



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)



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th October, 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
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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.

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 avocation 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 church will also be open Mon-Fri between 9-3 for private rosary and reflection time.

The Church venerates with love the Blessed Virgin Mary who holds an exalted place as the Mother of God. She is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. A model of faith and charity, generations of Christians have sought her help and protection.

Pope Benedict XVI in an address had said: Together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God.

The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".



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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory

and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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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NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

*A Warm Welcome to
Milana Minato and her parents
Louise & Marc Minato*

*Milana will be baptised
here today.*



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**Government House Spring Morning Tea
Tues 8th October 10am**

The Marymead CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn Auxiliary invite you to be their guest for a unique morning tea experience on the beautiful grounds of Government House.

There will be morning tea, craft, preserves and a raffle.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased here: <https://revenue-aus.keela.co/government-house-2024>

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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Marriage Encounter Celebrating 50 years of growing great marriages

Sun 13 October 2-4 pm at Haydon Hall, Manuka.

Are you married, religious or in Holy Orders? Have you attended Marriage Encounter weekend years ago or just recently? Are you looking to regain the sparkle in your marriage and vocation? Join in the celebration, input and fellowship on Enquiries: Grace and Brendan Price gracemaryprice@gmail.com

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:- Brian Elgood, Calvin Thomas James, Albert John Velnaar, Elizabeth Velnaar, Iris Burns, Monica Montesin, Marie Lucinda Barnes, Robert Don Tacon, Freda Constance Cumberland, Francis Benedic Shiels, Thomas Arthur Donnelly, Phillip Gilligan, Michael Sherd, Thomas Daniel, Margaret Teresa Hyles, Henry Oswald Gillard & William Haydon.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

SEPTEMBER : **Pauline Segeri**

OCTOBER: **Maureen Elgood & Jenny Amey**



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 : 6th October, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley

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

Offertory:

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday : 13th October, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

R1; R2: Louella & Luke Reeves

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell
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Julie-Ann Snudden (ex-officio)

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Pope Francis October Prayer Intentions

In his October prayer intention for a shared mission, Pope Francis is asking us all to relate to one another as family.

Pope Francis' request for prayers this month is simple and should hardly need asking for. That he does ask and feels the need to cloak his request in such big words as synodal lifestyle and co-responsibility, shows just how important it is. Put simply, Pope Francis wants us Catholics to relate to one another as brothers and sisters and to work with one another in our common calling to follow Jesus.

It is the sort of thing that families do in learning how to say thank you, sorry, and please, in sharing responsibility, and in being hospitable. That is not too much to ask, and it should come naturally. It's messy but not difficult to understand. It's a way of living.

WALKING TOGETHER

Pope Francis calls it a synodal lifestyle. Synodal means walking together, sharing the same home, the same responsibilities and being part of the same conversations. It means not turning the home into a series of separate flats, not eating separately, not speaking only when invited to, not locking the door to keep visitors away. In the Church it means meeting one another as companions, each responsible for the Church in different ways, and talking together about what we should do and how Jesus would want us to live. Synodal is the opposite of bossy, excluding, clericalist, isolating, insisting on having the first and the last word or putting on airs. In a family, it means that everybody, and not just the children, naturally say please, thank you and sorry as needed. In conversation it means that no one begins by saying, I've got an answer, have you got a question, but all come as searchers together. In looking for the right path to follow, it means careful listening and paying attention to people, ready to learn as well as to teach in discerning God's will.

If we do relate to one another in this way, we shall translate the large words of participation, communion and mission of the Church into simple actions. We shall take time to reflect together on where our local parish and larger Church should put her energies.

TAKE INITIATIVES

We shall take initiatives such as sharing a cuppa after Mass, joining with other churches in providing food for people doing it hard in our suburb, and ensuring that at Mass we pray for the needs of Catholics and others around the world and not for those in own society. We shall be ready to take positions of responsibility for the Church when needed and to relinquish them when not needed. Rather than feeling jealous of other people or squashing them, we shall encourage others when they take initiatives. We shall always join cheerfully in prayer and conversation. That is what participation and communion look like. Their face is natural and not made up.

In this way we shall also share the mission of the Church, which is to wear the face of God in our neighbourhood and world just as Christ did when he joined us. This, too, is simple. It means praying together, stopping to greet people begging on the streets, keeping an eye out for strangers at Church and making them welcome, joining groups who care for refugees or prisoners, and pressing our governments to be more just and generous. In these ways religious, priests and lay people will come close as we pray, talk and work together in our different ways.

MATESHIP

In the messiness of our shared lives we shall recognise that we are sinners called to follow Jesus, and that God loves us in our laziness, narkiness and other human weaknesses. Perhaps our failure to recognise this simple truth explains why Pope Francis needs to speak in big words. An Australian word for the synodal way is mateship. In our Church, Christ brings the mates together.