



5 & 6 September 2015

St Mary's Parish Echuca



to all the Father Figures in our community.

A FATHERS DAY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, on Father's Day we honour and thank you for our earthly fathers:

- fathers who strive to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children.
- fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become good fathers themselves
- fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer their grown children their love and support.
- fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.
- fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.
- fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has brought healing
- fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.
- fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.
- men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.
- men who have 'fathered' us in their role as mentors and guides
- men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.
- fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

May all these fathers feel honoured, respected, loved and valued as vital members of our families and community.

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

Mass-6pm-PC

Wednesday

Mass-12noon

Thursday

Mass-9.15am

St Mary's School

Friday

Mass-9am-PC

NOTICES



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know somebody who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

We will be holding an **Enquiry Session** in the Parish Centre meeting rooms on **Monday 21st September at 7.30pm**. Please bring anyone who is interested or encourage them to come and join us for a chat, some reflection and a "cuppa". There is absolutely **NO OBLIGATION** to continue inquiring.

If you are interested, please either call Anne in the Parish office 54821127 Mondays, leave your name and number with Janis, e-mail Anne on anne@stmarysechuca.org.au or just come along.

You will be very welcome.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

STEWART & EILEEN ANDERSON

Who are celebrating their 62nd
Wedding Anniversary this weekend.



September 6, 2015 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)



What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

Kanyana Auxillary is holding a Fathers Day Luncheon at Rich River Golf Club on Monday 7th 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

CWL AGM

Will be held on Wednesday 16 September following 12noon Mass An invitation is extended to any interested parishioner. Members are reminded to bring lunch. Secretary Margaret Spedding 54806957

FATHERS' DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the support of the retired priests of our Diocese. The Retired Priests Foundation seeks your generosity in giving to this collection. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you for your contributions and prayers.

CWL Fathers Day Raffle: This weekend 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 this Sunday.*

Spirituality in the Pub

Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 21st Sept 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6pm optional) **Let's Talk About 'Our Common Home' - A conversation about Pope Francis' recently released encyclical on the environment**. Speakers, Mons Peter Jeffrey, Kerry Stone and John Pettigrew will present 3 different perspectives. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain insights into the encyclical and Francis' message for the world if you haven't read it, and or to share your thoughts if you have! More information on fliers at back of church.

Enq: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362



You're invited to the screening of **"ALIVE INSIDE"**
A joyous cinematic exploration of Music's capacity to re-awaken our souls. Cunningham Downs Community Centre
Tuesday 29th September at 1.30pm
A cuppa and discussion will follow. Numbers are required by 22nd September. Phone Tom or Anne 5482 2879.

Ros's Family Group

Lunch and Farewell to Josie VanBergin

Madison Spa - Sunday 13 September - 12noon

RSVP: Margaret Oman by 10 September 5482 1303

RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 10-10.30am

12 & 13 September

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Tia D'Angri & Annie Byrne
10.00am Johanna Ritchie & Renee Gould

Commentators:

6.00pm Marie McDonald
8.00am Nancy Goldrick
10.00am Jenny Morris

Lectors:

6.00pm Marg Summers, Peter Kotsiakos
8.00am Ross Veal
10.00am Mary Mullane, Rob Morris

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Pru Galea, Mary Byrne, Carmel MacKenzie
8.00am John & Margot Vagg, Margaret Oman
10.00am Kate Bruty, Trevor Green, Brendan Hogan, Margaret Hart, Jenny Mayes

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Rose Quinn
8.00am Veronica Brown
10.00am Bernie Oliver

Altar Society

Mary Marwood, Marg Summers,
Marg Shearer

Glanville Communion

Matt McLindon

Wharparilla Communion

Wendy Rolfe & Mary Byrne

Bupa Communion

Nancy Goldrick

Home Communion

John & Julie Moyle

Hospital Visiting - 14 Sept

Marg Summers, Carmel Mackenzie
& Lorraine Lucic

Bulletin Proof Reader—11 Sept

Brendan Shingles

Lawn Roster - Sept

Peter Boyer & Trevor Green

Counting - 7 Sept

Jan & Jim Roberts & Nancy Goldrick

Baptism - Sept

Jacqui Deola

Children's Liturgy

Cindy Wilson & Christy O'Brien

Calendar 2015 - September

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

16: CWL meeting—AGM after
12 noon Mass

18: End of School Term

21: Widows & Widowers
Group-10am

23: Young Mums group-
12noon

St. Joseph's College
Parent Engagement Evening
Teach your Family a new IT Skill
Wednesday 9th September
College Hall
7.00pm to 8.00pm
Light supper available



St. Mary's Parish Echuca

*Working together building relationships with
each other and with God*



Welcome Back Mass

Sunday 20 September 5pm

St Mary's School Auditorium

The Come and See Mass may be just the place for you.....

Welcome Back

"I hadn't been to Mass for years except for funerals, weddings and Baptisms. But I really enjoy the Come and See masses and feel quite comfortable there"

A Father's Day Reflection

One determinant of the future of young people is unquestionably their family. Today we acknowledge the role of fathers in family life. We pray that fathers everywhere will give and receive the love that binds husband, wife and children together as a family. Love of this kind is one of God's most precious gifts to us.

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, Ken Stewart, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Gladys Tarr, John Mahedy

Recently Deceased: Gwenda Cannard (Carmel's Sister in Law)

Anniversaries: Victor Brereton, Felix Julia, Roger Hommie, Dading Hamlet

Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

St James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?
My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people.
Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.'
Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 145:7-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.
The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Today's Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Next week 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9 Responsorial Psalm: 114:1-6,8-9

2nd Reading: St James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35