live differently through silent reflection

Go from here as those who have been blessed.
 Thanks be to God! Amen.



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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

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.)**
Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **(R.)**
Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **(R.)**
Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. **(R.)**

Second reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like
intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a
wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do
not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the
Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply
dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words

and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are
together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in
your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are
giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How
can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus
replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

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:

Anniversaries:- Di Sutherland (Gundaroo), Shirley Coombe, Norah Starrs, Sylvester Smith, Joseph Murphy, Catherine White, Robert Ahern, Peter Millynn, Robert Ahern, John Gallagher, Mary Jane Donoghue & Mark Pinson.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

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



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Marymead CatholicCare High Tea Buffet

Sunday 8th September 2:00pm \$60 per person

Mercure Canberra, corner of Ainslie & Limestone Avenue, Braddon. Join the Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary for a high tea buffet while raising funds. Visit mccg.org.au for more details. Bookings close on 22 August 2024.

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. This weekend retreat focusses 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

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 : 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

Sunday : 25th August, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

R1; R2: Sarah & Stephen Dunkerley

Offertory:

Welcomer:

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

Dinner at Wisdom's Table

(John 6: 51 - 58)

Jesus continued, "I am the Bread – living Bread! – who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live – and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self." (John 6: 51 - 52)

Do a quick calculation of how many times you've received communion. If you're a cradle Catholic, and have been taking communion since the age of seven, that is, technically speaking, a LOT of communion. The numbers don't really matter, of course, but the habitual reception of communion does. What do we GET, exactly, when we get Eucharist?

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. Transubstantiation is the million-dollar word for the event, but it's mostly helpful for theologians. Long before the invention of that word, table fellowship was shared among Christians. They understood that eating and drinking in memory of Jesus made them bearers of his life. They knew that sharing his supper also meant they shared his saving mission in the world. They believed that taking part in this meal was a commitment, a covenant in flesh and blood. This was serious business. To claim Jesus in this way meant that they might die for him.

Most of us in the receiving line at communion time will not be asked to die for Christ. But every one of us IS being asked to live for Christ. Are we in the right line, or aren't we?

If you knew you might be put to death for your faith in Jesus, would you still take communion?

PRAY

O God, holy wisdom, we open the windows of our hearts to you and the life you give. Help us to breathe in deeply of your Spirit. Feed us with the bread of life; inspire us with your awesome presence so that we might more fully become the people you have called us to be. Amen.

PONDER

Take a seat at Wisdom's table. Consider some activity you engage in that has little value – reading junk mail, watching TV, playing Solitaire –and spend one week not doing that. Use the time to make a phone call long overdue. Or to pray. Or to spend time with a child. *"Your ancestors ate bread and later died. Whoever eats this Bread will live always."*

KID'S CORNER

"I am the Bread – living Bread! – who came down out of heaven." (John 6: 51)

When my favourite cousin moved away, she gave me a special gift. It was a nicely framed picture of herself. "I'll always remember you," she said. "And I hope this will help you remember me." Well, her gift still reminds me of our friendship. And that is special to me. Before Jesus died, he gave us a special gift. He took bread and wine and said, "This is my Body. This is my Blood." Then he told his apostles, "Do this in memory of me." When we receive this gift, Jesus is with us in a special way. What a tremendous reminder of his love!

Thank you, Jesus! Amen.
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