



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 19th April 2026, Third Sunday of Easter 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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**Email:** [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)

**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.

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 Nick Brodie**

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that 'those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice.'

'Those who decided to follow him', the Pope suggests, 'were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing.' Christ's being with us, the Pope makes clear, is integral to his mission.

Through this dynamic, the Pope says, 'the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ's flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God.'

This mystery illuminates our calling. As the Pope says, 'when we look at [the Church] closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However,' the Pope continues, 'it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ's presence and his saving action are manifested.'

Therefore, whatever our shortcomings, we are part of this mystery. There is no 'pure Church, separated from the earth', as the Pope puts it, but rather 'one Church of Christ, embodied in history', in which we all have a part to play.

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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](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**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
 O sing to the glory of his name.  
 O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Cf Psalm 65:1-2****Second Reading****1 Peter 1:17-21**

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**First Reading****Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
 for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
 So my heart was glad  
 and my tongue cried out with joy:  
 my body, too, will rest in the hope  
 that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
 nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
 You have made known the way of life to me,  
 you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11**

**(R.)** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
 I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
 it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
 who even at night directs my heart.  
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
 since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
 even my body shall rest in safety.  
 For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
 nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life,  
 the fullness of joy in your presence,  
 at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

**Gospel Acclamation****Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 24:13-35**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening,' they said 'and the

day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

### Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## PARISH NEWS

### 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](http://www.franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat)



**Project Compassions Boxes** can now be handed in to the Parish Church or Parish office please.

### First Holy Communion

The sacrament of the Eucharist will be conferred on Sunday June 28 at 8.30am Mass. Preparation sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons in the Church Hall. Please email [catherinem2408@gmail.com](mailto:catherinem2408@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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!

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

*Your time could light the way for the next generation.*

### Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

### Position Vacant—Parish Officer Gunning

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Officer for St Francis Xavier Parish, Gunning NSW. This is a permanent part time position of 4 hours per week and will be based in the Parish Office, Gunning. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award.

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 a copy of the Duty Statement please email the Parish Office [gunning@cg.org.au](mailto:gunning@cg.org.au). Please email applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to Fr Peter My, Parish Priest [peter.my@cg.org.au](mailto:peter.my@cg.org.au) and [leanne.boyd@cg.org.au](mailto:leanne.boyd@cg.org.au) by CoB Friday 30 April 2026.

### Palms International Volunteering

Join us for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today.

See [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST

Contact: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

### 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](http://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/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

#### 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](http://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

### LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 19th April 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Sarah Dunkerley; Stephen Dunkerley

Minister of the Altar: Volunteer please

Offertory:

Sunday 26th April 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Louella Reeves; Luke Reeves

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

Offertory: Jenny Amey; Helen Jewell

#### 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](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)