



30 April – 1 May

St Mary's Parish Echuca

Looking at the Readings

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel.

These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues.

The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved?

The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same.

We must believe and we must love God and love one another.

We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred.

This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations.

Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process.

This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death.

This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.



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Quotable Quote

If you want peace work for justice. Pope Paul VI

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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
Masses this week
Tuesday
Mass 6pm
Wednesday
12 noon
Thursday
9.15am
St Mary's School Gr4
Friday
9.15am St Joseph College

NOTICES

The Merciful God of the Prophets

In the year of Mercy:

Fr Brian Boyle


In this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, Fr Brian Boyle will help us explore the merciful and compassionate God of the Old Testament as preached by some of the great Prophets. This message of the mercy of God inspired Jesus in his own preaching. The Prophets' message of the compassionate love of God is still relevant and inspiring for us today.

Members of our parish Liturgy Team will be attending, please contact Christine Sebire if you would like to join them.

WEDNESDAY MAY 11 FROM 7.30 – 9.00 pm

Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre behind St Brendan's Church, Knight St **SHEPPARTON**

Father Brian Boyle is a lecturer in Scripture at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. He is a priest of the Diocese of Sandhurst and is also the Bishop's Vicar for Education in our diocese. He is very interested in Adult Faith Education and in opening the treasures of Scripture with and for other adults. Fr Brian is author of 'A Friendly Guide to the Prophets' published recently by Garratt Publishing. He is also a regular visiting priest to our parish.

 **ECHUCA REGIONAL HEALTH** is Celebrating National Volunteer Week by holding a morning tea at 'The Venue' Moama Bowling Club on **Tuesday 10 May** starting at 10am. Please RSVP your attendance ASAP to 0354 855048 or prdeptment@erh.org.au

6th Sunday of Easter

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." JOHN 14:27



Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a better plan for you.

**Stewardship Program
April 23 & 24**

Support of the Parish: \$ 1056.75
Loose: \$ 373.30

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



INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 9th May 2016 7pm

For 2017 Enrolments

Friendship Family Group

Visit 'Carriages Vineyard' Kotta Rd Echuca. Sunday 15 May at 2pm.

RSVP Helen Taverner 0427 521273 by Friday 13 May. Meet at 8 Riverland Close to car pool.

WHARPARILLA LODGE AUXILIARY is holding a **BLACK PEPPER FASHION PARADE**. To be held at Cunningham Downs Hall on **Thursday 5 May, 2016 at 1.30pm**.

Afternoon tea provided \$5 entry.

COME AND ENJOY THEIR NEW WINTER COLLECTION. Enquiries Marie McDonald ph 54823021

25th Ordination Anniversary of Fr Brian Cahill

will be held at St Mel's Parish on Saturday 23rd July at 10.00am. All Welcome. For Inquiries phone 58312194

The **Echuca Chaplaincy Support Group** is holding an afternoon - singing 'Songs of Praises' Saturday 30th May from 12 noon. Contact Helen 0427952270 or Ruth 54809173

St Mary's Girls "Happy Hour" is held 1st Thursday of the month. Our next get together is on **5 May, 5.30-7pm**.

Please come along and enjoy a chat and a glass of? **If you are new to the Parish, you will be warmly welcomed.**



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

7 & 8 May

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Josh D'Angri & Vincent McLindon

10.00am Jolyon Hogan & Jett Westblade

Commentators:

6.00pm Margaret Summers

8.00am Sr Margaret Duffy

10.00am Therese Jacobs

Lectors:

6.00pm Rose Quinn, Andrew Sebire

8.00am Mal Whyte

10.00am Rob Morris, Jenny Morris

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Matt McLindon, Marie

McDonald, Denise Morgan

8.00am Margaret Oman, Margaret Spedding, Ross Veale

10.00am Luci Quinn, Margaret Hart, Julie Ritchie, Julie Moyle, Claire Hogan

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Olivia Gregory

8.00am Margaret Oman

10.00am Kathy Nanscawen

Altar Society

Eileen Pineo, Kat Westblade, Anne Bennett

Glanville Communion

Matt McLindon

Wharparilla Communion

Maureen Baker & Laurice Murphy

Bupa Communion

Gabrielle Barrette, Sheree D'Angri, Collette Porter

Home Communion

Sr Cletus Dullard

Hospital Visiting 2 May

Margaret Summers & Carmel Mackenzie

Proof Reader – 6 May

Mary Atkins

Counting - 2 May

Roma Bowman & Lorraine Lucic

Lawn Roster -

May Peter Boyer & Trevor Green

Baptism - May

Mary Byrne

Calendar 2016

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

8: Mother's Day

10: Pastoral Council Meeting—7.30pm PC

11: Memorial Service 10.30am
BUPA **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

11: CWL Meeting-12 noon Mass

14: Men's Breakfast—8am PC

15: COME AND SEE MASS-5pm

16: Widow & Widowers Group—10am Complete Garden



Sunday 15th May St Mary's School Auditorium

St Mary's Gr 2 children and the school choir will enflame our hearts with the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost.



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!!

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 Kirchofer, Mary Mullane, John Dignan.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Alan Bolton, Tony Tyndall

Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Gospel Acclamation 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come
them.

Alleluia!

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

or

R. Alleluia.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Today's Gospel: John 14:23-29
Next week: 1st Reading Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53