



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)



## Second Sunday of Advent 8th December, 2024

### BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Joshua Scott : [joshua.scott@cg.org.au](mailto: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 Liturgy: Wednesday 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Sunday after Mass

Braidwood: Saturday 5.00pm

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am Baptisms will be conducted during Mass on these dates.

### News around the Parish:

- \* The ground next to the Presbytery has been dug recently to enable pipes to be laid. The rain has made it very spongy so please avoid the area where the bins and seat have been positioned.
- \* The last Social Sunday for the year is next week.

### Christmas Hampers—

- \* Do you know someone who could do with a Christmas Hamper—someone undergoing financial stress or who has no other source of support? Let me know urgently please.
- \* 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

\* Christmas Day Mass at 8.30am at St Mary's with Fr Bernie Hennessy

\* Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am at St Joseph's with Fr Joshua Scott

\* 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.

\* **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

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### First reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your  
head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every  
nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through  
devotedness'.  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has  
remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide  
shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled  
with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**  
They go out, they go out, full of tears,

carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

### Second reading

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,  
remembering how you have helped to spread the  
Good News from the day you first heard it right up to  
the present. I am quite certain that the One who  
began this good work in you will see that it is finished  
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how  
much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves  
you. My prayer is that your love for each other may  
increase more and more and never stop improving  
your knowledge and deepening your perception so  
that you can always recognise what is best. This will  
help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare  
you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the  
perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for  
the glory and praise of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when  
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch  
of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of  
Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,  
during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the  
word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the  
wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the  
sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

*A Warm Welcome to  
Ainslie Chan and her parents  
Kristy-Ann Carter & Alfred Chan.*

*Ainslie is being baptized in Gundaroo  
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 ;

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.

**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 & Peter McCullagh, Peter Hugonnet, Bishop Pat Power & Vesna Tomicic.

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** David Busby, James Thomas Bede Doyle, Alfred Ronald Allen, Julia Flynn, Thomas Flynn, Brigid Catherine Flynn & John Butler.

### **Church Cleaning Thanks!**

**DECEMBER: Tess Montesin &  
Rene Mallia**



### **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 : 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**

**Sunday : 15th December, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: John Windsor**

**R1; R2: Sarah & Stephen Dunkerley**

**Offertory:**

**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*

### **We are John the Baptists**

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare *our* hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)