



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

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Fr. Sijo Jose Parish Priest



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**26th January, 2025**

**BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM**

Fr Sijo Jose : 0470 110 189

**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

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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 and Friday 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.

**HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!!**

**Blessed are we to live in this great country.**

**AN INVITATION: As part of the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope**

**Come and celebrate the contribution of 30 Different Religious Orders across our Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese at St. Christopher's Cathedral.**

**Sunday 9th February 2025, 11am Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.**

**All welcome.**

**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](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au). Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Fr Sijo Jose, Parish Priest [sijo.jose@cg.org.au](mailto:sijo.jose@cg.org.au) must be received by 5 February 2025.



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 sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

### Responsorial Psalm

*(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

### Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,’ would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him

the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

## Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

## **For direct credit payments to the Parish:**

**BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851**

**NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore**

**Reference: NAME**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Wednesday & Friday @ St Mary's**  
**9am Mass followed by Rosary.**

**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:**

**Anniversaries:-** John Bowring, Glenn Michael Sheppard, Henry Gordon Yates, Frank Joseph Walsh, Charles Lyons Nash, Annie Couch, Matilda Flynn, Clifford Lee, Rev Fr. John McCuker, Jane Josephine Cranny, William Lamkin, Carmelita Jean Murphy & Isabella McGrath.

## **Church Cleaning Thanks!**

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



## **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: 26th January, 2025 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar:**

**R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Pauline Segeri**

**Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell**

**Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden**

**Sunday: 2nd February 2025 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: David Bishop**

**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*

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'



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### **SAVE THE DATE: Fri 4 to Sun 6 April 2025 (more details to come)**

The Australian Catholic Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese is holding

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

For further information please contact Michael and Erica de Raadt at [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com)

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