



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)



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd September, 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.

The International Day of Peace (21 September) and the International Day of Non-Violence (2 October) are timely in a world full of stories of war and rumours of war, of violence turned recklessly against civilians, and of the formation of different blocs united in mutual suspicion. They underline the message in Bishops' Social Justice Statement, which was released in August – 'Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'.

Most Australians have mercifully been spared from war in our own land. Many people, however, have come to Australia after fleeing the violence of war in their own lands. They and their families have experienced the indiscriminate violence caused by bombs, shells and mines, the personalised violence of rape and bullets, and the tearing apart of family, village, culture and future hopes. Such experience and its effects can affect their lives and those of their descendants, as they have affected the lives of Indigenous Australians after the colonial invasion. The suicides among Australians who have fought in war, too, testify to its destructive effects.

WE MUST SEEK PEACE

In such a world we must remind ourselves constantly that in war everybody loses and peace will come only if we seek it. In Jesus' preaching, to be a peacemaker was not a soft option. It meant turning the other cheek if struck, returning good for evil, walking an extra mile if asked, and finally risking and accepting death inflicted by the intolerance of others. Nor is peacemaking to be taken for granted in our own day. Mahatma Gandhi, whose example is the focus of Non-Violence Day, led a cause for which people accepted jailing in their search for a just world.

The faithfulness of such conscientious objectors in time of war as Franz Jägerstätter, who accepted death at the hands of the Nazi regime rather than fight, also awes us. It continues to inspire pacifist Christian groups which oppose the possession and readiness to make use of nuclear weapons. And yet most people, including Christians, believe that it is better to fight people intent on doing us harm than to let them have their way with us.

Whether or not we believe that violence can never rightly be met with violence, the International Day of Non-Violence and the lives of people who practise non-violence in demanding ways do make us reflect on the place that violence has in our personal lives and in our society.

EFFECTS OF VIOLENCE

In recent times we have become more aware of how violence can affect people. We have learned how childhood beatings have continued to traumatise people in their later life, and have often led people to be similarly violent. We also recognise the extent of domestic violence directed against women and the damage it causes to body and to spirit. We now understand better, too, the effects of images of masculinity that identify strength and self-assertion with physical violence.

World peace begins at home in the quiet strengths within our personal relationships. They are such things as patience, readiness to forgive and respect for others. They are the soil in which peace can grow.

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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

Second reading

James 3:16 – 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

The Funeral for Margaret Mikkelsen will be held here Friday 27th September 2023, at 11.30am

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—20th October join us after Mass

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Funeral Mass for Fr. Brian Ebert

Monday, 23 September 2023, at 11 am.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3 Strangways St, Curtin ACT

Speed Networking for Catholic Women

Wednesday 25th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Haydon Hall - 55 Franklin St, Forrest

An event for Catholic Women looking to connect with other women of faith and learn from each other's life experiences and career paths. Enquiries:

restore.network.cbr@gmail.com

Respect Life Sunday 29th September

Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Respect Life Sunday at the 11am Cathedral Mass followed by a Light Luncheon and Expo of groups supporting and

advocating for human life at its most vulnerable. All welcome. Contact lara.kirk@cq.org.au

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.

calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

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>

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the

Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero

Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st, 2024. Enquiries -

www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Please pray for:- Frank Shugg, 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 & Bishop Pat Power.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Mikkelsen & Cathy Ffrench of Braidwood.

Anniversaries:- Tony Boys, James Gormly, John Daniel, William Daniel, Sidney Smith, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Gallagher, Carolyn Mary Douglas, John Joseph Nash & Cathy Connolly.

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 : 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

Sunday : 29th September, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

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Reflection

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