



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)



## Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd 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

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 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:

- \* 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 Gundaroo with Fr. Joshua Scott
- \* Fr. Sijo Jose commences 3rd January

Here are a few things to know about the upcoming Jubilee Year that opens on 24th December.

1. A jubilee year, also known as a "holy year," is a special year in the life of the church currently celebrated every 25 years. The most recent ordinary jubilee was in 2000, with Pope Francis calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016.

Jubilee years have been held on regular intervals in the Catholic Church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years. According to the Vatican website for the jubilee, these years in Jewish history were "intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields."

2. Jubilee 2025 opens Christmas Eve, 24 December, at 7 pm, with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican immediately before Pope Francis celebrates midnight Mass.

Holy Doors will also be opened at Rome's three other major basilicas: St John Lateran on 29 December, St Mary Major on 1 January, and St Paul's Outside the Walls on 5 January.

A Holy Door will also be opened 26 December at Rebibbia Prison, a Roman prison Pope Francis has visited twice before to celebrate Mass and wash inmates' feet on Holy Thursday.

The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity. In 1423, Pope Martin V opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of St John Lateran—the Diocese of Rome's cathedral—for the first time for a jubilee.

For the Holy Year of 1500, Pope Alexander VI opened Holy Doors at Rome's four main basilicas. At the end of a holy year, the Holy Doors are formally closed and then bricked over by masons.



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngannawal 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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### First reading

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.  
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.  
He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will  
extend his power  
to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**  
God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**  
May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

### Second reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for  
sin;  
then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the  
Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the  
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the  
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;  
and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your  
will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the  
second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the  
offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus  
Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a  
town in the hill country of Judah. She went into  
Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon  
as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in  
her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.  
She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are  
the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the  
mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting  
reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.  
Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise  
made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## 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—Resumes in February 2025**

**For direct credit payments to the Parish:**  
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**RODEO UPDATE—Thank you for all of your efforts and attendance at the Rodeo and Spring Ball the Combined Churches Rodeo Committee has been able to distribute \$15,000 to both churches. This is a fantastic result and we give thanks to the tireless effort of the committees.**



**So much work has been done on the Parish grounds and Presbytery and there is not a week that goes by without the hard work of Liz & Richard Konarski, Tess Montesin & Ian Buckley. Thank you for all that you do for our Parish!!**

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Australian Catholic Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese is holding

- a Cursillo for Men and Women
- at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong

from Fri 4 to Sun 6 April 2025

The coming Cursillo will be the culmination of months of preparation by an enthusiastic team. We are blessed by having Fr Mick MacAndrew as the Spiritual Director.

### *What is Cursillo?*

A Cursillo is a faith formation course; the word 'Cursillo' literally means 'short course' in Spanish. The first Cursillo was held in Spain in 1944 and in Canberra-Goulburn in 1966. In a series of talks and reflections, participants explore and reflect on faith and its relevance in today's world. The three days grow into a personal experience of self, Christ and others.

**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:-** Dulcie Maud Edmonds, Robert James (Bob) Daniel, Colin Thomas Booth, John Partridge, Ada Sparrow, William Gallagher, Clifford Ahern & Mary Ahearn.

### **Church Cleaning Thanks!**

**DECEMBER: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia**  
**JANUARY : Julie-Ann Snudden**



### **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 : 22nd December, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock**

**R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison**

**Offertory: Pauline Segeri & Julie-Ann Snudden**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

**Christmas Day: 25th December, 2024 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley**

**R1; R2: Catherine Mueller**

**Offertory:**

**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*

### **Life in the Womb**

This little gospel story tells us that 'the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped' and not merely leaped, but leaped 'for joy'. Is this just poetic hyperbole?

We know that beautiful music can have a wonderful effect on life in the womb. Good vibrations. Here, the presence of Jesus, being carried by Mary in her pregnancy, had a wonderful effect on the life carried by Elizabeth. Very good vibrations.

From the moment of the conception of Jesus, good vibrations reverberated out to all human beings. The good news is that you and I and every human life ever conceived is visited by Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and we receive that visit as Original Blessing.

There is a further and consoling truth. Every mother or father who has lost a baby too early needs to know that the same extraordinary sense of Our Lord's presence was felt by your baby. That Divine Presence conferred a powerful Original Blessing on that little life within the womb, and that same Presence accompanied your baby into the everlasting embrace of Divine Love in Heaven.

We could pause a moment to pray using the very words of Elizabeth, reciting:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
*Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*  
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

A reflection from liturgyhelp.com by © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

### **Prayer for Vocations**

*Lord of the Harvest,*

*Help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn.*

*Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.*

*Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.*

*Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.*

*Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



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 Dunkerley 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 / [ips@cg.org.au](mailto:ips@cg.org.au)