

Baptisms at St Mary's

TIMES: At St Mary's Church, Bungendore, baptisms are usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Please speak to Deacon John if this is not a suitable time for your family.

MAKING A BOOKING FOR A BAPTISM:- You can phone the Bungendore parish office on 6238 1247 between 11am and 5pm on Wednesdays. You can also phone the Queanbeyan Parish Office, on 6299 4611, Tues, Thurs, Fri between 9am & 3:30pm to

make a booking for Bungendore. The "Request for Baptism" form can also be downloaded from St Gregory's website, <http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments-at-bungendore/> completed and emailed to St Mary's Parish bungendore@cg.org.au with a CC to queanbeyan.sacramental@cg.org.au



St Mary's Bungendore

part of

Queanbeyan Mission

28 Turallo Terrace Bungendore

Website: www.stmarysbungendore.org.au/

Find us on Facebook



News from the Archdiocese and beyond

3 – October "Alpha Course"

The Disciples of Jesus Community are running an Alpha course which is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. It will run **each Tuesday evening over 8 weeks** and dinner is included. Everyone is welcome! Please contact **Fiona Smith on 0411 144 208 for more information.**

6 – October "Home in Queanbeyan Movie Night & Annual Raffle"

Home in Queanbeyan presents Our 2017 Movie fundraiser, France's Box Office Smash Hit

The Bélier Family

Friday 6th October, 6pm—10.30pm

At The Q Theatre, 253 Crawford St Queanbeyan, Tickets: \$75 includes drinks, hot snacks and movie ticket.

Tickets available at www.theQ.net.au or

The Q Box Office (02) 6285 6290

Also on sale! Raffle tickets (drawn on Movie night)

4 corporate box tickets to Bruno Mars 2018 Sydney concert + accommodation; Helicopter ride; restaurant voucher;

hamper. only 750 tickets available (\$20 each)

Order from: manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org

or (02) 6284 2409

8 – October "Marian Procession"

Archbishop Christopher extends an invitation to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to attend the **2017 Marian Procession at St Clement's Monastery, Galong.** 9am: Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village. 10.30: Confession. 11.30am: Mass with Archbishop Christopher. 12.30pm: Lunch. 2pm: Procession to the Grotto and sharing by Sr Mary Rachel (OP)

8—October—"Amicus", from the Latin meaning friend.

A support group for widowed, divorced and separate Catholics. Meet at **12 Noon** for Sausage Sizzle lunch at **Tulip Top Gardens Federal Hwy Sutton** followed by a walk around the gardens. **Contact Rosemary 0428 599 342.**

8 – October "Refugee Rally"

All are invited to join the rally at **1pm in Garema Place** in support of the closure of Manus and Nauru. Church groups are meeting beforehand at **Petrie Plaza at 12.30** to march in together. Banners promoting this event for display outside churches are available by contacting cath.blunt@hotmail.com The words "Refugee lives Matter" and the date and location of the rally are on the banners.

13 – October "Healing Mass"

St Benedict's Mission Centre invites all to a Mass for stillborn, miscarried & aborted babies at *St Benedict's Church* Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah.

17 – October "Blackfriars Lecture"

The final lecture in the 2017 ACU Blackfriars Lecture Series with speaker Dr Kay Patterson presenting on Recognising opportunities for the ageing population.

18 – October "Public Forum for Social Justice"

This year, the Public Forum on the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement: Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy is to be held from **7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton.** Fr Frank Brennan AO SJ is the keynote speaker with the evening moderated by Dr Helen Watchirs OAM, ACT Human Rights Commissioner. **Enquiries to Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487 (CES) or email Social.Justice@cg.org.au (CSJC).**

10 - November "Concert at Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall"

The Alphonsa Syro-Malabar parish community extend an invitation to one and all to join them for a concert with the Rexband from India. The Rexband are associated with the Jesus Youth movement and they will share the Good News of the Gospel through a three hour performance of lively music, which promises to be a fun and memorable evening for anyone who comes along. **Online Tickets:**

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

<https://www.trybooking.com/306644> <http://stalphonsa.com.au/>

JOB — "National Director" Applications close: 6th October.

The Apostleship of the Sea is seeking applications for a National Director (part time 22.5 hours max per week for a maximum term of 1 to 2 years) to oversee the pastoral work of the AOS in accordance with the Motu Proprio Stella Maris and to lead the Apostleship to attain a strong national presence and focus on its ministry to seafarers who visit Australia's ports.

Full details of the role, requirements and process for applications www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au Enquiries should be directed to **Alison Burt** on email: pastoral.life@catholic.org.au, **Phone: 02 6201 9865**

"Spiritual Pilgrimage to India"

Marie Fonseca is organising her 6th Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India "One Heart and One Soul" from **February 19 – March 10, 2018.** The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. **Contact: Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117** Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au Website: www.spiceodyssey.net.au Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: andre@traveltalk.com.au

Year A

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th September 2017

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.

But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Reflection

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus has already warned his disciples three times that he is to suffer; and he has indicated that the chief priests and leaders of the people will be responsible for his death. The brief parable in today's reading, addressed 'to the chief priests and the elders', reflects the growing confrontation with these authorities that will lead, in the end, to his death. He knows that, in their opposition to him, they see themselves as upholding the traditions of Israel - giving expression to their faithfulness to the Lord. His parable gently confronts them with their tragic miscalculation. In Matthew's narrative, immediately before Jesus tells this parable, he was challenged by these leaders: what authority did he have for teaching in the Temple precincts? He showed up their hypocrisy, putting them in a dilemma - asking them what authority John the Baptist had when he preached to the people.

The simple story of the parable he now addresses to them ends with a question. His parables, we recall, were designed to leave the hearers pondering an unsettling question. Because the answer to the question he put to them is straight forward - the son who initially refused, and 'afterwards thought better of it and went', was the one who did the father's will - the opponents of Jesus answered accordingly. But as they do so, they begin to realise what Jesus' parable is driving at. As the defenders of the nation's faith traditions, they see themselves as always saying 'Yes' to God. But now Jesus is inviting them to reflect that their actions may not match their professions of faithfulness. John the Baptist called the people to a conversion whereby they would be open to what was about to take place in the great plan of God. The very ones these leaders despised, as 'outside the law' - tax collectors, sinners, those whose busy lives and slender means made it impossible for them to



observe all the rituals and customs they emphasised - were listening to the teaching of the one announced by the Baptist, while they themselves were intent on destroying him, not recognising that he came from God. The ironic lesson of the parable would have been very real to the Jewish converts of Matthew's community.

The old proverb, 'Actions speak louder than words', reminds us of the inconsistencies that can be present in the lives of all of us. The parable of Jesus reminds us that these inconsistencies can be present in our Christian lives - when we see ourselves as fervent believers, always faithful to our devotions and religious observances, but with little practical expression to show of our following of Christ. St Paul's exhortations to the Philippians in today's reading provide simple but telling examples of the practical attitudes that true followers of Jesus should have: no competition or petty rivalry, putting the wellbeing of others before our own, being genuinely concerned to assist those around us. And, as always, Paul leads us back to the ultimate pattern of our life as disciples of the Lord - the Son who said 'Yes' to the Father, came to work in the God's vineyard, setting aside his divine glory and making himself the Servant of us all. 'In your attitudes you must be the same as Christ'.

Jesus may well have told the same parable in different forms. As we hear today's brief parable we may well ask whether it is related to the great parable, in Luke's gospel, of the wayward son who found his way back to his father's love and welcome.

From a reflection on the website @ The Emmaus Series 2015 by John Thornhill sm)

St Mary's Parish, Bungendore—Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration form can be downloaded from the Parish website: www.stmarysbungendore.org.au or the mission website at www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com

Complete and return to the Parish Office or via email.

Parent & Children Info Session

Saturday 7th October 2017, 1.30pm—6.30pm (Candidate's Retreat 2pm—5.15pm, Mass 5.30—6.30pm) St Mary's Parish Hall, 28 Turallo Terrace, Bungendore

Preparation and Commitment Masses held at St Mary's Catholic Church

Saturday 7th October 5.30pm—(as above)

Saturday 14th October 5.30pm— (Children to Hand in Saint Sheet)

Saturday 21st October 5.30pm—(Children to Hand in Confirmation Card)

Note: these masses are central to your child's preparation and you need to attend them all.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children to our community at the masses.

(As October 7th is the 1st Saturday of the month there will be supper after Mass in the Parish Hall.

You are welcome to join us, bring a plate of food and something to drink.)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Mary's Catholic Church

Thursday 26th October 6.00pm

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Troy Bobbin PP (resident in Queanbeyan)

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

Father Peter is happy to visit people in Bungendore; please arrange with Deacon John or the Parish Office

Deacon John Lim (resident in Bungendore) 0499 508 449

Secretary - Mary

Finance - Maureen

Parish Pastoral Council -

PHONE: 6238 1247

EMAIL: bungendore@cg.org.au

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 28 Bungendore NSW 2621

OFFICE OPEN: - Wednesday 11am - 5pm

Office is next to the hall on the side away from the church

SACRAMENTAL BOOKINGS—QUEANBEYAN OFFICE

(Baptisms, Weddings, Sacramental Programs)

OPEN: - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 3:30pm

PHONE: 6299 4611 EMAIL: queanbeyan@cg.org.au

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 175 Queanbeyan NSW 2620

BUNGENDORE PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5.30pm

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays 9.00am;

Anointing Mass - 1st Wednesdays

Hoskinstown: 1st Sunday 11am

Gundaroo: 3rd Sunday 9am

Please pray for our sick

 Peter Fogarty
Margaret Mikkelsen
Patrick Wright
Donn Oates
(Barbara Rayner's Dad)
Jill Hamley
Danni Laudenbach
Patricia Young
Erwin Feeken
Tony Boys
Alyssa Petterson
Bill Yates
Kevin Summerfield
Debbie Oxford Wilson
Patricia Ryan
Maureen Boss
Val Young
Mary-Anne Webster
Frank Shugg
Theresa, Simon, James & Mary (Deacon John's mum, brothers & sister)
David McCamley

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Fletcher
Maureen Gordon
Jean (Roufeil) Robinson

Anniversaries:

Patrick JB Donnelly
Mary Murphy
Clarice Hazel Sillis
James Edward Griffin
Jessie Therese Yates

Church Opening hours

St Mary's is open most days from 9am to 5pm for prayer and quiet reflection.

Mass at Hoskinstown

Mass at Hoskinstown will not be held on Sunday October 1st 2017 as Fr Troy is on annual leave.

Christian Meditation Group

Christian Meditation is having a break for a few weeks as Matt & Emma are welcoming their new baby girl Ada Alison born on Monday 11th September.

Children's Liturgy

Tara Daly will lead the children in the hall tonight. **Next week:** Mary-Anne Curran & Nicole Murphy.

Bible Studies

The next Bible Studies session will be held at **3.30pm on Wednesday 11th October 2017** in the Hall. As this will be the last Bible study session in this series a dinner will follow at The Royal Hotel, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.

Bungendore Seniors

Bungendore Seniors group meets every **Tuesday from 10am to 2pm** in St Mary's Hall, for activities and morning tea plus occasional outings.

St Mary's Hall Bookings

Hall bookings can be made through the parish office on Wednesdays or preferably by emailing stmhallbookings@outlook.com

Church Cleaning : **October:-** Maureen Elgood & Jenny Amey.

Thanks to Tina Kelly & Pauline Segeri for cleaning the church in September.

Ministries Roster

Saturday 30th September 2017 5:30pm

A: Bernadette Boss

E. Min: Pauline Segeri & Meagan Sheather

R: Gavin Whiteley & Bernie Clarke

Gifts: Rob Warner & family

Altar Servers: Makayla M & Kathleen D

Spring Ball—Saturday 28th October

A Evening on the Titanic

The Ball tickets are available now. It would be good if we could get some tables from the Parish. This is always a great night. Tickets available from Food Lovers, Bungendore Cellars or Trybooking.com - let me know if you would like to go and we can put a table together!!
Regards, Greg Darmody 0412 677 641

Rodeo—Sunday 5th November

Important Request from Rodeo Committee - Urgently need someone to co-ordinate the raffle - simply means distributing books to parishioners after Mass on Saturdays and keeping a record of it, distributing books to businesses in town and collecting before the Rodeo. On the day it is a matter of seeking some extra help, often younger ones, to sell tickets and getting tickets ready for draw in the afternoon. Pauline Segeri has done this for many years and we are grateful for her assistance - I am sure she would be happy to let you know how she ran it!! Please contact me by email or phone if you can assist as we desperately need some help.

Evening Supper: Held on the 1st Saturday of the month, after 5.30pm mass.

Next one: St Mary's October Super Supper. 7th October 2017

Children's scripture and activities in the hall during mass.



After mass we will be having supper in the hall. Please bring a plate of food and something to drink. All welcome.

Ministries Roster

Saturday 7th October 2017 5:30pm

A: Anna Melek

E. Min: David Bishop & Jacinta Carroll

R: Tess Montesin & Makayla Mallia

Gifts: Greg & Sarah Darmody

Altar Servers: Hayley P & Cameron G