



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 26th April 2026, Fourth 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.

**Phone:** 02 6238 1247

**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.

**Fr Sijo will be away from 11th-14th May attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly at Galong. There will be no Mass held on Wednesday 13th May.**

### BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

**Bungendore:** Sunday 8:30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday and Friday 9:00am

**(There will be no Mass on Friday 8th May or Wednesday 13th May)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After Wednesday or Friday Mass

**Braidwood:** Thursday 10:15am and Saturday 5:00pm

**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 (3rd May 2026)

### Reflection by Michael Tate

#### The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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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, Geoff Sillis

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 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
alleluia.

**First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**(R.)** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the  
shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

**Communion Antiphon**

John 10:11

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, 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 Compassion Boxes can now be handed in to the Parish Church or 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 [catherine.m2408@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.m2408@gmail.com) for more information.

### Support our Future Priests – 2026 Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Please consider supporting the formation of our future priests—men courageously saying “yes” to God’s call. Your gift. Their formation. Our future. Your generosity helps form priests who will celebrate the sacraments, care for the vulnerable, guide the young, and console those in grief. The Archdiocese invests over \$50,000 each year in every seminarian’s formation. Please give today using the payment slip, QR code or email: [Financial.Services@cg.org.au](mailto:Financial.Services@cg.org.au)



### 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)

### Claim the Date—Parish Family Dinner

Date/Time: Sunday 19th July, 12:00 noon  
Venue: The George, Bungendore  
Children most welcome.

### 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.*

### 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 1 May 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)

### 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/)

**PARISH NEWS (cont'd)**

**Fr Sijo away — 11-14 May 2026:**

Fr Sijo be will away from the Parish from 11-14 May attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly in Galong. There will be no 9.00am Mass on Wednesday 13 May.

**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))

**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

**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) .

*Congratulations and welcome to our faith community*

*Oscar Harvey Cameron*

*baptised on 25th April 2026*

*Please keep Oscar and his family in your prayers.*



**LITURGICAL ROSTER**

**Sunday 26th April 2026 8:30 am**

**R1; R2:** Louella Reeves; Luke Reeves

**Minister of the Altar:** Anna Melek

**Offertory:** Jenny Amey; Helen Jewell

**Sunday 3rd May 2026 8:30 am**

**R1; R2:** David Bishop; Alison Bishop

**Minister of the Altar:** Thomas Konarski

**Offertory:**

**St Mary's Liturgical Roster for July - December 2026**

Our Liturgical Roster is due to be updated for the remainder of the year. If you do not wish to continue or need to make changes, please advise Bernadette by email ([bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au)).

Thank you - your time and participation is appreciated!

**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](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)