



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 3rd May 2026, Fifth 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. Please contact Fr Sijo during this time.

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 (this Sunday, 3rd May 2026)

Reflection by Michael Tate

Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about? At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.' What a powerful verb! By grace, we can *share* in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.' We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion! 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



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 97:1-2**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22**

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading**1 Peter 2:4-9***A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has

proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation**John 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel**John 14:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other
reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon**Cf John 15:1,5**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the
Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS

Fr Sijo away — 11-14 May 2026:

Fr Sijo will be 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.

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 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 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



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

Claim the Date—Parish Family Dinner

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

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 .

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.

16 May - Secular Franciscan Order - Family Day

Secular Franciscan Family Day and Celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus of St Francis at Our Lady of Mercy Shrine, (Penrose Park), 120 Hanging Rock Road, Sutton Forrest.

The day runs from 10am (arrive by 9.30am) to 3pm and includes Holy Mass at 11am, procession to the Grotto saying the Rosary and some fun activities for everyone. Everyone is welcome and the only requirement is that you have to bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee etc will be supplied.

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.



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)

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

LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 3rd May 2026 8:30 am
R1; R2: David Bishop; Alison Bishop
Minister of the Altar: Thomas Konarski
Offertory: Pauline Segeri

Sunday 10th May 2026 8:30 am
R1; R2: Catherine Mueller; Pauline Segeri
Minister of the Altar: David Bishop
Offertory: Pauline Segeri; Julie-Ann Snudden

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).

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

9:00am Mass Wednesday & Friday @
St Mary's - followed by Rosary. Join us
on Wednesday, after Mass at The
Gathering for a cuppa.



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.



Church Cleaning

April: Sarah Darmody; Christine Allard
May: Judy Sillis; Maureen Towler
Thank you!



Social Sunday Morning Tea:
17th May 2026

Please stay for a cuppa after Mass.



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