



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)



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th 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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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.

We celebrate St Vincent de Paul Friday 27th September

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia consists of 45,000 members and volunteers who operate on the ground through over 1,000 groups located in local communities across the country.

St Vincent de Paul Society urges all Australians to open their hearts and assist those who come here seeking refuge from violence and persecution in their home countries. 'In the words of Pope Francis, "God not only walks *with* his people, but also *within* them. He identifies himself with people on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalised,"' said the Society's National President, Mark Gaetani.

Thank you to our beautiful parish for the support on the launch of Bungendore St Vincent de Paul Conference last weekend. It confirms for me the beautiful way you live your faith and Christian values.

Today is World Refugee and Migrant Day as declared by the Holy See but it is also Respect Life Sunday.

Every human life is a precious gift from God, sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. It is our collective responsibility to respect and protect the dignity of every person, embracing them at every stage and in all circumstances.

- [The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn \(cgatholic.org.au\)](http://TheCatholicArchdioceseofCanberra&Goulburn.cgatholic.org.au)

October is the Month of the Rosary

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on October 7th.

This month we will be praying the Rosary prior to Mass on Sunday commencing at 8am, and as always on Wednesday after 9 am Liturgy and again on Friday at 9am. Please come early, there are beads in the foyer and join us in prayer to Our Lady. Now more than ever we need to pray for peace.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.



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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

First reading

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Second reading

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

28-29 Sept Pilgrimage of the First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

(8am, 28 September to 5.30pm 29 September.) St Joseph's, O'Connor is honoured to host the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the young "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist." Location: St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Register on Eventbrite by searching for "Blessed Carlo".

Sunday 29th Sept Respect Life Sunday

11am Mass & 12pm Brunch & Expo Manuka
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. Queries lara.kirk@cq.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 & Neville Sherd.

Anniversaries:- Jessie Therese Yates, James Edward Griffin, Clarice Hazel Sillis, Mary Murphy & Patrick JB Donnelly

Church Cleaning Thanks!

SEPTEMBER : Pauline Segeri

OCTOBER: Maureen Elgood & Jenny Amey



Call to Connect Women's Retreat Day

Saturday 12th October 10am-3.15pm

St Monica's Evatt ACT *RSVP 8th October*

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>

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

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 : 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

Sunday : 6th October, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Miriam O'Brien & Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory: Minato Family

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

The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

Have you thought? Jealousy

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

Living the Gospel – Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

Gospel Focus – Anyone not against us is for us

It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.