



St Mary's Bungendore
St Bede's Braidwood
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Joseph's Tarago

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Fr. Sijo Jose, Parish Priest



Sunday 22 February 2026, First Sunday of Lent 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 9:00am; Friday 11:30am (funeral of Brian Daniel)

Please note - Mass on Friday 20th February will be held at 11:30am only.

There will be no 9:00am Mass on Friday 20th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Wednesday or Friday Mass

Braidwood: Thursday 10:15am and Saturday 6:00pm

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 Fr Michael Tate

It is Written

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

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Please pray for: Frank Shugg, Erwin Feeken, Sheather family, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Peter Gagliardi, Stewart Briggs, Annie Nikolaou, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, 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, Fr Michael Mullens

Anniversaries: Vivian McKenzie

Deaths: Brian Daniel

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 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no

one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PARISH NEWS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - March 2026

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to children in Year 3 and above and preparation will begin on Sunday, March 1st with a commitment ceremony during Mass. Following Mass, a 45 minute instruction program will begin, with further sessions on March 15 and 22 with the sacrament conferred on Sunday March 29. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and enrolment details.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the St Mary's sacramental program throughout the year.

The (Alpha) Marriage Course: 12th February—26th March 2026

You're invited

Whether you've been married six months or 40 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers practical support to strengthen your relationship.

The course helps couples to:

- Strengthen connection
- Communicate more effectively
- Resolve conflict
- Recognise how upbringing affects your relationship
- Build a stronger, more supportive family environment
- Develop greater sexual intimacy
- Put love into action
- And much, much more...

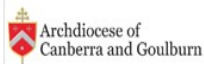
Details:

7 Sessions | 7-9pm Thursdays via Zoom | 12 Feb - 26 March 2026
For more info visit <https://www.marriagecourse.org.au>
or contact cathy.madsen@cg.org.au

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Venue: Online: Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



27 February – 1 March | Lenten Retreat: Meeting Christ in Our Deepest Need |

You are invited to a 3-session Lenten retreat, *Meeting Christ in Our Deepest Need: A Lenten Journey*, facilitated by Greg Sunter. Learn about

Greg: <https://www.wholehearted.com.au/about/>
Greg will reflect on this year's Lenten Gospels and there will be time for personal reflection and optional sharing. Everyone is welcome, no prior study needed and no pressure to speak.

Time:

Friday 27th February 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm;

Saturday 28th February 10.00 am -11.00 am;

Sunday 1st March 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Place: 25 Blackham St, HOLT ACT 2615

Cost: \$20 for all 3 sessions

Register: belconnenwest@cg.org.au

Mothers Prayers Retreat: St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong NSW

Commences 6:00pm Friday 27 February and concludes after lunch Sunday 1 March 2026. For bookings ring 02 6380 5222 or go to info@stclement.com.au before 16 February 2026.

Single room, shared bathroom \$450;
room/ensuite \$500

For more details contact Anne at
australia@mothersprayers.org

Matthew 11: 28 *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*



5 March | Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce International Women's Day Breakfast

The 2026 International Women's Day Breakfast event, hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will be held on 5th March from 7.30 am at the Ainslie Football Club. This year's guest speaker is Chiara Porro, Australian diplomat and former Ambassador to the Holy See will share her experience in her role.

Cost: \$45. More information at

<https://www.cgwomen.com.au/>

Registrations: [https://events.humanitix.com/](https://events.humanitix.com/international-women-s-day-breakfast-2026-ty8dvmx7)

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Enquiries: Helena Zobec 0405 440 463

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.

Vocations Discernment Dinners - 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 and prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

PARISH NEWS (cont'd)

Positions Vacant: Parish Officer - Narooma-Cobargo and Gunning

Essential Requirements:

- > Experience with database packages & Microsoft Suite
 - > Strong communication and liaison skills
 - > Strong organisational skills
 - > Ability to work on your own, as part of a team, and take direction
 - > Understand and administer areas of church and regulatory compliance (e.g. parish sacrament registers, Working With Children Check, WHS, child protection, copyright)
 - > Recent experience in an office environment
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching

For more information and a copy of the Duty Statement please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager (leanne.boyd@cg.org.au).

Applications close 27 February 2026.

Hall Restoration—Stage 1

As you'd all be aware, our hall is in a generally deteriorated condition. Much of the damage is a result

of high water levels in the sub-floor, which has caused rotting of floor timbers and rising damp in the walls. The work required to repair the major issues affecting the hall is extensive (and expensive) and had been put on hold pending the outcome of a QPRC heritage assessment.

QPRC has now provided St Mary's with a small heritage grant to allow us to commence the restoration of our hall. The first stage of the works to improve drainage around the facility and reduce water damage, is to **commence on 2 March and last for about 5 days**. The work will be undertaken by Jack Heffernan Plumbing and will include lifting of pavers, installation of additional drainage and remediation of existing stormwater systems. At this stage we don't foresee significant restrictions on access or use of the hall.

There won't be much to see at the end of the work, but it is necessary to reduce moisture levels and to allow us to progress remediation works. If there are any questions, or you are seeking more information about planned work, please speak to Richard Konarski after mass.

LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 22nd February 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Elizabeth Konarski; Mary-Anne Curran

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

Offertory:

Sunday 1st March 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden; Catherine Mueller

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

Offertory: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

Church Cleaning

February: Catherine Mueller

March: Penny Ford; Helen Jewell

Thank you!



Wednesday @ St Mary's

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



BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Catherine Mueller (Chair)

Helen Jewell

David Bishop

Jenny Amey

Chris Murdock

BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Michele Murdock (Chair)

Greg Darmody

Richard Konarski

Ian Cusack

Stephen Dunkerley



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