

Baptisms at St Mary's

MAKING A BOOKING FOR A BAPTISM:- You can phone the Bungendore parish office on 6238 1247 between 11am and 5pm on Wednesdays. The **"Request for Baptism"** form can be downloaded from St Mary's website, www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/ completed and emailed to St Mary's Parish bungendore@cg.org.au

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: The parish asks that you participate in a preparation session if this your first child or if you have not previously participated in such a session for any other

children. When you contact the office to organise a date for the baptism we will help you to arrange a suitable time for this preparation to happen.

PRESENTATION MASS: You will also be asked to attend a Presentation Mass. This is where you and your child will be welcomed to our parish community. If possible, the godparents are invited to attend this Mass to be part of this service. From Sunday 7th January our weekend Mass is at 8:30am on Sundays.



News from the Archdiocese and beyond Plenary Council 2020 Listen to what the Spirit is saying



Is the parish planning to have a gathering to enable parishioners to help prepare a collective submission to the plenary council?

Yes we are planning to have at least one gathering to discuss the plenary council. So get your thinking caps on. See David Webster for more details. There may also be more diocesan or multi-parish events before Lent next year.

How can I have a say?

More information how about local communities (formal or informal) and individuals can have their say, is available at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

Archdiocesan Women's Consultation—8 September

What a fantastic gathering of great women! At the end of the day working groups were formed to write up Plenary Submissions. There will be another workshop in November.

Concerned Catholics forum 11th September

There are transcripts of the three speeches (Bishop Vincent Long, Sr Clare Condon & Anne Kirwan) from this forum available on the website

www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

The Concerned Catholics group is also planning to have another forum in November to discuss the plenary council and plan a submission.

29 – September “Centering Prayer Nourishment Day”

Fr. Thomas Keating renowned Trappist monk and Dr Judith Simmer will share in practical terms the importance of the Journey of Compassion and Transformation through the practice of Centering Prayer Meditation. Location: Marian Hall St. Matthew's Parish Chewings St, Page, 10.30 am - 2.30 pm Contact: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm ph.: 6288 6074. Donation \$10. Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

14 – October “2018 Marian Procession”

Join the Archdiocesan family in a day of prayer, festivities and fun at our Annual Archdiocesan Marian Procession. This year the Papal Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Yllana will be the main Celebrant as we celebrate 100 years since the foundation of St Clements, Galong.

Mass start at 11.30am. BYO food, or purchase at the sausage sizzle. www.marianprocession.org.au

“Marian Procession Transportation”

Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie is organising a bus to travel to St Clements Monastery for the Marian Procession. If you want more information please ring the parish office on 6291 6688.

Home in Queanbeyan—Movie Night

“Back to Burgundy”

Friday 19th October 6—10.30pm Q Theatre, Queanbeyan
MOVIE TICKETS: \$75 includes drinks, hot snacks and movie entry

BUY TICKETS: www.theq.net.au or Box Office: (02) 6285 6290
RAFFLE TICKETS ALSO ON SALE NOW! Prizes include: Exclusive premium corporate packages to Shania Twain and Sam Smith Sydney concerts and a \$1,000 cash voucher Only 750 tickets available (\$20 each) Order from:

manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org or (02) 6284 2409

New Catholic Voice website: www.catholicvoice.org.au

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www.catholicvoice.org.au/share

October retreats

Exploring God's love with Julian of Norwich

Oct 6: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Presenter: Sheila Upjohn

Cost: \$30

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am
Please remember to bring your own lunch.

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well”.

Guided retreat: A week with St Therese of Lisieux

Oct 8: 6:00 pm – Oct 14: 9:30 am

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$750.00. Concessions apply.

Gregorian Chant workshop and retreat

Oct 19: 6:00 pm – Oct 21: 1:30 pm

Presenter: Tony Vaughan, (Director, Schola Cantorum of Brisbane)

Cost: \$250. Concessions apply.

A weekend learning Gregorian Chant, suitable for both beginners and those familiar with singing chant.

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Ph: 02 8795 3400

Email: retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall.

Please contact the office for more details. **The following format will be the one used.**



St Mary's Bungendore

part of

Queanbeyan Mission

28 Turallo Terrace Bungendore

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Year B

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd September 2018

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true;

let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God,

God will defend him

and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture

let us put the just one to the test

that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;

for according to his own words,

God will take care of him.

Responsorial Psalm

R: *The Lord upholds my life.*

Second reading

James 3:16—4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

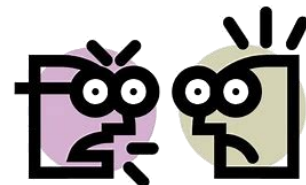
Mark 9:30–37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.



Reflection

When was the last time you cared for a child? What happened?

Children are the most precious people in the world. They encourage us when the world wears us down. They freshen us when our aching joints tell us our true age. They challenge us to the Godlike virtues of patience, self-discipline, and charity. In spite of our mature "wisdom," children even help us to see the world in new and wonderful ways.

Yet, isn't it so easy to sweep children, their concerns, their needs, even their very presence, out of view? Isn't it so easy to let our needs, agendas, and self-importance overshadow those of our small brothers and sisters in faith? As much as they brighten our world, isn't it so easy to ignore children? Jesus used a small child as a bench mark of leadership. For, whoever welcomed one like a child welcomed Christ himself. Jesus was the Messiah precisely because he served the people, even unto a humiliating death. In fact, that death would be the symbol and measure for true leadership. He was the Messiah because he gave his life to the people, for the people.

To emphasize Jesus' vision of leadership, he gives them the example of serving a child. Unlike our society, children were the least important people in ancient cultures; children had the status of slaves. People had children to serve them and provide financial security in their elderly years. And they had many children, because the morality rate for children under 16 years of age was 50 percent. Childhood was a precarious time in the ancient world.

To serve someone as lowly as a child took an act of extreme humility. Unlike our Western societies that honor and esteem children, ancient societies honored the elderly in one's clan. Reflecting this outlook, St. Thomas Aquinas once answered

the question, "If there was a fire, whom should I rescue first?"

Thomas listed in the order of importance: one's parents first, one's spouse second, one's children last of all. Children were the least important. Serving one such as a child really showed true leadership for they served the ignored and the helpless.

But who was the "child" of which Jesus spoke? Who was the Christian to serve? In one respect, the Christian was to show hospitality those who had the social status of the child: the outcast, the sinner, the sick and feeble. In another respect, the Christian was to show hospitality to all of God's children, regardless if they were friend or foe. In a third respect, the Christian was to show hospitality to those who had become the "children" of the community, the Christian missionary who risked life and limb to spread the Good News. Obviously it took wisdom to discern how one would serve these different groups. But Jesus made one thing clear. Leadership meant serving all. It meant esteeming the least important. To serve one like children, to place all others on the same plane as oneself, is the road to Christ and the Father. This service is exemplified with Christ's death on the cross. Try this simple exercise of imagination. Place yourself in the center of the Twelve along the side of Jesus. In your mind's eye, face Jesus and watch him embrace you. Do you feel the strength of his arms, the tenderness of his touch, the warmth of his hands? Do you feel the strength of his love? After the exercise, think about those in your life that need the embrace of Christ? How can you help them to receive that embrace?

From a reflection by Larry Broding at the website www.word-sunday.com



Saint of the Week - Saint Vincent de Paul



Born:- 24 April, 1581, Pouy, France

Died:- 27 September, 1660, Paris, France

Feast Day:- 27 September

Beatified: 13 August 1729, Rome by Pope Benedict XIII

Canonised: 16 June 1737, Rome by Pope Clement XII

Short Biography: Vincent was the third of six children. At an early age, he showed a talent for reading and writing and at 15, his father sent him to the seminary.

He studied in Dax and Toulouse, helping to pay for his education by tutoring others. Vincent was ordained in 1600 at the age of nineteen. As this was no longer permitted, his appointment to parish was appealed. Rather than respond to a lawsuit, he resigned and continued his studies.

In 1605, Vincent was taken captive by Barbary pirates and enslaved. His second master was a physician and Vincent was taught how to prepare and administer his master's remedies.

The fame of Vincent's master became so great that he was summoned to Istanbul. During the passage, the old man died and Vincent was sold once again. His new master was a former priest, Guillaume Gautier. He had converted to Islam to gain his freedom from slavery and had three wives. The second wife, a Muslim by birth, questioned Vincent about his faith and became convinced that it was true. She admonished her

husband for renouncing his Christianity. He became remorseful and escaped back to France with his slave landing in Aigues-Mortes on 28 June 1607.

After this, Vincent went to Rome. There he continued his studies until 1609, when he was sent back to France on a mission to King Henry IV. Once in Paris, he made the acquaintance of Pierre de Bérulle, whom he took as his spiritual advisor.

In 1613 he became chaplain and tutor to the Gondi family. Preaching a mission to the peasants on the Gondi estates persuaded him that he should direct his efforts to the poor.

In 1617, Vincent founded the "Ladies of Charity". He organized these wealthy women of Paris to collect funds for missionary projects. From these, with the help of St. Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul.

After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley-slaves, he became the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians", who were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries. Vincent died in Paris on 27 September 1660.

Bungendore Parish General Information

Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore / Braidwood (resident in Queanbeyan)

Deacon Chris van Gessel (2nd & 4th Sundays)
0401 696 438

Secretary - Mary; Finance - Maureen;

Confessions: Father Peter is available for confessions 1st / 3rd Sundays 8 –8:15am or another mutually convenient time.

Baptisms: Usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Please speak to the parish office if this is not a suitable

time for your family.

Phone: 6238 1247 Email: bungendore@cg.org.au

Website: www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/

Office Open: - Wednesday 11am - 5pm Office is on east side of Hall.

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8.30am

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays 9.00am;

(Anointing Mass - 1st Wednesdays)

Hoskinstown: 1st Sunday 11am **Gundaroo:** 3rd Sunday 9am

Please pray for our sick



Pierre Jean
Chavanne
Judy Nicolau
Hazel Costello
Emanuel Mallia

Zelma McManus
(Mary-Anne Curran's Mum)

Mary-Anne Webster
Frank Shugg
Peter Fogarty
Margaret Mikkelsen
Donn Oates
(Barbara Rayner's Dad)
Erwin Feeken
Tony Boys
Maureen Boss

Recently Deceased:

Diana Stutterd
James Lim
(Deacon John's brother)
Michael Curran
(John's Dad)

Anniversaries:

John Joseph Nash
Carolyn Mary Douglas
Thomas Gallagher
Patrick Doyle
Sidney Smith
William Daniel
John Daniel
James Gormly

Sick List Names

Except for people whom the office knows to have chronic conditions, we will be taking names off the sick list after three months. Please check with people, before requesting that their names be added to the list.

Church Opening hours

St Mary's is open most days from 9am to 5pm for prayer and quiet reflection. Please keep the sliding glass door shut.

Diana Studder's funeral

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with preparations for Diana's funeral service and the refreshments afterwards.

Empty Containers

In a box near the bookcase in the Hall are various reusable plastic containers which people have used to bring food to gatherings earlier in the year. If any of them are yours please take them home.

St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made by emailing

bungendore@cg.org.au

Current regular bookings for the hall are Monday 5:30—8pm, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday 5:30—7pm, Friday 9am—10:30am, and Seniors 10am-2pm Tuesdays.

"The Swag"

More copies have arrived, and are in the porch.

Bungendore Cake Stall

Saturday 4th November 2018

Bungendore Rodeo

Sunday 5th November 2018

Bungendore Spring Ball

Saturday 10th November 2018 6:30pm at the Bungendore Public School Hall.

You can book online at

<https://www.trybooking.com/WDKC>

Early-bird tickets available for \$92:50 until 10 October.

Tickets also available (cash only) at selected stores in Bungendore.

Church Cleaning : September:- Tina Kelly & Pauline Segeri

Thanks to Tess for cleaning the church in August.

Ministries Roster

Sunday 23rd September 2018 8:30 am

A: Margareth Stumpel

E.M: Pauline Segeri & David Bishop

R: Sarah Dunkerley & Gavin Whiteley

Gifts: Louise Levy & Pauline Segeri

Servers: Thomas K

Sunday 30th September 2018 8:30 am

A: Ed Cory

E.M: Tess Montesin & Alison Bishop

R: Jacinta Carroll & Mary-Anne Webster

Gifts: Almond family

Servers: Natalie G

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be on again this week. Kim McGillion is the leader.

Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Reflection and Practice session will be on Wednesday 17th October 6pm in the Church (for a maximum of 1.5 hours);

The Confirmation Mass is Sunday 21st October and will be followed by morning tea.

An outreach to the poor

Today we welcome Kate Cleary who has been door knocking among the poor in Canberra for 6 years. Her work is mainly on public housing complexes but she also visits the jail and the brothels. Over this time, she discovered among the people she was meeting many mothers who were unable to care for their children because of drug use and domestic violence. She believed these women could bring up their children if they were given support at vulnerable times in their lives. As a result, she is now in the process of setting up a facility to house women and children at risk of separation due to severe social deprivation. She will talk briefly about the new needs she sees and about an upcoming seminar in Canberra looking at how the average person can help the people like those she is coming into contact with: how we can be like the Good Samaritan to those around us in these dark and difficult times.

Liturgical Rosters

Please inform the parish office of your availability for October-December by 26th September.

Thanks!

Morning Tea: Held monthly, after 8.30am Sunday Mass.

Next one: 7th October 2018