

Easter Saturday &
Sunday

Year B



4 & 5 April 2015

St Mary's Parish Echuca



Focus on the Gospel

The Gospel of Mark tells the story of the Resurrection in a way that leaves Jesus out of the picture.

Three women come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus for final burial. They find the tomb open and the body missing. They see a young man, dressed in a white robe, who says to them, "There is no need for alarm; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here." How much more satisfying it would be for us if Jesus were standing inside the empty tomb, in all of his resurrected glory, announcing, "Here I am! I have been raised!" What a wonderful picture that would make!

But Easter reminds us that the Resurrection is a *message* not a diorama a message of renewal that can change the lives of people everywhere. Although the Easter tomb is empty, we know that Jesus is in our midst:

- In the breaking of the bread, in worship and in small-group gatherings.
- In a family meal, or a gathering of close friends around a kitchen table.
- In hot meals served to the homeless.
- In a visit to a sick or dying person.
- In an encouraging conversation with an anxious child or young person.
- In a pot of tea being shared with someone recently bereaved.
- In hymns and psalms, sung with joy and conviction.
- In a sermon that provides insight and inspiration, when life is hard and it's difficult to find hope for the future.

In many ways, Jesus is alive and present with us.

Through the power of the resurrection, he is moving ahead of us showing us the way to walk as his followers in the world today. Followers who through both our words and our actions testify that he is "Lord of all" bringing a message of peace and forgiveness for all who put their trust in him.

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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

Liturgy - 12noon

Thursday

NO Mass

Friday

Mass - 9am PC

NOTICES

Reconciliation Confirmation - First Eucharist



An information evening for parents of children wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation this year will be held at St Mary's Parish Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 15th April. Enrolments for sacraments will be open from 15 to 22 April.

The journey to first Reconciliation will begin on 29 April with the first Faith Formation Evening

Enquires to Christine Sebire 5482 1127 or Angela Finn 5482 1342.

HOLY WEEK—EASTER CEREMONIES

HOLY THURSDAY 2 April	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by a prayer vigil until 10.30pm
GOOD FRIDAY 3 April	10.30am Ecumenical Walk for Witness Starting at the Uniting Church cnr Pakenham & Hare sts, finish at St Mary's Church
GOOD FRIDAY 3 April	3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
EASTER SATURDAY 4 April	7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY 5 April	8am Mass 10am Mass

THANK YOU The St Mary's CWL would like to thank every one who supported our successful St Patrick's Day morning.

Raffle winners:

St Patricks Day: Marlene Aumann

Easter raffle: Fr Des!

Margaret Spedding

Food For Life

Thank you to all the people who have participated in Project Compassion.

There is still an opportunity for you to donate if you wish.

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office if you would still like to donate.



Project Compassion money may be left at the office or placed in envelopes in the normal collections.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church including health, education, employment and housing. Last year \$1.3 million was donated to this cause.

A joyous and Happy Easter to all St Mary's Parishioners and to the many visitors who will join us at St Mary's during this wonderful Easter period.

Happy Easter

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ECHUCA

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INFORMATION EVENING

(Parents & Grade 6 Students)



Tuesday, 5th May at 7.00pm in College Hall
Want to know more about St Joseph's College?
Book in for a "Principal Tour"

Thursday	23.04.15	9.15 & 9.45am
Monday	7.04.15	9.15 & 9.45am & 4.30 & 5.15pm
Wednesday	29.04.15	9.15 & 9.45am & 4.30 & 5.15pm

Collect an Enrolment Pack at the College from 06.05.15

To book a tour, contact Mrs Rhonda Battye
(03) 5482 2577 or rbattye@sjc.vic.edu.au

Children Liturgy

Beginning first weekend of Term 2. 10am.

Masses for children of preschool age and upward.

Any people interested in being leaders please contact Christine Sebire or Holly Morris.



FREE - Memories of St Mary's School. Published for the school centenary available at back of church.

RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 10-10.30am

11 & 12 April

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Tia D'Angri & Annie Byrne
10.00am Harriet Fulton & Matilda Fulton

Commentators:

6.00pm Malia Black
8.00am Nancy Goldrick
10.00am Claire Hogan

Lectors:

6.00pm Gabrielle Barrette & Matt McLindon
8.00am Sr Margaret Duffy
10.00am Theresa Jacobs & Nick Ritchie

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Petra Teggelove, Margaret Summers, Nick Lee
8.00am Rae Veale, Mal Whyte, Judy Clark
10.00am Mick Westblade, Lauren Gould, Michelle Shingles, Sean Green, Noela Boyer

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Marie McDonald
8.00am Marg Oman
10.00am Kathy Nanscawen

Altar Society

Eileen Pineo, Kay Westblade,
Anne Bennett

Glanville Communion

Terry McKitterick

Wharparilla Communion

Noela Boyer & Pat Sanderson

Bupa Communion

Nancy Goldrick

Home Communion

Malia Black

Hospital Visiting - 13 Apr

Sr Cletus Dullard

Bulletin Proof Reader 10 Apr

Chloris Dignan

Lawn Roster:

April

John Zealley & Charlie Pavone

Counting

Eileen Pineo & Cath Mackenzie

Baptism - April

Jacqui Deola & Kristi Larkin

Calendar 2015

April

6: Easter Monday—Office closed
7: Liturgy Meeting—7.30pm
10: Flower Show—1- 4pm Parish Centre
11: Flower Show—10am-3pm Parish Centre
13: School Term begins
14: PPC Meeting—7.30pm
15: CWL Meeting—after 12 noon Mass
15: Information Evening - Sacraments - Parish Centre 7pm
19: Come & See Mass—5pm St Mary's School
25: Anzac Day—9am Mass
26: Combined Family morning tea - after 10am Mass.

Stewardship Program—21 & 22 March 2015 Support of the Parish: \$1015 Loose \$286.30

Pope Francis speaks

He invites to all people of good will to celebrate and share with the whole human community, the joy we encounter in the *Risen Christ*. Pope Francis urges all Christians to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, "or at least an openness to letting him encounter them ... to do this unfailingly each day". Without a relationship with Christ as the centre of our lives, we fall prey to despair and dis-illusionment.



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Next **Come & See** Mass will be held at
5pm on Sunday 19 April, St Mary's School.

'WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE'

Following our first very successful Come & See Mass, the team is currently preparing for our April Celebration. Thank you to all those who have provided feedback, remember if you would like to be involved in planning, organization or the Mass itself please let Christine Sebire know.

These Sunday evening celebrations are very much about building community and making people feel that they belong, this is the basis of true parish, people who care for one another. ***Come and see...***

We pray for the sick: Jonathon Barber, Shannon Ainsley, Owen Cannard, Anna Frattin, Marie Gough, Christine Hughes, Leonie Kelly, Mandy Lees, Eunice Long, Emma McLoughlan, Barry & Dot Sharkey, Mary Sanderson, Stella Sims, Mary Taylor, Jack Stanley, Brian Hancock, Barbara Handley, Mac Sandercock, Mary & Jack Edwards, Gwenda Cannard,

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Ben Symons, Ced Summers, Mary Conroy, Ron Byrne

Easter Sunday Readings

Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead.

It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or

R. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! (sung)

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Today's Gospel John 20: 1-9

Next week: 2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Responsorial Psalm: Ps.117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel John 20: 19-31