



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 5th April 2026, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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 5:00pm (Please note change of time on Saturday)

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.**)

Easter Message from our Parish Priest

After going through the observances of Lent and Holy Week we rejoice at the Lord's rising from the dead. The joy of new life through our Lord's resurrection is then for all of us to experience in our daily life throughout the whole year.

Jesus is no longer in the tomb. He is in our midst. We have to open our hearts and let Him in, so that He may dwell there forever. We are a resurrection people and we can do all things in Christ.

As we exchange greetings on this great feast, we are aware that we journey together toward a future, filled with confidence and trust in the Lord's company. May each one of you continue to develop a deeper appreciation of one another. When we accept one another with love as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, we become more united with Him.

May the Risen Lord bless you always. Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

Fr. Sijo.

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

Anniversaries: Ray Jewell

Deaths: Fr Dermott Clinton (Wagga Wagga)



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 138:18,5-6**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading**Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 for his love has no end.
 Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
 his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading**Colossians 3:1-4***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
 The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
 and Christ, the undefiled,
 hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
 Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
 The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
 The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.
 Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.
 Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20:1-9***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
 therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
 of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS

Palm Sunday Breakfast - 29 March

Thank you to everyone who attended last Sunday. Bacon, eggs and sunshine!
Special thanks to our amazing and dedicated BBQ chefs and dish washers.
Save the date for our next social gathering, Friday evening on August 7 to celebrate St Mary MacKillop.

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!

13 - 17 April | St Christopher's Cathedral archival display

As part of the 2026 ACT Heritage Festival, the Archdiocesan Archive is hosting an exhibition of items relating to our Cathedral. In Haydon Hall, for one week commencing Sunday 12 April 12.30. Open week of 13th-17th April 12-2PM.

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

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 .

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

Contact michaelderaadt@gmail.com

Info and registration:

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



PARISH NEWS (cont'd)

Catholic Theological College

Engaging Your Faith online presentations

From \$25 per session.

For more information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

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 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:

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:

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 5th April 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Elizabeth Konarski; Mary-Ann Curran

Minister of the Altar; Thomas Konarski

Offertory:

Sunday 12th April 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden; Alison Bishop

Minister of the Altar; David Bishop

Offertory: Tess Montesin; Rene Mallia

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

Church Cleaning

April: Sarah Darmody; Christine Allard

May: Judy Sillis; Maureen Towler

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.



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