



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



Sunday 16 November 2025, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

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Baptisms: Baptisms will be on Saturday's at 11:00am

Please email the parish office to arrange a baptism.

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

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Secretary: Bernadette Coman

Office hours: Thursday 9:30-4:00, Friday 9:30-1:30.

Please email your enquiries.

BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

Bungendore : Sunday 8:30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday and Friday 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Wednesday or Friday Mass

Braidwood: Thursday 10:15am and Saturday 5:00pm

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am; Baptisms will be conducted during Mass.

Hoskinstown: 1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

In *Dilexi Te*, the Apostolic Exhortation first drafted by his predecessor, Pope Leo frequently uses Pope Francis' metaphor of 'concrete' Church activity to make an important point.

For example: 'Concrete love was the criterion of holiness' exemplified by Saint Basil. Caring for the sick showed 'that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action.' Authentic Christian monasticism is 'a style of holiness and a concrete way to transform society.'

Overall, this 'concrete' metaphor underlines how the Church is not a building but a building process. Our firm and lasting commitment to active, charitable discipleship in Christ helps manifest the Church in our world.

Our mission, the Pope makes emphatically clear, therefore involves being willing 'to welcome Christ who comes in the person of the poor and the stranger.' It means working towards 'an economy of solidarity in contrast to the logic of accumulation.' And it involves embracing 'a mysticism of God's presence in the little ones' to whom the world remains indifferent.

'When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person,' the Pope declares, 'she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.'

As such, the Church has a 'mission of liberation' that, when put into practice, can be understood as 'an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice.'

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Please pray for: Viktoria Kovacs, Frank Shugg, Erwin Feeken, Sheather family, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, Karen Toscan, Rene Mallia, Ken & Cathy Vine, Elizabeth Van Gessel, Barb Rayner, Fr. Mick Burke, Adrian van Prooyen, Carol-Jayne McManus, Mary & Peter McCullagh, Peter Hugonnet & Terry Reardon

Recently Deceased: Barbara Jones (Stephen Dunkerley's mother), Roger Cutbill (uncle of Chris Murdoch)

Anniversaries:

November Mass Offerings: David John Swiggs, Frances Swiggs, Barbara Buckley, James Buckley, Annette Wain, Joseph Montesin, Kelena Montesin, Monica Montesin, Patrick Mallia, Charlie Mallia

If you would like to add or remove a name please email Bernadette at bungendore@cg.org.au



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

Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

or

Mark 11:23-24

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

PARISH NEWS

24 November | Remembering lives lost to suicide | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Join us in Canberra to remember precious lives lost and to support those impacted.

If you've been impacted by the loss of a loved one to suicide, join a community who share the experience of bereavement. Counsellors will be present to offer support.

The event will feature music, stories of lived experience and hope, and a sunflower ceremony. Attendees are welcome to bring a photo and share a personal tribute on our memorial wall.

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Memorial Service
Old Parliament House - The Members' Dining Room 1
18 King George Terrace

Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical.

In response, Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water.

Your support is urgently needed.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phone 1800 024 413



Vocations Discernment Dinners - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House - First Thursday of the month

Vocations Discernment Dinners - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

Volunteer Scripture Teacher Needed – Bungendore Public School

Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your faith and make a difference in the lives of young people? St Mary's and The Sisters of Charity are seeking a volunteer to teach Scripture at Bungendore Primary

School on Tuesdays from 2:10pm-3:10pm. You'll be using the *Christ Our Light and Life* program, which includes student books and a clear teaching manual to guide each lesson.

The current volunteer (Mary-Anne Curran - 0450 917 865) is happy to speak with anyone interested and share their experience.

A Working with Children Check is required—the parish can assist you with this process.

This important role needs to be filled by the end of 2025.

If you feel called to this ministry or would like more information, please contact the parish office at

bungendore@cg.org.au

Your time could light the way for the next generation.

Missionaries of Charity Home Visits

The Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa Sisters) teach Scripture at Bungendore Public School on Tuesday afternoons. As part of their mission, they also visit those who are elderly, sick, or in need of company and prayer. They would like to extend this mission to include members of the Bungendore Parish community from 3:30pm on Tuesdays. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from the Sisters, please contact Sr Marie-Louise on 0476 038 276 or 02 6297 1296

Position Vacant – Parish Officer (Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden)

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Officer, Mary Help of Christians Parish. This is a permanent part-time position of 24 hours per week (preference Tues- Fri, times negotiable). For a copy of the Duty Statement please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Emil Milat 0414 523 036 or the Parish Office wodensouth@cg.org.au

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au by CoB Friday 21 November 2025.

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians

throughout Red November. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting www.rednovember.org



PARISH NOTICES (cont'd)

Palms International Volunteering

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our GAP YEAR opportunities for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025

Time: 6pm or 9pm AEDT

2. Join our TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Date: Monday 8 December 2025

Time: 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT

Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events

SCAN ME



Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall.

Please contact the office for more details.

The format shown here will be the one used.



Church Cleaning

November: Helen Jewell

December: Tess Montesin
& Rene Mallia

Thank you!



Wednesday & Friday @ St Mary's

9:00am Mass followed by Rosary. Join us after at The Gathering for a cuppa on Wednesday.

Social Sunday 's, third Sunday in November is the 16th. Please stay for a cuppa.

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell

David Bishop

Jenny Amey

Chris Murdock

Catherine Mueller

BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Greg Darmody

Michele Murdock

Richard Konarski

Ian Cusack

Stephen Dunkerley

LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 16th November 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Pauline Segeri

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

Sunday 23rd November 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Sarah Dunkerley & Stephen Dunkerley

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory:

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness *will* shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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