



11 & 12 April 2015

St Mary's Parish Echuca



Focus on the Gospel

It's a familiar story that we hear every year at this time. On the evening of the first Easter, the fearful disciples were gathered in a room with all the doors locked, and suddenly Jesus stood among them. He said, "I'm back — and boy, did they pick the wrong man to crucify this time!

Now I'll show them what happens when you mess with the Son of God.

No, wait. That's not it. How did that go? Oh, yes. Jesus said, "A fine bunch of disciples you guys are! Ran out on me at the first sign of trouble. I'm through with all of you."

No, that's not it either. Actually, as we all know, what Jesus said was "Peace be with you."

But those first two responses might not surprise you if you were hearing the story for the first time. They're kind of what we'd expect.

But Jesus never really did the expected thing. He challenges our way of life and interferes with our plans, projects and goals. Because he questions our beliefs and our ideas about what's important, we get rid of him or at least keep him at a safe distance like the disciples who ran away or denied him.

We devote our time and energy to the things we depend on and put our trust in to give meaning to our lives - wealth, power, social status, health, fitness, knowledge — any of these and more, things that are all good in themselves, but not if they are what we need to live our lives, what we put our faith in.

After his resurrection Jesus didn't appear to his disciples with a superhero "I'm back!" speech or a putdown of those who had abandoned him.

Instead it was with a message of peace and forgiveness. He had been crucified because he didn't behave and speak as people wanted him to, and when he rose from the dead, he didn't speak as people might have feared he would.

His cross and resurrection mean his triumphing over of our sinfulness and the possibility of genuine faith for us.

His life, death and resurrection mean our reconciliation with God.

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

We pay our respects to their elders past and present for their care of

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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 - 9am - PC

Friday
Mass - 9am - PC

Reconciliation Confirmation First Eucharist

INFORMATION EVENING



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.

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.

The Victorian Welsh Male Choir in Concert at the Paramount Theatre High St Echuca on SUNDAY 19 APRIL at 2PM. Tickets on sale from the Paramount Theatre \$30 adults \$25 seniors / students. The concert is a fundraiser for Echuca Chaplaincy Support Group. Afternoon tea available.

Sponsored by the Shire of Campaspe.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Sat 4pm or go to www.radio.dow.org.au where you can listen in and subscribe to weekly shows.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ECHUCA

YEAR 7 2016

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

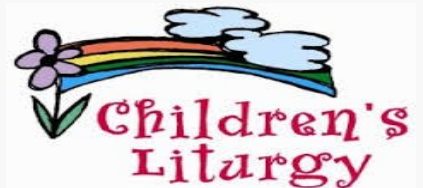
Children Liturgy

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.



Welcome to our faith this weekend

Henry Firmstone

Son of Andrew & Mary Firmstone

BAPTISM &

Oaklee Mae McGill

Daughter of Cameron & Perri McGill

ROS'S FAMILY GROUP

Will be holding a light lunch on Sunday 19 April after 10am Mass at Allison & John Monigatti 5/6 Berry Street Moama.

Please bring plate / lunch to share. For more information please contact Marg Oman 5482 1303.

ECHUCA REGIONAL HEALTH—Planning the future health needs of our community. Will be conducting three community consultation forums at Radcliffe's Echuca on Monday 13 April 2015. The sessions will commence at 11am, 4pm & 6pm. For further information please see the flyers at the back of the church or phone 5485 5975.

Stewardship Program 28 & 29 March 2015

Support of the Parish: \$1,015

Loose: \$286.30

18 & 19 April

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Annabelle Lee, Xavier McLindon & Genevieve McLindon

10.00am Jonah Shingles & Callum Shingles

Commentators:

6.00pm Peter Kotsiakos

8.00am Mal Whyte

10.00am Kerry McLoughlin

Lectors:

6.00pm Malia Black & Margaret Summers

8.00am Nancy Goldrick

10.00am Claire Hogan & Brendan Moyle

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Barb Smith, Pat Sanderson, Mike McCleary

8.00am John & Margot Vagg, Veronica Brown

10.00am Kirrilee Westblade, Mel Slattery, Kate Bruty, Trevor Green, Brendan Hogan

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Mary Atkins

8.00am John Dignan

10.00am Bernie Oliver

Altar Society

Marg Turner, Jan Roberts, Marie McDonald—Wedding

Glanville Communion

Mick Westblade

Wharparilla Communion

Mary Atkins & Kay Devitt

Bupa Communion

Leanne Roberts

Home Communion

Clem Mulcahy

Hospital Visiting - 20 Apr

Marg Summers & Carmel Mackenzie

Bulletin Proof Reader 17 Apr

Noela Boyer

Lawn Roster:

April

John Zealley & Charlie Pavone

Counting

Terry & Kathy Nanscawen

Children's Liturgy

Christy O'Brien & Prue Galea

Calendar 2015

April

13: School Term begins

14: PPC Meeting—7.30pm

15: CWL Meeting—after 12 noon Mass

15: Liturgy Meeting - 7.30pm—NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

15: Information Evening - Sacraments - Parish Centre 7pm

19: Come & See Mass—5pm St Mary's School

22: Bereavement Meeting — 5.30pm Parish meeting room

25: Anzac Day—9am Mass

26: Combined Family morning tea & welcoming for families of Baptised- after 10am Mass.

Pope Francis Speaks

"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. EG 49 "What the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after a battle"

American Press, 30 Sept 2013



NEXT WEEK - 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...***

Congratulations to

Jacinta Ogilvie & Jed Williams

on their marriage this weekend

& to

Dahlyn Dwyer & Dean Collins

on their marriage at St Mary's Church on

Thursday 16 April.



SANDPIPER NEWSPAPER

April edition available at the back of the church.

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: Nell Smith (Marie McDonald's Aunty)

Anniversaries: Marie Barry, Emilio Columbro

Readings

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

R. Alleluia.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **R.**

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

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Today's Gospel John 20:19-31

Next week: 3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7,9

2nd Reading: 1John 2:1-5 Gospel Luke 24:35-48