



25 &amp; 26 April 2015

# St Mary's Parish Echuca



## Focus on the Gospel

In today's gospel Jesus compares himself to a good shepherd who cares for his sheep even at risk to his own life. We don't know exactly how long before his death Jesus spoke these words but it was some time before his arrest and crucifixion. We might wonder what sheer courage, love and strength led Jesus to walk toward his death. This kind of dedication and selfless love can be challenging to understand. The depth of Jesus' love for us can humble us.

Besides being humbled and awed, what are we to do? Jesus' words can inspire us to live a life that reflects God's love and compassion. We can give thanks each day that God loves us so much — truly more than we can even imagine and allow that fact to soak into our spirits.

We can be inspired by this love. If there are times when we consider ourselves unlovable, unforgivable or unworthy, we can remember that Jesus does not agree. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, looks at the whole flock, which comes in every shape and size and colour. He looks at all of his sheep with their individual personalities and faults. And he loves each one of us. We can be encouraged by Jesus' cleansing and forgiving love. Jesus sees more in us than we see in ourselves. We can express our thanks and gratitude living lives that reflect that love and compassion.

Filled with his overwhelming love for us, we can endeavour to follow Jesus in big and little ways. We may never be asked to sacrifice ourselves for someone else, but we may be called upon to forgive someone else. We may be asked to stretch our patience, our understanding and our tolerance for those we might not consider particularly worthy or lovable. Jesus can inspire us to look at one another with God's eyes and see the people around us as God's beloved children. God's great love can shine through us when we are willing to act without thinking about ourselves. We can respond to this love by endeavouring to follow our Good Shepherd.

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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—Preps

**Friday**  
Mass—9am —PC

## 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.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** please note the key to the tabernacle is to be kept on the credence table during mass. Whoever is bringing the ciborium to the main altar at communion time gets the key from here and returns it to the credence table after the ciborium is placed back in the tabernacle.

**Life Hike 2**—Right to Life Australia Great Ocean Walk Highlights. 3 days (40km) trekking in spectacular scenery to raise money for the prolife cause. Thurs 28, Fri 29, Sat 30 May. Want to know more visit [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au) or phone 9385 0100

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

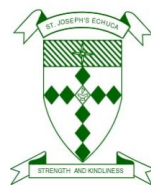
**Kanyana Auxiliary Inc.** working for MHS invite you to a Mother's Day lunch on Monday 11 May at 12noon. In the Sunset room of James Maiden Restaurant at Rich River Golf Club. Lunch, prizes, surprises and lucky door. Cost \$12. Please book by 7 May phone Joan 5482 3531 or Pat 5482 2027. Ring the club for courtesy bus.

### COMBINED FAMILY GROUPS MORNING CUPPA

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

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

**BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT** - We are asking for expressions of interest from businesses who may be interested in sponsoring the weekly printing costs of the bulletin. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 5482 1127 for further information.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ECHUCA

YEAR 7 2016

## INFORMATION EVENING

(Parents & Grade 6 Students)

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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@sje.vic.edu.au](mailto:rbattye@sje.vic.edu.au)

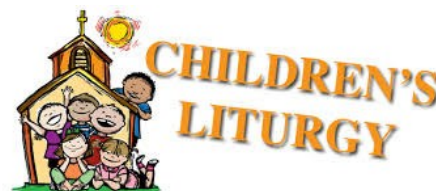
### Children Liturgy.... Liturgy of the Word for children.

• **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.



A day with **CARDINAL WILFRID NAPIER OFM** Durban South Africa.

### Reasons For Hope:

A conversation on Finding God and the Faith of Ordinary People .

Monday 18 May 10am—3pm morning tea and lunch provided. At the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre Shepparton or at

St Mel's Hall Hamilton St Shepparton South on Monday 18 May 7.30 to 9pm

RSVP by 13 May. Contact Lyn Breen on 5441 2544 or at [adultfaith@sandhurst.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.org.au)



**THE CHALLENGE OF BEING A DISCIPLE TODAY:** an introduction to the Gospel of Mark. Fr Brian Boyle. Monday 11 May 7.30 to 9pm at De Campo Hall (CEO Buildings) 120 Hargreaves St Bendigo or Thursday 14 May 7.30 to 9pm St Brigid's Centre (CEO/Parish buildings) 71 Ryley St Wangaratta. No Cost.

Program: Presentation (50mins) Cuppa (10mins) Discussion (30min)

RSVP: Contact Lyn Breen on 5441 2544 or at [adultfaith@sandhurst.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.org.au)

## **2 & 3 May**

### **Altar Servers:**

6.00pm Trinity Porter & Sarah Porter  
10.00am Johanna Ritchie & Renee Gould

### **Commentators:**

6.00pm Anne Kotsiakos  
8.00am John Vagg  
10.00am Jenny Morris

### **Lectors:**

6.00pm Mary Marwood & Olivia Gregory  
8.00am Margaret Oman  
10.00am Rob Morris & Theresa Jacobs

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

6.00pm Malia Black, Terry McKiterick, Marie McDonald  
8.00am Judy Clark, Ross Veale, Ros Pellegrino  
10.00am Noela Boyer, Jenny Mayes, Cecilia Merrigan, Julie Moyle, Clem Mulcahy

### **Setting up for Mass**

6.00pm Rose Quinn  
8.00am Alf Grigg  
10.00am Julie Moyle

## **Altar Society**

Noela Boyer, Carmel Devlin, Patricia Rifat

## **Glanville Communion**

Gabrielle Barrette

## **Wharparilla Communion**

Vic & Naomi Burton

## **Bupa Communion**

Gabrielle Barrette

## **Home Communion**

J & J Moyle

## **Hospital Visiting - 4 May**

Veronica Brown & Barb Green

## **Bulletin Proof Reader 1 May**

Mary Atkins

## **Lawn Roster: May**

Peter Boyer & Trevor Green

## **Counting**

Jim & Jan Roberts & Nancy Golderick

## **Baptism - May**

Mary Byrne

## **Children's Liturgy**

Kristie Larkin, Carly Dohnt

## **Calendar 2015**

### **April**

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

**29:** Faith Formation Night – Parish Centre 7pm

### **May**

**6:** Adoration - 10.30am

**7:** Children's Liturgy Meeting - Parish hall 7.30pm

**12:** PPC Meeting 7.30pm

**13:** Liturgy meeting 7.30pm

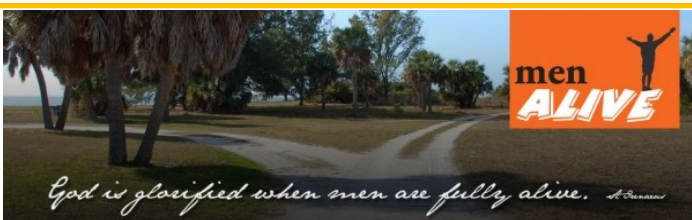
**17:** Come & See Mass - 5pm St Mary's School

### **June**

**13&14**—men ALIVE Weekend

### **Stewardship Program 18 & 19 April 2015**

Support of the Parish: \$1188  
Loose: \$578.70



**Put aside the weekend June 13-14 for our Echuca weekend event!!**

### **What are menALIVE Parish Men's Weekends?**

The experience of men gathering together at a menALIVE weekend is dynamic and powerful. Many men are inspired, encouraged and feel that they have a new sense of purpose and mission. **menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry for Men.**

**St Mary's Echuca will be hosting a menALIVE weekend on the weekend June 13 & 14 2015.**

### ***This event will change your life!!!!***

So be prepared, men of Echuca/Moama, for a great and potentially life-changing experience!

If you want any information speak to one of the ALIVE men here in Echuca (Clem Mulcahy, Aiden Mclindon, Terry McKiterick, Matt Mclindon, Doug Black).

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

***Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!***

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*

**2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct**

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.*

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### **Can you help?**

Echuca's St Vincent de Paul is experiencing a resurgence under its new manager and requires volunteers to man the store, especially on Saturday mornings. If you can help please contact the centre or make enquiries to Sr Cecilia or Mary Atkins

**We pray for the sick:** Jonathon Barber, Shannon Ainsley, Owen Cannard, Anna Frattin, Marie Gough, Christine Hughes, 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: Jayne O'Callaghan (Niece of Eileen Kirchhofer)**

**Anniversaries: Members of the Shanahan family, Tony Tyndall, Bryan Kennedy, Duncan Smith**

## Readings

### **Acts 4: 8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:  
'Rulers of the people, and elders!

If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today.

This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### **1 John 3: 1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

or

**R.** Alleluia.

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **R.**

**Today's Gospel John 10:11-18**

**Next week: 5th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel John 15:1-8