



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)



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September, 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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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.

A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:
those who are dads and grandads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.
We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.
We look to them to protect and provide.
We look to them for care and compassion.
We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.
For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.
For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.
For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.
Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.
Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.
Bless them in their work and in their play.
And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our Father:
Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. *(R.)*

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

Second reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human
regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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—15th September join us after Mass

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:- Geraldine Pratt, Marjorie Mikkelson, Arthur Winter, Thomas Augustine Nash, Edmund Walsh, Laura Walsh, Honorah Sparrow, Colleen Ivy Lewis, William Nash, Lawrence Donoghue & James Ambrose Feeney.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

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

SEPTEMBER : Pauline Segeri



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**CALLING ABLE BODIED PEOPLE TO ASSIST
WITH TICKETING AT THE COMBINED
CHURCHES RODEO SUN 3RD NOVEMBER
2024. PLEASE CONTACT: STEPHEN
DUNKERLEY 0417 293 578—THANK YOU**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Season of Creation Convocation 2024 -

Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia

Thursday 12th – Saturday 14th September

12-13 Sept 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> or catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly

Canberra, Narooma, Cooma, Young & Goulburn

18th-20th October (Fri-Sun)

Take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will
explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus
on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and
explore new opportunities for evangelisation and
synodality in the life and mission of our local Church
going forward. Info, registration and formation
materials online at cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly

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 : 1st September, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Louella & Luke Reeves

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 8th September, 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
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)

Today is World Day of Prayer for Creation and this year the theme is:
“Hope and Act with Creation”.

I encourage you to read it in full as space here is limited and I have had to shorten it.

[Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation \[1st September 2024\] \(27 June 2024\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

The theme is drawn from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ. I have included the positive final points.

In our hopeful and persevering expectation of the glorious return of Jesus, the Holy Spirit keeps us, the community of believers, vigilant; he continually guides us and calls us to conversion, to a change in lifestyle in order to resist the degradation of our environment and to engagement in that social critique which is above all a witness to the real possibility of change. This conversion entails leaving behind the arrogance of those who want to exercise dominion over others and nature itself, reducing the latter to an object to be manipulated, and instead embracing the humility of those who care for others and for all of creation.

To *hope and act with creation*, then, means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will. In this way, we can help to rethink, “among other things, the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. Our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, yet we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival”.

“The Holy Spirit accompanies us at every moment of our lives”. God is not an abstract notion of infinity, but the loving Father, the Son who is the friend and redeemer of every person, and the Holy Spirit who guides our steps on the path of charity. Obedience to the Spirit of love *radically changes the way we think*: from “predators”, we become “tillers” of the garden. The earth is entrusted to our care, yet continues to belong to God (cf. *Lev 25:23*). This is the “theological anthropocentrism” that marks the Judeo-Christian tradition. Indeed, if the grace of God is Jesus, who died and rose again, then the words of Benedict XVI certainly ring true: “It is not science that redeems man: man is redeemed by love” (*Spe Salvi*, 26), the love of God in Christ, from which nothing and no one can ever separate us (cf. *Rom 8:38-39*). Creation, then, is not static or closed in on itself, but is continuously drawn towards its future. Today, thanks to the discoveries of contemporary physics, the link between matter and spirit presents itself in an ever more intriguing way to our understanding.

The protection of creation, then, is not only an ethical issue, but one that is eminently *theological*, for it is the point where the mystery of man and the mystery of God intersect. *This intersection can be called “creative”*, since it originates in the act of love by which God created human beings in Christ. That creative act of God enables and grounds the freedom and morality of all human activity. We are free precisely because we were created *in the image of God who is Jesus Christ*, and, as a result, are “representatives” of creation in Christ himself.

To hope and act with creation, then, means to live an incarnational faith, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled “flesh” of others, by sharing in the expectation of the bodily resurrection to which believers are predestined in Christ the Lord. In Jesus, the eternal Son who took on human flesh, *we are truly children of the Father*. Through faith and baptism, our life in the Spirit begins (cf. *Rom 8:2*), *a holy life, lived as children of the Father*, like Jesus (cf. *Rom 8:14-17*), since by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in us (cf. *Gal 2:20*). In this way, our lives can become a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and find their fullness in holiness.