



St Mary's Bungendore
St Bede's Braidwood
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Brigid's Krawarree

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Fr. Sijo Jose, Parish Priest



Sunday 7th June 2026, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 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: Fr Sijo will be on leave from Tuesday 2nd June—Friday 3rd July 2026. While Fr Sijo is on leave, there will be no weekday Mass or reconciliation, but Liturgy of the Word and Rosary on Wednesday only.

BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

Bungendore: Sunday 8:30am; **Wednesday:** 9:00am Liturgy of the Word and Rosary (No weekday Mass while Fr Sijo is on leave)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: No reconciliation while Fr Sijo is on leave

Braidwood: Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

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 on 7th June**

Krawaree: 5th Sunday of month at 11:30am (August)

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

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Please pray for: 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

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 80:17**

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading**Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12**

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion

*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,

And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation**John 6:51-52**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel**John 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon**John 6:57**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PARISH NEWS

Sacrament of the Eucharist

A wonderful group of seven children began their preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist this week. Please pray for Blaique, Callum, Lachlan, Laker, Lucy, Matilda and Theo as they prepare to receive this sacrament at the end of June.

20 June | Marymead CatholicCare Garage & Plant Sale

Grab your jackets and beanies—our much-loved Garage & Plant Sale is back. Come along and explore a fantastic range of items, including high-quality plants, bric-a-brac, toys, clothing, craft items, homewares, handbags, jewellery, shoes and accessories.

Saturday 20 June 9am – 1pm

Marymead CatholicCare,

255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah

27 June | God sees me and God loves me-My Identity in Christ | 09:00am-3:15pm

Call to Connect Retreat - God sees me and God loves me – my identity in Christ. CTC warmly invites all women across the Archdiocese to Retreat for the day. Held at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla, ACT.

Cost: \$25 includes morning tea and lunch. To register go to <https://events.humanitix.com/god-sees-me-and-god-loves-me-my-identity-in-christ>. Come along and enjoy a prayerful day together including Adoration, Reconciliation and Prayer Ministry.

28 June | Sts Peter and Paul's Feast Day | 10:00 am

Mary Queen of Apostles Parish Goulburn invites you to celebrate Sts Peter and Paul's Feast day.

Beginning with Mass in the Old Cathedral at 10am, a Feast Day Luncheon will commence from 11.40am at the Goulburn Workers Club. The tickets will be available on QKR! or through the Goulburn Mission Office. A two-course meal, including tea and coffee is \$50 per person, with Guest speaker, Ron Tesoriero discoursing from 12pm. For enquiries contact goulburn@cg.org.au.

3 July | Living in the Divine Will retreat Galong NSW

Held at St Clement's Conference Centre Galong NSW. Lead by Frs Emil Milat and Marco Killingsworth. From Friday 3 July 5.00pm to after lunch Sunday 5 July. The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the Holiness of God. For more info contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au.

19 July | St Mary's Parish Dinner | 12:00pm

Venue: The George Bar & Dining

Children are most welcome.

Cost: \$55 per person (two-course meal)

RSVP by Friday, 10 July 2026 to Jenny Amey

Email: jenny@ameybros.com.au Phone: 0417 382 494

Parishioners requiring transport are asked to please advise Jenny when making their booking.

All parishioners, families and friends are warmly welcome. We look forward to sharing a wonderful afternoon together.

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 End of Financial Year Appeal

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need. Make a donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history>.



LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 7th June 2026 8:30 am
R1; R2: Louella Reeves; Luke Reeves
Minister of the Altar: David Bishop
Offertory: Jenny Amey; Helen Jewell

Sunday 14th June 2026 8:30 am
R1; R2: David Bishop; Alison Bishop
Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock
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). 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 Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday @ St Mary's - followed by
Rosary. Join us afterwards 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

June: Penny Ford
July: Catherine Mueller
Thank you!



Social Sunday Morning Tea:

21st June 2026

Please stay for a cuppa after Mass.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

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Scriptural context – Eucharist in Scripture

The gospel of John does not include any account of Jesus taking bread and wine and urging the disciples to 'do this in memory of me'. The three synoptic gospels, however, all feature these actions and words, as does Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, which predates all of the gospels. Rather than using these words of institution, the gospel of John includes an entire chapter much earlier in the gospel in which Jesus theologises about the image of himself as the Bread of Life. It is this discourse, more than the Last Supper accounts, that provides much of the theological understanding of Eucharist.

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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