



18 & 19 April 2015

St Mary's Parish Echuca



Focus on the Gospel

Basil Pennington (1931- 2005) Trappist monk and priest, spiritual writer, speaker and teacher tells of a trip he took to Japan, where he paid a call on a noted Zen master, Josha Sasaki Roshi: "I went in to see the Roshi.

He sat there before me smiling from ear to ear and said, 'I like Christianity. But I would not like Christianity without the resurrection.' Then he added: 'Show me your resurrection. I want to see your resurrection.'

In his simplicity and clarity, the master had gone straight to the heart of things. With his directness, he was saying what the world implicitly says to us Christians: "You are a Christian. You are risen with Christ. *Show me, and I*

will believe."

If we, as a congregation, fail to demonstrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, if we fail to live renewal in our daily lives then our Christianity is meaningless to the generations to come. To those who have been tagged as "digital natives" (as opposed to "digital immigrants" — those of us who didn't grow up with a smart-phone in our hand) a question that comes easily to mind and is applied to all sorts of experiences -is it virtual, created or enhanced on the motherboard of some special effects computer— or is it real?

It's the same question, incidentally, that the younger generations are asking of the church: *Is it virtual, or is it real?*

When you people come together to sing all about how much you love God, do you do it for any reason other than habit? When you sit for 15 minutes to listen to the word — longer than any segment between commercials on TV; that's hard to do! — do you really listen to the words? When you share the one bread and drink of the cup do you do it for any reason other than duty?

In today's Gospel Luke takes great pains to demonstrate that the resurrection is *real*. The risen Christ eats a piece of fish. He invites his incredulous followers to touch his hands and feet.

He invites us, this day, to reach out and touch him, to experience his love, to see that he is no mere allusion but a living presence in our midst.

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<p><i>We acknowledge the Yorta Yorta and Bangarang people, the traditional owners and custodians of this country.</i></p> <p><i>We pay our respects to their elders past and present for their care of</i></p>	<p>PARISH STAFF</p> <p>Parish Priest Fr. Des Welladsen fatherdes@stmarysechuca.org.au</p> <p>Pastoral Associates</p> <p>Anne Kotsiakos & Christine Sebire anne@stmarysechuca.org.au christine@stmarysechuca.org.au</p> <p>Parish Administrator</p> <p>Janis Ovens admin@stmarysechuca.org.au</p> <p>Parish Office Hours:</p> <p>Mon: 8:45am -12:30pm Tue - Fri: 8.45am - 3:45pm Closed for lunch 12.30 to 1.30pm T: (03) 5482 1127 F: (03) 5482 1451 P.O. Box 63 Echuca 3564</p> <p>Website: www.stmarysechuca.org.au</p>	<p>Weekend Mass Times</p> <p>Saturday: 6.00pm Sunday: 8.00am & 10am 3rd Sunday of month: 5pm</p> <p>Masses this week</p> <p>Tuesday Mass 6pm - PC</p> <p>Wednesday Mass 12noon</p> <p>Thursday Mass - 9am - PC</p> <p>Friday 9.15am Mass St Joseph's Yr8G</p>
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Reconciliation Confirmation First Eucharist



ENROLEMENT ARE NOW OPEN

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.



COMBINED FAMILY GROUPS MORNING CUPPA

The combined Family Groups invite members of the Parish to join us for morning tea following the 10am Mass on Sunday 26 April at the parish garden.

This is a great opportunity to mix and meet with members of family groups and other members of the parish to help make our parish stronger and more caring.

As a parish we also wish to welcome all the families of those who have been baptised in the last year.

You will NOT need to provide a plate as this is already organised

Quote of the Day

The tomb of Christ is famous because of what it does not contain. Sam Morris



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

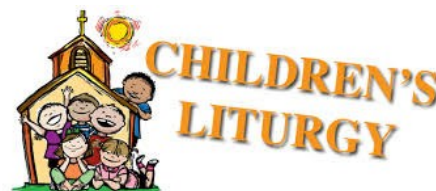
Children Liturgy.... Liturgy of the Word for children.

- For children 4 years and up

Begins this weekend only at the 10am Mass.

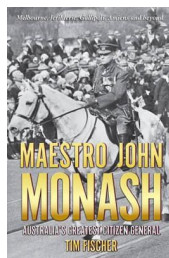
We are very short of leaders so any people interested in being leaders please contact Christine Sebire or Holly Morris.

Training for leaders will take place at 5pm on 7 May at the Parish center.



Pope Francis Speaks

"True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness." Evangelii Gaudium 88



TIM FISCHER AO - Anzac Centenary Community Leadership Luncheon.

Friday 24 April at 12.30pm - Moama RSL Club for bookings phone reception on 5482 6677. Cost is \$25 RSL members and \$30 non members. Price includes 2 course meal.

Proceeds to going to Legacy.

AGED CARE EXPO

Wednesday 22 April 2015 10am to 3pm Cunningham Downs Village.

A range of exhibitors will be in attendance providing information and conduction information sessions.

Free sausage sizzle / mobility scooter demonstrations / trials For further information and a program contact Gayle 5480 5000. Echuca Community for the Aged.

25 & 26 April

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Josh D'Angri & Vincent McLindon

10.00am Archer & Dermott Ritchie &

Hugh Byrne

Commentators:

6.00pm Mary Marwood

8.00am Margaret Oman

10.00am Rob Morris

Lectors:

6.00pm Peter Kotsiakos, Mary Atkins

8.00am Mal Whyte

10.00am Kerry McLoughlin, Barb Green

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Carmel & Ted McKenzie, Anne Kotsiakos

8.00am Nancy Goldrick, Richard Barry, Jan Roberts

10.00am Carlie Dohnt, Claire Hogan, Theresa Jacobs, Marg Hart, Ken Stewart

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Marg Summers

8.00am Veronica Brown

10.00am Theresa Jacobs

Altar Society

Pat Sanderson, Marg Orso, Rose Quinn

Glanville Communion

Matt McLindon

Wharparilla Communion

Sr Cletus Dullard

Bupa Communion

Rose Quinn

Home Communion

Peter & Beatrice Phillips

Hospital Visiting - 27 Apr

Pat Sanderson & Mary Marwood

Bulletin Proof Reader 24 Apr

Margaret Spedding

Lawn Roster:

April

John Zealley & Charlie Pavone

Counting

Margaret Hart & Roma Bowman

Baptism - May

Mary Byrne

Children's Liturgy

Leah Williams & Andrea Basham

Calendar 2015

April

19: Filipino Mass—12noon— all welcome.

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

22: Finance Meeting—1pm

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.

29: Faith Formation Night – 7pm

Stewardship Program 4 & 5 April 2015

Support of the Parish: \$974
Loose: \$1,002

11 & 12 April 2015

Support of the Parish \$963.00
Loose \$120.45

Welcome to our faith this weekend

Jacob Amit Corry

Son of Robert & Margie Corry

(at the Filipino Mass 12noon)

Congratulations to

Sinead Hon & James Larcombe

on their marriage this weekend at St Mary's



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

'WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE'

Come and see...

DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO NEED A RIDE TO MASS? Please let the office know and we will arrange a driver.

Social Justice Group

Meeting this Wednesday at Parish centre at 7.30pm

We desperately need new members as we work through local and national issues of justice. Please contact Christine Sebire, Claire Hogan or the office if you are interested.

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.

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: Michelle Ash, Eileen McDonald, Geraldine Millard, Elaine O'Mullane, Jim Dullard, Frances Foley

Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him.

It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has
said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7,9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

or

R. Alleluia.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy
and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

R.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at
once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.

Alleluia!

Today's Gospel Luke 24: 35-48

Next week: 4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1,8-9,21-23,26, 29

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel John 10: 11-18