



St Mary's Bungendore
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Joseph's Tarago

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

Fr. Sijo Jose Parish Priest



BAPTISM of the LORD

12th January, 2025

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Sijo Jose : TBA

Baptisms: Baptisms will be on Saturday AT 10AM

Please email the parish office to arrange a baptism.

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

Phone: 6238 1247

Email: bungendore@cg.org.au

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

Secretary- Julie-Ann

Office - Will not be attended during January. Please email your enquiries.

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

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

Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary, Bungendore Parish. This is a part-time permanent position, 10 hours per week.

Essential Requirements:

Experience with database packages.

Strong communication and liaison skills

Strong organisational skills

Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.

Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)

Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching

Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please email the parish office for a copy of the duty statement bungendore@cg.org.au. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Fr Sijo Jose, Parish Priest sijo.jose@cg.org.au must be received by 5 February 2025.

HOSKINSTOWN CHURCH THANKS! Greg Durr and his grand-daughter Eliza, Ed Cory, Richard Konarski and Leigh Rayner for mowing the Hoskinstown church yard and cemetery. Both look amazing.

Thank you for giving of your time so generously during the holiday season.

SR. DAWN CAREY died peacefully in Southern Cross Care Tenison Apartments, Goulburn, on 3 January 2025. As an educator, Sr Dawn taught at Goulburn, Catholic Girls High School in Braddon, and Temora. She later used her capable secretarial skills at The Catholic Weekly Office, the Catholic Bishops' Media Office and the National Catholic Education Commission, as well as assisting at the Redemptorist Retreat Centre in Galong and at Blackfriars Conference Centre in Watson. For a time, Sr. Dawn also assisted students at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush, in their homily writing and mastery of English. The Requiem Mass for Sr. Dawn will occur on Wednesday, 15 January 2025, at 11 am in St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Reynolds Street, Goulburn. Interment at St Patrick's Kenmore Cemetery on Middle Arm Road will follow. May Sr. Dawn rest in peace.



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

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,

you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **(R.)**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and
taught us that what we have to do is to give up
everything that does not lead to God, and all our
worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live
good and religious lives here in this present world,
while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which
will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great
God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for
us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to
purify a people so that it could be his very own and
would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for
mankind were revealed, it was not because he was
concerned with any righteous actions we might have
done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own
compassion that he saved us, by means of the
cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the
Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us
through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we
should be justified by his grace, to become heirs
looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

PARISH NEWS

Wednesdays @ St Mary's—9am followed by Rosary.

Join us after at The Gathering for a cuppa

Social Sunday—Resumes in February 2025

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 & Terry Reardon.

Recently Deceased: Sr. Dawn Carey

Anniversaries:- Fr Ron Flack, Ada Louise Titmus, Aaron Walsh, Maria Gallagher, Violet Margaret Doyle, Anne Donoghoe & Mary Heath.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

**JANUARY: Julie-Ann Snudden
& Caroline/Penny**



NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Parish Secretary - North Woden

This is a part-time permanent position (Monday 9am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 3.30pm). Essential Requirements: • Experience with database packages. • Strong communication and liaison skills • Strong organisational skills • Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction. • Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright) • Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching • Current experience in an office environment and competent in Microsoft Suite. Please phone (02-6281 3999) for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest, Fr James Antony (james.antony@cg.org.au) must be received by Friday 24 January 2025

Parish Secretary – Inner North Parishes

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson) & This is a part-time position of 30 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months)

Same essential criteria as above.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award.

Please email innernorth@cg.org.au for a detailed copy of the duty statement and selection criteria.

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with

attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.riosa@cam.org.au must be received by Friday 7 February 2025.

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: 12th January, 2025 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday: 19th January, 2025 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: David & Alison Bishop

Offertory: Baptism Family

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)

Today's gospel begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judaea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced.

This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. The Davidic line ruled for more than 400 years until it was ended in the early 6th Century BCE by the Jewish people being exiled in Babylon for about 50 years.

The term, Messiah, literally means anointed one. In ancient Israel, the king was designated by being anointed with oil on his head. Following the exile in Babylon, the people longed for another great king, in the style and from the line of David. Over time, this expectation grew into an ideal that one day a perfect king would rise up again and be the anointed one; the Messiah. As the years grew into decades and centuries, this expectation took on more and more significance. When the Messiah came, the whole world would be put to right; a period of justice and peace would prevail; the oppressed would be liberated.

Whilst the people longed for the Messiah to appear, the gospels reveal that they had difficulty believing Jesus was the one for whom they hoped.

Historical context – Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

Gospel focus – My Son, the Beloved

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Ps 2:7) and 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

Have you thought? Trinity

The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, 'You are my Son.' It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul's early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.



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 You may also wish to contact Maria Hicks (Manager) Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding 6239 9806 / ipss@cg.org.au