

The Bungendore Parish Office will be shut on Wednesday 27th December 2017, but open again as usual from 11am to 5pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Merry

Please pray for our sick

- Peter Fogarty
- Margaret Mikkelsen
- Patrick Wright
- Donn Oates (Barbara Rayner's Dad)
- Jill Hamley
- Patricia Young
- Erwin Feeken
- Tony Boys
- Alyssa Pettersen
- 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
- Zelma McManus (Mary-Anne Curran's mother)
- Eileen Kershaw (John Reardon's aunt)

Recently Deceased:

Bronwyn Bowden

Anniversaries:

- Mary Ahearn
- Clifford Ahern
- William Gallagher
- Ada Sparrow
- John Partridge
- Colin Thomas Booth
- Robert James (Bob) Daniel
- Dulcie Maud Edmonds

Church Opening hours

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST MARY'S
CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY) – OUTDOORS 6PM
CHRISTMAS DAY (MONDAY) – IN CHURCH 8:30AM

Queanbeyan	Christmas Vigil 6PM	St Gregory's School Hall, Molonglo St
	Midnight Mass	St Raphael's Church, Lowe St
	Christmas Day 8AM & 10AM	St Raphael's Church, Lowe St
Braidwood	Christmas Vigil 6PM	St Bede's Church
Gundaroo	Christmas Day 9AM	St Joseph's Church

From 7th January 2018 Mass at St Mary's, Bungendore will be on Sunday mornings at 8.30am.
The last Saturday evening mass will be on the 30th December 2017

Children's Liturgy
 Annette Almond will lead the children in the hall tonight. **Next week: Holiday.**

Ministries Roster
 Can parishioners please advise the office of their availability for Sunday Morning masses from January—March. **Also volunteers are required for Christmas masses.**

Cleaning Roster
 Any new volunteers for the cleaning roster will be greatly accepted.

Bungendore Seniors
 After having joined with a group in Queanbeyan for a successful Christmas lunch, Bungendore Seniors are having a short break until 16th January 2018. Usually, they meet every **Tuesday from 10am to 2pm** in St Mary's Hall, for activities and morning tea plus occasional outings.

Bible Studies
 Bible studies will now continue monthly with stand alone sessions, so all are welcome to come along and share a meal first in the hall.
Next one: Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Advent wreath



1st CANDLE—(purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE**—We can have hope because God is faithful and we keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15: 12-13)

2nd CANDLE—(purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF PREPARATION**—God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU. (Luke 3: 4-6)

3rd CANDLE—(pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF JOY**—The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2: 7-15)

4th CANDLE—(purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF LOVE**—The angels announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3: 16-17)

5th CANDLE—(white) **CHRIST CANDLE** —Reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1: 29)

Church Cleaning : December:- Fr Peter & Deacon John
Thanks to Helen Jewell for cleaning the church in November.

Morning Tea: Held on the 1st Sunday of the month, after 8.30am mass.
Next one: 7th January 2018

Ministries Roster
Saturday 23rd December 2017 5:30pm
A: David Webster
E. Min: Pauline Segeri & Meagan Sheather
R: Anna Melek & Jacinta Carroll
Gifts: John & Jean Reardon
Altar Servers: Thomas K & Natalie G.

Ministries Roster
Saturday 30th December 2017 5:30pm
A: Anna Melek
E. Min: Jacinta Carroll & Tess Montesin
R: David Bishop & Mary-Anne Webster
Gifts: Louise Levy & Pauline Segeri
Altar Servers: Gilbert A & Makayla M.



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Year B

4th Sunday of Advent

23rd December 2017

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

Responsorial Psalm

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a

mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the servant of the Lord:
 may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

