



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)



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th 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.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross—14th September reminds us of God's eternal and encompassing love for us.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross , had its beginnings in Jerusalem. But what it celebrates is universal and takes us into the heart of God. It invites us to reflect on the central importance of Jesus' crucifixion in Christian faith. It reminds us that Jesus loved us enough to die a painful and dehumanising death in being faithful to the mission that God had given him. He embodied God's love for human beings.

LIFE OVER DEATH

The cross celebrates Jesus' triumph of life over death in rising from the dead. It also marks the promise that we shall share in his life with God. The feast of the Cross is really a feast of God's love for us shown in Jesus' life. The Cross itself is a symbol of the life that is more powerful than pain and death.

The feast, too, takes us back to Jerusalem. Jesus visited it at a time when the Romans had taken control of Israel in the face of popular antipathy to their rule. A Roman official ordered Jesus' crucifixion.

Shortly after Jesus' death, and again in the following century, Jewish rebels took over Jerusalem. The Roman troops laid siege to the city, destroyed the Temple, and killed and exiled the Jewish people who had lived there. Jerusalem became a provincial Roman town.

PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE

In 312, however, the Emperor Constantine legalised Christian faith and worship. As result, Jerusalem became a place of pilgrimage for Christians. One of the earliest and most significant visitors was Constantine's wife, Helena. She came in 326CE and was concerned to identify the places where Jesus had visited and where he had died. According to some stories she helped discover three crosses. The Bishop of Jerusalem affirmed that one was indeed the cross on which Jesus had died.

Constantine then had a Basilica built on the site. After it was completed, it was blessed in 335. As part of the ceremony the wood of the cross was brought in to be revered. Pieces of wood from the Cross were distributed through the Church both for prayer and for the healing that God was believed to work through relics.

A reflection by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

*A Warm Welcome to
Austin Kolber and his parents
Nicola & Jason Kolber
Austin will be baptised
here today.*



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 Rosary and Reflection

Social Sunday—15th September join us after Mass

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Marymead CatholicCare Spring Garage & Plant Sale

Saturday 14th September 9am- 1pm

255 Goyder Street Narrabundah

Join us for a fun-filled day where you can find everything from plants to home goods, and even some unique treasures you didn't know you needed!

Call to Connect Women's Retreat Day

Saturday 12th October 10am-3.15pm

St Monica's Evatt ACT

Cost: \$27.19 lunch and morning tea. No refunds due to costs incurred.

Guest speakers: Sharon Brewer & Rachel Fleurant
MGL on God's Love Transforms.

Program includes short talks, prayer and private reflection, sharing in small groups.

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Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly

Canberra, Narooma, Cooma, Young & Goulburn

18th-20th October (Fri-Sun)

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 :

<https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly/>

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: Cathie Ffrench of Braidwood

Anniversaries:- Diana Studderd, Michael Curran, Cecil Brodrick, Enid Gallagher, Walter Kelly, Ronald Crowley, Joseph William Heath, Leo James Sparrow, George Byrne, Veronica Ford, Agnes Day, Anne Campbell & William Maroney.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

SEPTEMBER : **Pauline Segeri**



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 : 15th September, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Pauline Segeri

Offertory: Kolber Family

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 22nd September, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

R1; R2: Sarah & Stephen Dunkerley

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

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Ian Cusack
Ed Cory
Stephen Dunkerley
Julie-Ann Snudden (ex-officio)

Find a word for Big Kids

Take up your cross and follow me

Try to find these words:

Cross Life Peter Rise Satan Three

Disciples Find Follow Forget

Give Jerusalem

M P G L E T G F W T V U J E L A G
E H J I K T K G H R E X T K G B M
L G U I J I I R S Z J M N B C U Q
A R E T E P E D I I M N Q Y N G C
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