Baptisms at St Mary’s, Bungendore and
Saints Peter and Paul’s Hoskinstown
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 the 2nd weekend of the month either at 10:00am on Sunday, or during the 8:30am Sunday Mass.
At **Sts Peter and Paul's Church, Hoskinstown,** baptisms are usually on the 1st Sunday of the month during the 11:00am Mass.
Please speak to the office if none of these are a suitable time for your family.

**MAKING A BOOKING FOR A BAPTISM:-** You can phone the Bungendore parish office on 6238 1247 between 11am and 5pm on Wednesdays. The **"Request for Baptism"** form can also be downloaded from our parish page on the Archdiocesan website and completed and emailed to St Mary’s Parish bungendore@cg.org.au

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:** The parish asks that you participate in a preparation session if this is your first child or you have not previously participated in such a session for any other children. When you contact the office to organise a date for the baptism we will help you to arrange this. If possible, we ask that you attend the baptism preparation session at St Gregory’s, Queanbeyan on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. This is in the parish meeting room at 47 Lowe St. St Greg’s phone number is (02) 6299 4611 (9-3:30 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) or email queanbeyan@cg.org.au.

If this time is not possible for you, we will help you to find another option for baptism preparation.

**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. At least one of the Godparents needs to be a Baptised and Confirmed Catholic. Any other baptised person is welcome to be a Christian witness. The only other criterion is that Godparents/Christian witnesses need to be at least 16.

**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:** As long as the 4 sq metres per person rule is in force, you will be able to have a maximum of fifty people at a baptism at St Mary’s (30 in the church and 20 in the hall). There is a video link between the church and hall. The priest or deacon celebrating the baptism is not counted in the fifty people 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 has expired.

Here is a link to the NSW government website with the latest information

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>