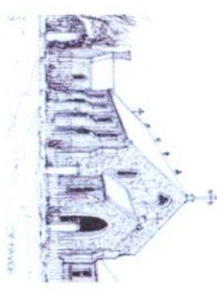


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Fr. Joshua Scott (Interim Administrator)



## First Sunday of Advent      1st December, 2024

### **BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM**

Fr Joshua Scott : [joshua.scott@cg.org.au](mailto:joshua.scott@cg.org.au) or 6299 4611

Phone: 6238 1247  
Email: [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

Baptisms: Baptisms will be on 1st & 3rd Sunday during Mass.

Website: <http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx>

Please email or ring the parish office to arrange a baptism.

Secretary- Julie-Ann

Weddings: Please contact Parish office; at least six months notice required.

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.

### **News around the Parish:**

Christmas Hampers—

names need to be given to me ASAP

If you can donate new cooler bags for the hampers that would be greatly appreciated. (Give to me)

Donations of food can be left at IGA.

Christmas Vigil will be in the Church commencing at 6.30 pm with Carols and 7pm Mass

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

Bring a picnic and your family and friends to **The Canberra Times Carols by Candlelight with the Woden Valley Youth Choir.**

Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, December 7, from 6.30pm. Entry is free.

This year marks the 80th Carols by Candlelight.



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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –  
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the  
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the  
land.

In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the  
sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony,  
bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;  
men dying of fear as they await what menaces the  
world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And  
then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud  
with power and great glory. When these things begin  
to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high,  
because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened  
with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of  
life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a  
trap. For it will come down on every living man on the  
face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for  
the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and  
to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and  
make you love one another and the whole human race  
as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your  
hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the  
sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ  
comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the  
Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the  
kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God  
wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already  
living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we  
gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall  
yield its increase

*A Warm Welcome to  
Max Martin and his parents  
Camilla & Stuart Martin  
Max will be baptised  
here today.*





## 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**—Last one for the year

15th December join us after Mass

### For direct credit payments to the Parish:

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### **150TH Anniversary Commemoration**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February 1875 the extension to St Mary's church, including the window, was opened by Bishop Vaughn. Currently, our celebration of this anniversary comprises the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of *Chords from the Harp* and Archbishop Christopher has agreed to celebrate Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. There is a need to properly recognise Mary Shanahan's gift of the window.

Some options:

A plaque (under the window?) acknowledging Mary's gift;

A memorial plaque on the wall in the memorial garden, either standard size (showing 'Benefactor' or similar), or larger ;

**Please pray for:-** Frank Shugg, Erwin Feeken, Sheather family, Roger Cutbill, Diana Robertson, Luke Alary, Bob Angel, Patrick Bwood, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Magdalen Sillis, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coorbe, Wayne Sridh, 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 & Peter McCullagh, Peter Hugonnet & Bishop Pat Power.

**Recently Deceased:** Kris McKinnon (Konarski)

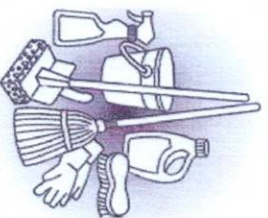
**Anniversaries:-** Christine Elen Harrison, Bet Mitchell, Patricia Redman, Geroa Elizabeth Emma Feeken, Harold Hickey, Thomas Rogers, John O'Sullivan & John Flynn.

### Church Cleaning Thanks!

**NOVEMBER: Helen Jewell**

**DECEMBER: Tess Montessin &**

**Rene Mallia**



### Liturgical Roster

**Sunday : 1st December, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski**

**R1, R2: Alison & David Bishop**

**Offertory: Martin Family**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

**Sunday : 8th December, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: David Bishop**

**R1, R2: Geoff Orchison & Elizabeth Konarski**

**Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

A plaque (where?) expressing appreciation for our forebears' efforts and sacrifices in passing on their faith and our churches; As (3), but accompanied by the planting of a tree. Please contact Ed to discuss your ideas and involvement. [edward.f.cory@outlook.com](mailto:edward.f.cory@outlook.com) or 0468 369 285.

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

### **Part Time Parish Secretary**

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah. This is a part-time permanent position Tues-Fri 9am-12pm. Email: [ceatonmq@gmail.com](mailto:ceatonmq@gmail.com) applications close 13 December.

### **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert 8pm Monday 20th January 2025**

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) Orchestra will be performing at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Eden, NSW, on Monday 20 January, 2025, at 8pm. Bookings at [www.trybooking.com/CXAQN](http://www.trybooking.com/CXAQN) on sale from 1 December, 2024.

### **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.





**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  
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## *Reflection*

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an 'in-between time'. From this week's first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah – the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus' return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.

### Scriptural context

This week's gospel passage comes from a lengthy passage in the gospel of Luke in which Jesus speaks extensively about the future. It is a very different style of writing from the usual narrative, teaching and parable forms that make up most of the gospel. The style is an echo of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. Compare this passage with this week's first reading of other passages from the writings of the prophets. The style is always rich in metaphor and symbol. There is a grandness about the style. We know, just from the use of language, that great things are afoot!

Have you thought? – Waiting, waiting, waiting ...

I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good, getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure.

However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

Different View – We're doomed!

Fundamentalists love readings like this week's apocalyptic gospel passage. Full of portent and urgency, it inspires the sort of thinking that says, 'Repent now, because you could be dead tomorrow!' It is easy to look at a passage like this and apply it to the conditions of the world today: everything's going to rack and ruin, it's just as the Bible foretold; the end of the world is just around the corner. But we have to remember that this was written nearly 2,000 years ago! Yes, there is still urgency! Yes, there is still need for change! But we still have time to get it right.

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