Baptisms at St Mary’s, Bungendore and
Saints Peter and Paul’s Hoskinstown and
Saint Joseph’s Gundaroo
general information

**St Mary’s Parish welcomes your family and your new little one to our community.**



*Jesus took a little child and set him by his side and then said to his disciples, ‘Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.’* ***Luke 9: 47***

**TIMES:** At **St Mary's Church, Bungendore** baptisms are usually on Saturdays at 10:30am. **St Joseph’s Gundaroo,** after the Sunday 10.30am Mass, 2nd or 4th Sunday.
At **Sts Peter and Paul's Church, Hoskinstown,** baptisms are usually on the 1st Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.
Please speak to the office if none of these are a suitable time for your family.

We are currently conducting baptisms one family at a time.

**MAKING A BOOKING FOR A BAPTISM:-** You can phone the Bungendore parish office on 6238 1247 between 10.30am and 5pm on Wednesdays or Thursdays 9am-3.30pm. The **"Request for Baptism"** form can also be downloaded from our parish page on the Archdiocesan website [Application Forms (cg.org.au)](http://cg.org.au/bungendore/ApplicationForms.aspx) and completed and emailed to St Mary’s Parish bungendore@cg.org.au

**GODPARENTS:** You need at least one Godparent but we have space to record up to four in the Parish Register. Godparents' names will appear on the Baptismal Certificate and in the Parish Register. A Godparent needs to: have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation; be at least sixteen years old; and not be one of the parents. Any other validly baptised person is welcome to be a Christian witness.

**TWO NON-CATHOLIC PARENTS:** If neither parent is a Catholic, you will need to speak with the Priest or Deacon before booking a Baptism.

**OLDER CHILD BAPTISM:** If your child is over 6 years old, you will need to speak to the Parish Priest or Deacon for advice on preparing your child to be baptised.

**COVID-19 SAFE PROTOCOLS WILL BE ADHERED TO WHEN REQUIRED:** As long as the 1.5m physical distance rule is observed, you will be able to have a maximum of 63 people at a baptism at St Mary’s Church. The priest or deacon celebrating the baptism is not counted in that number but the child being baptised and their family are. Also, we need to keep a contact register of those attending. We can send you a pro-forma for this, and we then keep it in our safe and destroy it after the statutory tracing period of 28 days has expired. Alternatively, you can use our QR code which is on display in the church foyer to check-in via the ServiceNSW app on your phone or tablet.

The Covid-safe capacity of Sts Peter and Paul’s is 44.
The Covid-safe capacity of St Joseph’s is 36.

If you wish to find out more about COVID-19 or the current NSW Government COVID-19 gathering and movement restrictions applicable to religious services, they may be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>.