



24 & 25 April

St Mary's Parish Echuca

Looking at the Readings

What is Jesus' view of heaven?

He describes heaven as a house with many rooms. In Galilee at the time of Jesus most people lived together in a single room, called an insular, with their animals and possessions.

So Jesus offered them a view of heaven that gave many rooms, therefore privacy, yet able to be close to the rest of the family.

If that were heaven then the audience of Jesus would want that.

So what is your view of heaven?

For somebody born in poverty, heaven might be a place where there would be no concerns about having enough of anything.

For somebody living with violence it could be a place of peace.

For somebody from Alaska heaven would have a fireplace.

So what is your view of heaven?

What would heaven need? Who could go there? Who would you want to spend eternity with?

There are as many heavens as there are people who are led by Jesus. Because without Jesus' leadership, his way, his truth, his life there is no heaven, the most important part about heaven is that Jesus is in it.

We cannot have heaven without Jesus. Jesus and some of the people and things that help us to be closer to God.

The season of Easter leads us to the story of Jesus' ascension to heaven, to wait for our arrival there. Easter is also about acknowledging what Jesus does for us, so that we can make it to heaven, so that there can be a heaven we want to be part of. Jesus began heaven here among us and continued it to beyond where we are now.

His life is an example of preparing the things that will last in heaven. We are called to contribute to making our heaven and the heaven of others.

So maybe the question is not what you need for heaven but rather:

What Does Heaven Need From You?



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Celebrations of the Week

Anzac Day, Monday 25 April

Commemoration of those fallen in battle and those remaining who remember them.



*We acknowledge the
Yorta Yorta and
Bangerang people,
the
traditional owners
and
custodians of this
country.
We pay our
respects to their el-
ders past and pre-
sent for their care of
the land.*

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10am

Masses this week

Tuesday

Mass 6pm

Wednesday

12 noon

Thursday

9.15am

St Mary's School

Friday

9.00am PC

NOTICES

FOOTPATH & CURB RENEWAL WORKS

Starting on the 26 April works will commence on renewing the curbing and footpath along Anstruther St. There should be little disruption to accessing the parish centre during this time. However parking in front of the parish centre will be affected for a short period during this time. We will keep you informed when we know firmer dates.



5th Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." JOHN 13:34



It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

Stewardship Program

April 16 & 17

Support of the Parish: \$ 1105.65

Loose: \$ 218.05

CELEBRATING 70 WONDERFUL YEARS

Mary & Des Taylor



Congratulations and best wishes on reaching such a wonderful milestone. Hoping you enjoy a wonderful 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Combined Passionist Family Groups

20 year Celebration

Twenty years of Echuca Parish Family Groups was happily celebrated at 10am Mass on Sunday. We welcomed State Directors Maree & Bernard Metcalfe from Melbourne and Cluster leader Jan Mullaly of Ballarat. Bernard spoke of 'A family for All' as a means of building Christian Community. Following Mass, Fr Des, Members of PFG, parishioners and guest including Seminarian Jackson Saunders, enjoyed lunch at the Harvest Hotel.

The beautiful cake made by Margaret Orso and cut by Stella Moore, was very much enjoyed. *Many thanks to those who contributed to the success of the day.* Winners of the competition were: Mark Oman, John Ryan, Mary Wallace, Imelda Ward, Terry Nanscawen, Pat Hansen, Nancy Taylor, Veronica Brown, Ted Mackenzie, Wendy Rolfe & Ruby Oman.

Carmel Mackenzie



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ECHUCA YEAR 7 2017 INFORMATION EVENING



(Parents & Grade 6 Students)

**Tuesday, 3rd May 2016 at 7.00pm
in College Hall**

Want to know more about St Joseph's College?

Book in for a "Principal Tour"

Tue 26.04.16 4.15 & 5.15pm

Wed 27.04.16 9.00 & 9.45am & 4.15 & 5.15pm

**Collect an Enrolment Pack at the College AFTER
3rd May 2016 if unable to attend.**

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

Website: www.sje.vic.edu.au

We welcome to our faith this weekend

Matilda Dicketts

Daughter of Roxanne & Andrew Dicketts



Soup & Sandwiches, will commence **Wednesday 4 May** following 12 noon Mass. S & S and 'sometimes something else' will be held the first Wednesday of each month through to October. **Everyone is most welcome to attend.**

Congratulations to

Justin Baxter & Julia McPhee

Who were married at St Mary's on Friday

SINGING PRACTICE

Let's learn something new!

Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm in the church.

All singers and instrumentalists welcome

Please bring your folders Enquiries: Barbara 54821458



On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome.

It is about marriage and family life.

The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'.

It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home>

If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

RECONCILIATION Saturday 10 –10:30am

April 30 & May 1

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Xavier & Genevieve McLindon
10.00am Johanna Ritchie/ Renee Gould

Commentators:

6.00pm Rose Quinn
8.00am Mal Whyte
10.00am Rob Morris

Lectors:

6.00pm Cathy Barca, Malia Black
8.00am Ross Veale
10.00am Claire Hogan, Lauren Gould

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Olivia Gregory, Ted & Carmel Mackenzie
8.00am Ros Pellegrino, Jan Roberts, Leanne Roberts
10.00am Brendan Hogan, Sean Green, Theresa Jacobs, Clem Mulcahy, Kathy Nanscawen

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Rose Quinn
8.00am Veronica Brown
10.00am Julie Moyle

Altar Society

Joan Westblade, Roma Bowman,
Glenese Zealley

Glanville Communion

Leanne Roberts

Wharparilla Communion

Sr Cletus Dullard

Bupa Communion

Nancy Goldrick, Lois Williams, Win Lavery

Home Communion

John & Julie Moyle

Hospital Visiting—April Bulletin

Sr Cletus Dullard

Proof Reader – 29 April

Brendan Shingles

Counting - 25 April

Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy & Peter Davey

Lawn Roster - April

John & Glenese Zealley

Baptism - May

Mary Byrne

Calendar 2016

APRIL

25. Public Holiday—Office Close

27: Bereavement Group—5.30pm
PC

MAY

4: Soup & Sandwiches—12.30pm
PC

5: Visiting Ministry Team meeting—
10.30am PC

5: St Mary's Girls Happy Hour—
5.30pm PC

10: Pastoral Council Meeting—
7.30pm PC

11: Memorial Service 10.30am

BUPA NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

11: CWL Meeting-12 noon Mass

15: COME AND SEE MASS-5pm



Next **Come & See** Mass will be held at
5pm on Sunday 15 May at
St Mary's School Auditorium.

The fellas who are part of the menALIVE Small Group in Echuca (Matt, Doug, Terry, Clem, Aidan, Bunny, Mike, Ray and Brendan) are hosting a

**Men's Breakfast
at: St Mary's Parish Centre
on Saturday May 14th
From 8.00am to 10.00am**

We want to share what each of us has gained from our simple gatherings every second Saturday morning for the last 18 months or so and would love you to come along for some spirituality, worship, testimony, companionship, sharing and of course, **FOOD!!**
No cost....just a couple of hours of your Saturday morning!!

BE THERE!!

OPEN MORNING

Monday 9th May 2016

9.30am – 10.30am

For further information, please contact the School Office on 5482 1342 or follow the quick links to 'Enrolment Information' on our website: www.smechuca.catholic.edu.au



St. Mary's School

INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 9th May 2016 7pm

For 2017 Enrolments



We pray for the sick: Shannon Ainsley, Mary Sanderson, Mary Taylor, Jack Stanley, Barbara Handley, Mac Sandercock, Mary Edwards, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Gladys Tarr, Rosanna Taylor, Mary Roberts, Ron Tonkin, Joe Westblade, Christine Hughes, David Carter, Eileen Kirchhofer, Mary Mullane, John Dignan.

Recently Deceased: Chloris Nunan, Norm Dodgson, Clare Horsfall (Stiles)

Anniversaries: Gerri Millard, Jim Dullard

Readings

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith.

'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them.

He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone. 'Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation John 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Today's Gospel: John 13:31-35
Next week: 1st Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29