



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 29th March 2026, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Sijo Jose: 0470 110 189 email: 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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Secretary: Bernadette Coman

Office hours: Thursday 9:30-4:00, Friday 9:30-1:30.

Please email your enquiries.

Please note: The office will be closed for four weeks, from Monday 4th May - Wednesday 3rd June 2026, as Bernadette will be on leave.

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 (**There will be no Mass at Hoskinstown in April - Easter Sunday. The next Mass will be held on 3rd May 2026.**)

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy.

We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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Please pray for: Denise Gordon, Rose-Marie Johnson, Robert & Rhoda Murdock, 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, Ken & Cathy Vine, Elizabeth Van Gessel, Barb Rayner, Fr Mick Burke, Peter Hugonnet, Adrian van Prooyen, Carol-Jayne McManus, Mary & Peter McCullagh, Terry Reardon, Fr Michael Mullens

Deaths: Fr Dermott Clinton (Wagga Wagga)

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 John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!*

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!*

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not
be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him
on high.*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

Communion Antiphon Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking
it,
your will be done.

PARISH NEWS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - 29 March

Congratulations to Grace, Blaique, Laker and Lucy who have made their First Reconciliation today. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Palm Sunday Breakfast - 29 March

Thank you to those who have added their name to the sign up sheet and to those involved with the preparations for this morning's breakfast.

Garden Angels Calling—Urgent Help Required around Church Grounds

Work required:

- Whipper-snipping around carpark and Labyrinth
- Slashing the grass in the flood-zone and around sheds
- Mowing, weeding

A truck/trailer is needed to remove green waste.

If you can spare any amount of time to help maintain the church grounds, please contact Tess Montesin 0400 174 034. Thank you!

29 March | Palm Sunday Rally in Support of Refugees and Migrants | 1:00pm

In September last year, Archbishop Christopher called for Australians "to reject fear and stereotypes in the wake of nationwide anti-immigration protests, urging a spirit of hospitality and hope instead".

This year's Canberra Refugee Rally on Palm Sunday, which is under the theme, 'Refugees and Migrants Welcome Here' responds to the same issue. Join Vinnies to support Australia's 53-year-old commitment to an immigration program, which does not discriminate on the basis of race.

Positions Vacant: Parish Administrative Support Assistant

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Administrative Support Assistant. This is a full-time permanent position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the inputting of financial data and reporting requirements.

Essential Requirements:

- Accurate data entry skills
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Ability to work in a team environment, take direction and work independently
- Experience with financial packages
- Experience with Microsoft 365 and excel
- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements

Salary will be subject to qualifications and experience. The position will be based in the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation, Canberra. For a copy of the Duty

Statement and, to send applications addressing the above criteria along with a current CV, email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager leanne.boyd@cg.org.au by CoB Friday 17 April 2026.

Volunteer Scripture Teacher Needed – Bungendore Public School

St Mary's and The Sisters of Charity are seeking a volunteer to teach Grade 1 Scripture at Bungendore Primary School on Tuesdays from 2:10pm -2.40pm. 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 is happy to speak with anyone interested, phone 0450 917 865. A Working with Children Check is required - the parish office can assist you with this process, email bungendore@cg.org.au

Your time could light the way for the next generation.

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.



Merici College Enrolling for 2027:

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.

Visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events.

- Open Day, Principal's Address and Year 7 2027 Information Night: Wednesday 6 May
- Be a Merici Girl Days: 1 May, 4 May, 13 May
- Talk and Tours: 28 April, 9 May
- Year 11 2027 Information Evening : Tuesday 12 May

PARISH NEWS (cont'd)

St Clare's College Enrolling for 2027:

Discover St Clare's and see her thrive.

The transition from Primary to Secondary school is a significant milestone. We are committed to providing a continuous pathway of care and character-building that aligns with your family's Catholic faith. Join our community for our upcoming events:

- Open Evening (April 29)
- Step Into St Clare's Day (April 28 and May 14).
- We are also pleased to announce that Year 7 and 8 Scholarship applications for the 2027 intake are now officially open. Visit the website for information and registration (www.stcc.act.edu.au)

St Vincent de Paul Society Needs You

The local conference of St Vincent de Paul is looking to recruit new members to help in our work of serving the needy in our area. We would particularly encourage people who share the aims of the Society and are available Mon-Fri 3-6pm. There are not too many visits per month but it would mean we are could share the visits. For further information please contact Conference President: Julie-Ann 0413 049 819. Thank you.

Easter Masses for the Bungendore/Braidwood Region:

Bungendore - St Mary's:

Palm Sunday (29 March) - 8:30am

Holy Thursday (2 April) - 6:00pm

Good Friday (3 April) - Stations of the Cross 10:00am
- Passion 3:00pm

Easter Sunday (5 April) - 8:30am

Gundaroo - St Joseph's:

Good Friday Liturgy (3 April) - 3:00pm

Easter Sunday (5 April) - 10:30am

Braidwood - St Bede's:

Palm Sunday Vigil (28 March) - 6:00pm

Holy Thursday Faith Celebration (2 April) - 6:00pm

Good Friday (3 April) - Stations of the Cross 10:00am
- Passion 3:00pm

Easter Sunday Vigil (4 April) - 5:00pm (please note time change)



LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 29th March 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller; Pauline Segeri

Minister of the Altar; Anna Melek

Offertory: Pauline Segeri & Julie-Ann Snudden

Sunday 5th April 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Elizabeth Konarski; Mary-Ann Curran

Minister of the Altar; Thomas Konarski

Offertory:

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

Congratulations and welcome to our faith community

Ollie John Hutchinson and Miles Bruce Hutchinson

baptised on 28th March 2026

Please keep Ollie and Miles, and their families in your prayers.



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