



29 & 30 August 2015

# St Mary's Parish Echuca

## Today, we celebrate with the universal church, **Refugee & Migrant Sunday.**

On this occasion, Pope Francis says, The **Church Without Frontiers, Mother to All**, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable...

Today this takes on a particular significance. In an age of such vast movements of migration, large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions.

Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility [which] conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need. We give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life.

And we pray that Australians will work together to "welcome the stranger".

At St Mary's we have focused on Refugee issues throughout the year and will put our words into action hosting refugees from Melbourne on the weekend of the 17 October 2015.

We invite parishioners to be involved in this weekend and will provide further details closer to the time.

*We acknowledge  
the Yorta Yorta  
and Bangerang  
people, the  
traditional owners  
and  
custodians of this  
country.*

*We pay our  
respects to their  
elders past and  
present for their  
care of the land.*

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### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am & 10am

3rd Sunday of month: 5pm

### Masses this week

#### Tuesday

NO MASS

#### Wednesday

Adoration 10.30am

Liturgy 12 Noon

#### Thursday

NO MASS

#### Friday

NO MASS

We warmly welcome Colleen Edwards to the St Mary's parish team. Colleen (Monday) will be job sharing with Janis (Tues-Fri) in the administration role. Please make Colleen feel welcome.



### WANTED

Used stamps to help the Mary Mackillop International Missions in Peru.

It's simple! No need to soak the stamp off the envelope. Just cut the stamp off, leaving a generous margin of envelope all around the stamp (one centimetre), then drop the stamps into the Parish Office or into the letterbox on the Anstruther Street Garden gate.

We will then send them off.

\$20,000 was raised in the first 5 months of 2015 by simply doing this. It is so easy for us but make a huge difference to those in the poor areas of Peru.

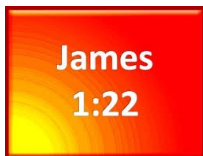
The Mission supports schools and programs for children as well as assisting women to learn to make handcrafts which are then sold to help alleviate poverty. The Mission is run on a volunteer basis so there are no overhead costs or waste.

Please spread the word to your workplaces and friends.



### August 30, 2015 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22)*



What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

### **Stewardship Program 22 & 23 August 2015**

Support of the Parish: \$1133.00  
Loose: \$285.90

**Kanyana Auxillary** is holding a Fathers Day Luncheon at Rich River Golf Club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, at 12 noon, to celebrate our fathers. \$12 each, plus a raffle and lucky door prizes. All are welcome. For enquiries, please phone Joan 54823531. All funds raised got to people with disabilities in our community.

### **SMGHO** at the Parish Centre

#### **St Mary's Girls (18 to 80ish) "Happy Hour" Thursday 10 September from 5.30-6.30pm**

Girls of the Parish you are invited to come and enjoy good company, a chat and a glass of wine during **happy hour**.

If you are new to the parish this will be great way to meet with other girls socially. Please come, you will be very warmly welcomed. BYO wine/soft drink. Nibbles provided

#### **Friendship Family Group**

You are invited to: **"Happy Hour at Helen's"**

On Friday 11 September at 5.30pm at 8 Riverland Close Echuca. BYO drinks & finger food.

#### **Soup Sandwiches and Something Wednesday 2 September at the Parish Centre after 12 Noon Mass. All Welcome**



#### **St Joseph's College—Staff Sabbatical Week**

This year the staff Sabbatical Week will run from Monday 31 Aug to Friday 4 Sept. The focus will be Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si'. We would like to extend a warm welcome to parishioners who might wish to join in for any of the workshops or attend our Staff Spirituality Day which is a whole day event on Thursday 3 Sept. RSVP to Kirrillee on 5482 2577 or [kwestblade@sje.vic.edu.au](mailto:kwestblade@sje.vic.edu.au). Flyers are available at the rear of the church.

#### **Christ Church Anglican Echuca**

Please join us as we launch our 150th Celebratory Year

- Celebration Dinner—Friday 4 Sept 6.30pm
- BBQ Lunch & Speaker—Saturday 5 Sept 12pm
- Celebration Service—Sunday 6 Sept 10am

For more information please go to [www.christchurchechuca.org](http://www.christchurchechuca.org)

#### **CWL Fathers Day Raffle:**

Over the next two weekends the CWL 'girls' will be selling tickets for a painting kindly donated by artist Maryann Jenkins. Tickets \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn after 10am Mass Fathers Day.

**FATHERS' DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken up next weekend, 5/6 September for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese. The Diocese has 16 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

## **5 & 6 September**

### **Altar Servers:**

6.00pm Trinity Porter & Sarah Porter  
10.00am Archer & Dermott Ritchie & Hugh Byrne

### **Commentators:**

6.00pm Marg Summers  
8.00am Ross Veale  
10.00am Mary Mullane

### **Lectors:**

6.00pm Mary Marwood, Anne Kotsiakos  
8.00am John Vagg  
10.00am Clem Mulcahy, Theresa Jacobs

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

6.00pm Denise Morgan, Alison McKiterick, Peter Kotsiakos  
8.00am Veronica Brown, Leanne Roberts, Nancy Goldrick  
10.00am Lauren Gould, Carli Dohnt, Mel Slattery, Kirrilee Westblade, Noela Boyer

### **Setting up for Mass**

6.00pm Marg Summers  
8.00am John Dignan  
10.00am Kathy Nanscawen

### **Altar Society**

Julie Moyle, Leanne Quinn

### **Glanville Communion**

Mick Westblade

### **Wharparilla Communion**

Vic & Naomi Burton

### **Bupa Communion**

Julie Moyle

### **Home Communion**

Clem Mulcahy

### **Hospital Visiting - 7 Sept**

Sr. Cletus Dullard

### **Bulletin Proof Reader—4 Sept**

Margaret Spedding

### **Lawn Roster - Sept**

Peter Boyer & Trevor Green

### **Counting - 31 Aug**

Margaret Hart, Roma Bowman, Lorraine Lucic

### **Baptism - Sept**

Jacqui Deola

### **Children's Liturgy**

No Children's Liturgy

## **Calendar 2015**

### **September**

**2:** Adoration—10.30am

**2:** Soup, Sandwiches or Something—after 12 noon  
Mass—PC

7: Grief

**8:** PPC meeting—7.30pm—PC

**9:** Liturgy Meeting—7.30pm—PC

**9 & 10:** Kaleidoscope—St Mary's School Art Exhibition

**10:** SMGHO-5.30pm—PC

**15:** Social Justice Group—7.30pm-PC

**18:** End of School Term

## **Come & See**

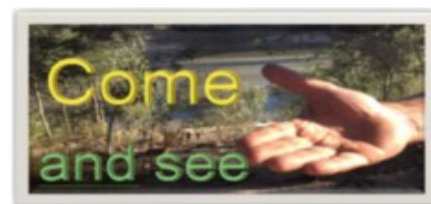
### **A New Experience of Church**

Celebrating the men in our lives:

Welcome Back!

Sunday the 20 September 5pm - St Mary's School Auditorium

Celebrating the men of our parish and extending the Men aLive experience. Please note this date in your diaries.



## **STEPS IN FAITH**

This weekend the children on their sacramental journey will receive a copy of the Creed, as a sign of their acceptance of the faith of our Church. Please make their families welcome and make an effort to make contact with your parish companion.



## **Laudato Si'**

Creating a world in need of development, God in some way sought to limit himself in such a way that many of the things we think of as evils, dangers or sources of suffering, are in reality part of the pains of child-birth which he uses to draw us into the act of cooperation with the Creator. Pope Francis para 80

**We pray for the sick:** Jonathon Barber, Shannon Ainsley, Anna Frattin, Christine Hughes, Mandy Lees, Eunice Long, Emma McLoughlan, Barry & Dot Sharkey, Mary Sanderson, Stella Sims, Mary Taylor, Jack Stanley, Barbara Handley, Mac Sandercock, Mary & Jack Edwards, Gwenda Cannard, Ken Stewart, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Gladys Tarr, John Mahedy

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Michael Kennedy, Alan Ash, Deanne Tracey, Wilga Keech, Kath Olgivie, John Oman

## Readings

### **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses said to the people:

'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you.

You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you.

Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding.

When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation."

And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

### **St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change.

By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this:

coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

### **Responsorial Psalm 14:2-5**

**R:** The just will live in the presence of the lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

He who acts with justice

And speaks the truth from his heart. R

He who does no wrong to his brother,

Who casts no slur on his neighbour,

Who holds the godless in disdain,

But honours those who fear the Lord. R

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

Who takes no interest on a loan

And accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. R

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

**Today's Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Next week 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7 Responsorial Psalm: 145:7-10

2nd Reading: St James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37