



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 7 December 2025, Second 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

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

When John the Baptist performed baptism it was for the forgiveness of sin. The baptism he gave was a mark of the desire to enter into a new life of right action. It was not a baptism of initiation into community that is the case today. John had two key words that he is recorded as preaching: repent and prepare. His call for repentance was a call to turn away from sin; a call to have a change of heart; a call to turn one's life around and make a fresh start. His call for preparation is in the long line of prophets that includes the great prophet Isaiah from whom we take today's first reading. All of the prophets urged the people towards hope in the future. Isaiah and others spoke specifically of a person – a Messiah – who would bring that hope to reality. But the tradition demanded a readiness for the Messiah and that was the call to preparation that John the Baptist echoed at the beginning of the public life of Jesus.

John's taunting of the Pharisees and Sadducees is an indication of this need for preparation and readiness. He accuses them of being too confident of their own rightness. He demands proof from them of their honest repentance: 'but if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit'. Rather, he suspects that they think that salvation is assured for them by virtue of being a Jew; a son of Abraham. He warns them that an axe hangs poised to cut down any part of the Jewish tradition that is failing to produce good fruit. This is a theme that is picked up later by Jesus himself; you can't be complacent about your own position, you have to welcome the new truth revealed by Jesus and give yourself wholeheartedly to God.

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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: Marjorie Avery (sister of Fr Hilton Roberts), Murray Scott (Fr Josh Scott's grandfather), Barbara Jones (Stephen Dunkerley's mother), Roger Cutbill (uncle of Chris Murdoch)

Anniversaries: Maddie Wakeling

November Mass Offerings: Ema & Alojz Segeri, Emmanuel & Spira Sant, David John Swiggs, Frances Swiggs, Barbara Buckley, James Buckley, Annette Wain, Joseph Montesin, Kelena Montesin, Monica Montesin, Patrick Mallia, Charlie Mallia, Frances & Wal 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 Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading
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Isaiah 11:1-

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for
ever.

- 1.** O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
- 2.** In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

- 3.** For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**
- 4.** May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was
meant to teach us something about hope from the examples
scripture gives of how people who did not give up were
helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to
give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following
the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice
you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each
other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The
reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was
not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises
made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give
glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For
this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation
3:4.6

Luke

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel
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Matthew 3:1-

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the
wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man
the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a
leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and
wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole
Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were
baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.
But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who
warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if
you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not

presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor

and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Communion Antiphon
4:36

Baruch 5:5;

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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, scan the QR code or phone 1800 024 413.



Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas

This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to "be a light in the darkness" for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>



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.

POSITIONS VACANT:

>> Sacramental Pathways Officer & Formation Animator / Evangelisation Institute Coordinator

The Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn are seeking applicants for these two important roles. The positions support the mission of evangelisation, formation, and sacramental outreach across our Archdiocese. For more details scan the QR code or visit cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/
Applications close 11 December 2025.



>> 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 December 2025.

>> Pambula - Parish Officer

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Officer for the Catholic Parishes of Pambula including Our Lady Star of the Sea Eden, St Joseph's Merimbula and St Peter's Pambula. This is a permanent part time position of 12 hours per week and will be based in the Parish Office, Merimbula. There may be some travel between parishes when required. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. For a copy of the Duty Statement please email the Parish Office pambula@cg.org.au Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager leanne.boyd@cg.org.au by CoB 12 December 2025.

Palms International Volunteering

Discover Palms International Volunteering online where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region. 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



A REMINDER: This is the last weekend to bring in insulated bags for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Thank you—Julie-Ann Snudden

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell
David Bishop
Jenny Amey
Chris Murdock
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Richard Konarski
Ian Cusack
Stephen Dunkerley

LITURGICAL ROSTER

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:

Sunday 14th December 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden & Volunteer

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdoch

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory: Pauline Segeri & Julie-Ann Snudden

St Mary's Liturgical and Cleaning Rosters 2026

Liturgical and Cleaning Rosters are due to be updated for 2026. If you do not wish to continue or need to make changes, please advise Bernadette by email (bungendore@cg.org.au) asap. More volunteers would be very welcome for both rosters.

Thank you - your time and participation is appreciated!

Church Cleaning

December: Tess Montesin
& Rene Mallia

January:
Thank you!



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.



Wednesday & Friday @ St Mary's

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

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

