



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)



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd November, 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.

If you are thinking the pews look empty and wondering where is everyone today, the answer is

AT THE RODEO!!!

There will be quite a few of us out there working for our church and our community and it will be a lovely day.

Come along and enjoy a great day filled with action and atmosphere.

Parking is taken care of to get you quickly off the Kings Hwy and then you will proceed to the gate and you can purchase tickets on the day or online. There are loads of food stalls, drinks and coffee vans and more toilets. EFTPOS is available but cash is always best.

It is going to be a BIG DAY! Giddy up!



THANK YOU Fr. Alex for celebrating Mass here today!

THE CHURCH WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN 9am-3pm Wed, Thurs & Fri for private prayer & reflection.



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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *I love you Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the

promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



PARISH NEWS

THE CHURCH IS OPEN 9am-3pm Wed, Thurs & Fri
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—17th November- join us after Mass

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

St Mary's Grounds Committee Working Bees
Sat 9th November & Sat 23rd November

Please let Chris Murdock 0448310854 know if you will be able to attend the working bee. Time: 0830hrs start, or come along when you can. Aim to finish by midday.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

All Saints Day Party

Sunday, 3rd November, St Christopher's Cathedral after 11AM Mass

Dress as your favourite Saint and enjoy fun activities, a costume parade, and a family-friendly atmosphere Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest. Phone: Anita Piper 6239 9846

ST THOMAS AQUINAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Sunday 10th November 10 am mass will be held at the church followed by celebratory BBQ. To register for catering purposes:
www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com

INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE

Offered online using Zoom by the Southern Tablelands CPE Centre, a registered Centre with the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education Inc. This short 40-hour course will comprise of six sessions commencing on January 29, 30, February 5, 6 & 12, 13, 2025. For more information please contact Barbara Hall barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone: 0418 413 731

Christ the King Taralga Church Celebrates 90 years

Sunday 24th November

Celebrating 90 years of Worship in the Church built by Bishop Barry. Please come and celebrate with them at 9.30 am Mass followed by morning tea, on the Feast of Christ the King, November 24.

"Hearts on Fire! Listening to the Holy Spirit!"

Saturday 9 November 8:30am-3pm

St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, Archbishop's Day for Charismatic Renewal.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse with guest Anne Marie Gatenby, Chairperson CCR NSW. Talks, healing prayer, Holy Mass, praise and worship! Free morning tea and BBQ lunch! To register, go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1298594>

. For more info, Susanna 0419 902 293 or Maida 0423 658 326

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, Mary McCullagh, Peter McCullagh, Peter Hugonnet & Bishop Pat Power.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:- Mark Cooke, Doug Costello, Bruce Reid, John Fletcher, Eileen Mary Mortlock, Leslie Henry (Ted) Sillis, Walter Francis Flynn, Patrick Michael Sherd, William John Gallagher, Ada Johnson, Michael Noel Marsden, Mark Lawless, Thomas Whalen, Catherine Murphy, Michael Day & Angela Ann Pearse.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

**OCTOBER: Maureen Elgood
& Jenny Amey**

NOVEMBER: Helen Jewell



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 : 3rd November, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

R1; R2: Sarah & Stephen Dunkerley

Offertory: Pauline Segeri

Welcomer:

Sunday : 10th November, 2024 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Helen Jewell & Jenny Amey

Welcomer:

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

Close to the Kingdom

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is the most important of all the commandments?" Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion, prayer, intelligence, and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these." (Mark 12: 28 - 31)

Play the Scripture game. Name a person in the gospels you would most like to be. For me, the unnamed scribe in this passage is a great choice. Of all the things that Jesus says to anyone in the four gospels, this is the one thing I dearly want him to say to me: "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

This anonymous scribe hits the jackpot. Like so many people of his generation, he heard about the great teacher and decided to check out the story. Being a student of Scripture, he wanted to see if Jesus was more learned than he was. Scholarship makes some people arrogant, but this man had come to be humbled by his education. If Jesus knew more about God than he did, he was ready to learn from him.

So he asks his question, which may well have been the guiding principle of his entire career. Which law is first among the commandments? What does God want most from us? If you have only one chance to ask a question, you want to be sure it's the most important one. And the man is so impressed by the answer Jesus gives, he responds with sincere praise. For his part, Jesus finds himself in the presence of a rare understanding disciple. So he in turn praises the man with those thrilling words: *you're almost there*. May each of us hear those words someday!

If you boiled down the mission of your life to one question, as the scribe in the gospel did, what would it be?

Pray

Even in the deep and shadowed places we are not alone. In the hard times we are nurtured, renewed, and made whole. God is with us on this journey. Spirit rejoices with us along the way. For all the extraordinary and subtle ways that love prevails, thanks be to God! Amen.

Ponder

Write a spiritual mission statement for your life. It can be one sentence, or a manifesto if you prefer. Reflect on steps you can take to make your mission a reality. *"So lucid and accurate – that God is one and there is no other. And loving God with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself."*

Reflection from Gpbs.com.au



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore and the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We endeavour to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. If you wish to discuss something with our Safeguarding Representative please talk to Sarah D or confidentially email: bungendore.safeguarding@cg.org.au You may also wish to contact Maria Hicks (Manager) Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding 6239 9806 / ipss@cg.org.au