



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 12th April 2026, Second Sunday of Easter 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

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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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

Anniversaries: Ray Jewell

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**1 Peter 2:2**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading**Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1**

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **(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.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading**1 Peter 1:3-9**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of

trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation**John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20:19-31**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to all those volunteers who so generously gave of their time, dedication and support throughout Holy Week. Your commitment made a meaningful difference within our parish community and it is very much appreciated.

Good Friday Holy Land Appeal

Donations are still being accepted for this appeal. If you are able to make a donation, please scan this QR code or go online to www.franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat



Project Compassions Boxes can now be returned to the Parish Church or office.

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 12.30pm. 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

PARISH NEWS (cont'd)

**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.



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.

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)

Catholic Theological College

Engaging Your Faith online presentations
From \$25 per session.

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

LITURGICAL ROSTER

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

Sunday 19th April 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Sarah Dunkerley; Stephen Dunkerley

Minister of the Altar: Volunteer please

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

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.**



**Social Sunday Morning Tea:
19th April 2026**

Please stay for a cuppa after Mass.



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.



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