

St Mary's Bungendore
St Bede's Braidwood
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Brigid's Krawarree
St Mary's Nerriga
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Fr. Sijo Jose, Parish Priest



Sunday 1st November 2026, All Saints

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM
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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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BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Wednesday Mass

Braidwood: Thursday 10:15am and 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 (1st November)

Krawarree: 5th Sunday of month at 11:30am (29th November)

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Leo's Lens

Reflecting on the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Leo says that 'the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity.'

And what does that 'final destiny' look like? The Pope speaks of 'a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognising and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ.' How wonderful! Unity in diversity. Christ in all and all in Christ. It is a bit of a head scratcher, but a magnificent one.

Besides this call to contemplation, we are also called to act. 'As we anticipate this future reality,' the Pope continues, 'we feel even more strongly and painfully how this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.'

Our present divisions should inspire us to work for peace. 'We urgently feel the duty to be builders of fraternity', the Pope says. 'Let us entrust our prayer and our commitment to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and all the Saints!' This All Saints Day, let us renew our calling to be saintly in our own time as committed builders of fraternity.

[Quotes from Angelus for All Saints, 1 November 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2025/documents/20251101-angelus.html

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Please pray for: Peter Hugonnet, Mary & Peter McCullagh, Frank Shugg

Recently Deceased: Cleonie Vella

Anniversaries (Nov): Kim English, Leslie Cremer, Elma King, Josephine Salton, Sylvester Murphy, Norman Smith George Wilson, Roger Cutbill, Barbara Jones, Catherine Lawless, Blanche Smith, John Wilson, Rex Sutherland, Mark Cooke, Doug Costello, Leslie Sillis, John Fletcher, Eileen Mortlock, Patrick Sherd, William Gallagher, Ada Johnson, Michael Marsden, Mark Lawless, Bruce Reid, Michael Day, Walter Flynn, Thomas Whalen, Catherine Murphy, , Angela Pearse, Mary Harriott, Ellen Griffin, Christopher McDermott, Karlo Boric, Elizabeth Winter, John Griffin, Michael Flinn, William Heath, Thomas Roach, Margaret Cunningham, Peter Fogarty, Fr Parker Moloney, William Girvan, John Sherd, James Hourigan, William McGrogan, Joseph Quinlan, Michael McMahon

If you would like to add or remove names, please email the parish office 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

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon Matthew 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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PARISH NEWS

Cancer Council Daffodil Day Stall Outcome from Pauline

It is with absolute gratitude and appreciation to our beautiful community I share this amazing news I received from Cancer Council with regards to Daffodil Day last August. *"Daffodil Day went incredibly well and Bungendore stall was a huge success. The stall raised $5353 beating ALL the other stalls in Canberra. Words cannot describe how grateful 'we' are. An incredible achievement. Overall, biggest achievement since Covid raising $120k".*

So, from me, A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. Pauline

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Caritas Australia Global Gifts

Every Christmas, many of us face the same challenge. What do you buy for someone who already has everything? With Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. A Global Gift is more than just a card - it's a gift that makes a real and lasting difference to the lives of people experiencing the challenges of poverty.

You can choose from a range of Global Gifts that help provide essentials like clean water, education, food security and emergency support to communities around the world. Browse the full range of Global Gifts on https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts/

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1 November | Christmas Hamper Appeal Sewing Workshop | St Mary's Parish Hall | 2.00-4.00pm

St Mary's and St Phillip's will be holding their Christmas Hamper Appeal again this year, with the welcome help of many community members. Once again, we invite you to join us for a social afternoon at our Giving Sacks Sewing Workshop. Come along to help make or just enjoy a cuppa and friendship. If you have a sewing machine, iron or overlocker, please bring them along! Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available. Transport is available from door to door for those that need it.

St Mary's parishioners are asked to continue their donation of cooler bags for the packing of the 2026 hampers. A basket has been placed in the Church foyer for your donations. Thank you for your ongoing support of this wonderful outreach program.

Contacts: Catherine Mueller (St Mary's); Liz Konarski (St Mary's); Gail Blacker (St Phillip's)

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2 November | All Souls' Day Mass | St Mary's Parish | 9.00am

Mass will be celebrated for All Souls' Day on Monday. Envelopes for November Mass Offering are available in the Church foyer.

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5 November | Vocations Discernment Dinners

First Thursday of the month - 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 .

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15 November | Social Sunday Sign Up

Please join us in the Hall after 8.30am Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

We are also looking for new volunteers for our many Parish groups:

- Grounds and Gardens
- Church Cleaning and Morning Tea
- Liturgy (reading, music & offertory)
- Sacramental Program

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20 November | Parish Potluck Dinner | Parish Hall from 6.30pm

All welcome, nibbles provided. Please bring a savoury dish OR a side OR a sweet. RSVP by email to the Parish Office (bungendore@cg.org.au) or use the sign-up sheet in the Church foyer.

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21 November | Christmas Oratorio | Llewellyn Hall ANU | 6:30 pm

Canberra Choral Society will present J S Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio', directed by renowned choral conductor Sam Allchurch. This unmissable CCS Come and Sing event will present Parts 1, 2, 3 and 6, sung in English, with text from the Gospel narrative of the Nativity.

Hear soloists Lily Flynn (soprano), Elizabeth Cooper (mezzo-soprano), Jordan Sarkis (tenor), David Greco (baritone), a 160-voice choir and professional orchestra.

Complaint / Concern Form for Parishes

Parishioners are encouraged to use the online Complaints and Concerns Form to raise a complaint, concern or provide feedback about any parish safeguarding matter. All submissions are treated with confidentiality and go directly to the Manager, Professional Standards and Safeguarding for review and follow-up in accordance with Archdiocesan policies and procedures. Online form: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GZLDMMoebEGHgmdSD



Planning to Marry in the Catholic Church?

Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (without delay) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au .

For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

9:00am Mass Wednesday & Friday @ St Mary's followed by Rosary

Join us on Wednesday after Mass at The Gathering for a cuppa.

Church Cleaning



November: Helen Jewell

December: Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

Thank you!

LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 1st November 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Elizabeth Konarski; Mary-Anne Curran

Minister of the Altar: Chris Murdock

Offertory: Pauline Segeri

Sunday 8th November 2026 8:30 am

R1; R2: Julie-Ann Snudden; Alison Bishop

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

Offertory: Tess Montesin; Rene Mallia

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.

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

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Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought? – Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is *recognise* a person as a Saint, not *make* them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

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