



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 30 November 2025, First Sunday of Advent Year A

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 Greg Sunter

Get Ready!

Jesus draws a parallel between the people in Noah's time and the people of his own time. What it reflects is a complacency that periodically overtook the Jewish people. When the people bound themselves to God in covenant their lives gradually became better. Inevitably, their lives improved to such a state that they forgot God was responsible for their blessings. They ignored their relationship with God and became complacent about their good fortune. Ultimately, their comfort was brought to an end and they recognised once again their need for God. Jesus calls the people to get ready because the pattern is repeating itself.

The Advent Wreath

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

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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

Cf Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
 the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
 shall tower above the mountains
 and be lifted higher than the hills.
 All the nations will stream to it,
 peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 to the Temple of the God of Jacob
 that he may teach us his ways
 so that we may walk in his paths;
 since the Law will go out from Zion,
 and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
 and adjudicate between many peoples;
 these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
 their spears into sickles.
 Nation will not lift sword against nation,
 there will be no more training for war.
 O House of Jacob, come,
 let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9. R. see v.1

(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. It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.
 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.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
 ‘Peace be to your homes!
 May peace reign in your walls,
 in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends
 I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
 For love of the house of the Lord
 I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading of the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PARISH NEWS

[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



[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 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



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.

*Congratulations and welcome to our faith community Arkie Kennedy baptised on 22nd November 2025.
Please keep Arkie and his family in your prayers.*

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 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

Sunday 7th December 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Elizabeth Konarski & Mary-Anne Curran

Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory:

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Wake up to the Poetry

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only *God* knows! *We* don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

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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