



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 1st March 2026, Second Sunday of Lent Year A

### BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

**Fr Sijo Jose:** 0470 110 189 email: [sijo.jose@cg.org.au](mailto:sijo.jose@cg.org.au)

**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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**Website:** <http://cg.org.au/bungendore/Home.aspx>

**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 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

#### Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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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:** Phil Sheather, Pam Sutor

**Deaths:** Brian Daniel

If you would like to add or remove a name please email Bernadette at [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto: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 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

or

Cf Psalm 24:6,2,22

Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Let not our enemies exult over us.  
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

**First Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4

*A reading from the book of Genesis**The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.)** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

2 Timothy 1:8-10

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*  
*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel**

Matthew 17:1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*  
*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Communion Antiphon**

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

## 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 15th and 22nd with the sacrament conferred on Sunday March 29th. 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...

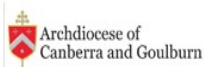
#### **Details:**

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](mailto:cathy.madsen@cg.org.au)

Scan QR code to  
**REGISTER NOW**



or visit  
<https://bit.ly/MERAlpha>



### 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 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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/international-women-s-day-breakfast-2026-ty8dvmx7>

Enquiries: Helena Zobec 0405 440 463

### 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](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).

### Fri 17-Sun 19 April | Cursillo Weekend St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong

Contact [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com)

Info and registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026> or scan the QR code



### King's Way Youth: Thursday evenings

For high school students. Come hang out. A fun, relaxed space to connect, belong and grow in faith. Every Thursday (school term time only) at Bungendore High School 6:00pm-7:00pm. For more information [youthminister@bungendoreanglican.org.au](mailto:youthminister@bungendoreanglican.org.au).

### 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: Parish Officer Narooma-Cobargo

#### 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](mailto:leanne.boyd@cg.org.au)). Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to Fr George Azhakath, Parish Priest [George.azhakath@cg.org.au](mailto:George.azhakath@cg.org.au) by Friday 20 March 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.

### 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 assisting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition care, 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/africa), or phone 1800 024 413.

### LITURGICAL ROSTER

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

Sunday 8th March 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Sarah Dunkerley; Stephen Dunkerley

Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski

Offertory:

### Church Cleaning

March: Penny Ford; Helen Jewell

April: Sarah Darmody; Christine Allard

Thank you!



### 9:00am Mass Wednesday & Friday @ St Mary's

- followed by Rosary. Join us on

Wednesday, after Mass at

The Gathering for a cuppa.



### Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall. Please contact the office for more details. The format shown here will be the one used.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)