



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 23 November 2025, Christ the King 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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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

'When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor,' Pope Leo says, 'she becomes a paschal sign.' And, he also says, 'when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture.'

The Church, the Pope makes clear, has constantly adapted to changing circumstances, bringing Christ to the here and now. Education plays an important part in this stream of history. As he says, 'since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth.' Even children and criminals can come to know Christ, as scripture makes clear.

The Pope also speaks of how 'teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith.' Indeed, the Church's teaching mission remains 'a service to the Kingdom of God.'

To that end, the Church has a duty to teach and live its mission of justice and service. That especially includes welcoming the stranger. As the Pope says, 'the Church has always recognised in migrants a living presence of the Lord.'

Similarly, with the poor. 'It is in them', the Pope notes, 'that the church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.' The poor are 'not only objects of our compassion,' he adds, 'but teachers of the Gospel.'

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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: Murray Scott (Fr Josh Scott's grandfather), 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, Frances & Val Payne, Alice & Patrick Cudmore, Joan Cudmore, Mary Cudmore, deceased members of the Sillis & McRae families, Roufeil & McManus families, Curran & Connolly families

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

Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

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

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for
him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

[1 December | 8 Steps For Getting Your Affairs In Order | 10:00am—12:00pm](#)

CWA together with Bungendore Medical are running an event for our community aimed for people to get their affairs in order.

Venue: Bungendore Community Centre (2 Majara St)
Speaker: Shanna Provost
Morning tea provided
FREE reserve your place through Eventbrite

[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.

[Positions Vacant – Parish Officer x 3 \(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West Belconnen\)](#)

On 1 January 2026 the parishes of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood and St John the Apostle, Kippax will combine to form the new parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Belconnen. Three positions are available for persons interested in applying to become part of the Parish Team, working from the Parish Office in Kippax. All roles are permanent part time:

*Parish Officer - 24 hours per week

*Parish Officer - 18 hours per week

*Parish Officer - 6 hours per week

Employment will commence in January 2026.

Employment conditions are subject to the Clerks Award. For a copy of the Duty Statement/s please email Kippax Parish Office kippax@cg.org.au or Charnwood Parish Office charnwood@cg.org.au Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to the Parish Priest, Fr Tru Nguyen MSC tru.nguyen@cg.org.au by CoB 5 Dec 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



[Palms International Volunteering](#)

Discover Palms International Volunteering online in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange

PARISH NEWS (cont'd)

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.

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 23rd November 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Sarah Dunkerley & Stephen Dunkerley

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory:

Sunday 30th November 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Louella Reeves & Luke Reeves

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images. The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

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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