

Easter Sunday

Year A



15 & 16 April

St Mary's Parish Echuca

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



*Congratulations Liz & Gary!*



*Welcome to our Catholic Faith Community!*

*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 & 10.00am  
Come & See 5.00pm  
(every third Sunday)

**Masses this week**

**Tuesday**

No Mass

**Wednesday**

Liturgy-12 noon-Church

**Thursday**

No Mass

**Friday**

Mass-9.15am

St Joseph's Chapel

# NOTICES



Fr Des and the Parish staff wish everyone a Blessed and Peaceful Easter.  
Thank you to all the amazing parishioners who have prepared for our Easter Celebrations.

Welcome to all our visitors. We hope you enjoy our ceremonies celebrating the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please assist us in keeping your contact details current including address, phone number and email. Please note that at times Parish Groups ask the office to send out information via email as this is a cost effective way of passing on information.

## Welcome new Parishioners

Are you a new parishioner?  
Do you know any new parishioners?

At the back of the church there is a welcome book. We invite you to complete your details or to direct new parishioners to the book so that we can make contact and welcome them into our Parish.

PASSIONIST  
FAMILY GROUP  
MOVEMENT



## COMBINED PARISH FAMILY GROUPS

Invite all Parishioners and others to join us for Morning Tea Sunday April 23rd after 10,00am Mass

Family Group members please bring a plate

## Bishop Les Tomlinson's Easter Message

Bishop Les recently recorded his Easter Message in the parish church of St Mary's, Golden Square. The message can now be viewed on the Diocesan homepage and in the Sandpaper. [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Seeking climate champions

Right now it's more important than ever to raise our voices for climate justice. Caritas Australia is seeking volunteers to help build the largest faith-driven climate justice campaign in Australia's history. We'll provide you with training and ongoing support, and connect you with a network of like-minded community advocates.

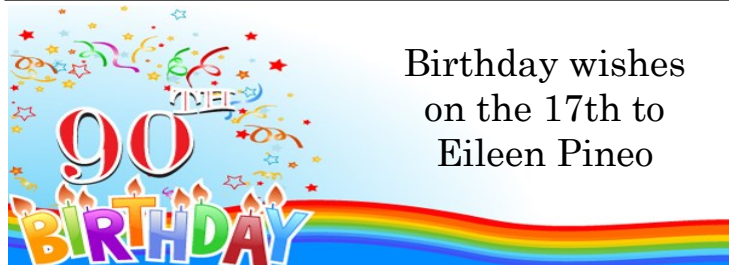
To learn more and register your interest see [www.caritas.org.au/climate-petition](http://www.caritas.org.au/climate-petition)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



A very BIG THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who attended our working bee last Monday. The Church looks fabulous. Also a big thank you to the lovely lady who provided a beautiful morning tea.

Free copies of **CARITAS NEWS** are available today. This Autumn Edition focuses on hope Loving Our Neighbour through Project Compassion is changing lives and transforming communities.



Birthday wishes on the 17th to Eileen Pineo

## CWL EASTER RAFFLE

Many thanks to everybody who supported our Raffle. The Winner: Marie O'Brien

**SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY** for parishioners & teachers focussing on **Refugees in Australia** with Tim O'Connor (ex-Tongala) Communications Director, Refugee Council of Australia. 21 April from 9.30 – 2.30 Mons Jeffrey Fri Centre, Knight St Shepparton. Morning Tea & Lunch provided. To register, contact David Walker 0439 201307 [dwalker@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dwalker@ceosand.catholic.edu.au)

SOUTHERN CROSS APARTMENTS  
MOAMA

- Fundraising Committee

Invites you to St Anne's Vineyards  
Perricoota Road, Moama

for a Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening.  
When: Friday April 28, 2017  
Time: 5.00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00 per person  
Tickets available on the night  
or contact Mary Marwood Ph: 5483 7639



## Stewardship Program

Support of the Parish: \$1012.85  
Loose: \$302.60

**RECONCILIATION 10.00 to 10.30 am next Saturday**

## April 22 & 23

### **Altar Servers:**

**6.00pm** Annie & Maisy Byrne,  
Samantha Serpell

**10.00am** Hugh & Claire Byrne, Meg  
Alberni

### **Commentators:**

**6.00pm** Andrew Sebire

**8.00am** Ross Veale

**10.00am** Theresa Jacobs

### **Lectors:**

**6.00pm** Gabrielle Barrette, Matt  
McLindon

**8.00am** John Vagg

**10.00am** Noela Boyer, Cecilia Merrigan

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

**6.00pm** Nick Lee, Malia Black,  
Margaret Summers

**8.00am** Leanne Roberts, Nancy  
Goldrick, Mal Whyte

**10.00am** Jenny Mayes, Sean Green,  
Kate Bruty, Mick Westblade, Lauren  
Gould

### **Setting up for Mass:**

**6.00pm** Terry McKitterick

**8.00am** Margot Vagg

**10.00am** Theresa Jacobs

### **Altar Society**

Marg Turner, Jan Roberts, Marie  
McDonald

### **Glanville Communion**

Gabrielle Barrette

### **Wharparilla Communion**

Mary Atkins, Kay Devitt

### **Bupa Communion**

Nancy Goldrick, Lois Williams

### **Home Communion**

John & Julie Moyle

### **Hospital Visiting-April 17**

Marg Summers & Carmel Mackenzie

### **Proof Reading- April 20**

Mary Atkins

### **Counting-April 18**

Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy,  
Peter Davey

### **Lawns-April**

John Zealley, John Dignan

### **Baptism-April**

Jacqui Deola

## **Calendar 2017**

### **April**

**17:** Easter Monday -Office Closed

**19:** CWL meeting-pm-12.30pm

**23:** Parish Family Groups cuppa  
after 10.00am Mass -PC

**25:** Anzac Day—Office Closed

### **May**

**2:** Social Justice meeting 7.30pm

**3:** Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament-10.30am

**3:** Soup and Sandwiches- PC-  
after 12 noon Mass

**10:** CWL meeting-PC-after 12  
noon Mass

**12:** Aged Care Services

**If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a visit or communion please let the Parish office know.**

## *With Heartfelt Thanks*

On this special Easter weekend when Liz & Gary become members of our faith community I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the very special people that have accompanied Gary & Liz on their RCIA journey.

Firstly, to our parish RCIA team - Stella Moore, Bev Kenna, Alison & Terry McKitterick, Kath Quinn, Barb Green, Angela Finn (Liz's sponsor) & Matt McLindon (Gary's sponsor)

These people are truly the face of God in our parish. They have generously shared their giftedness, time, talents and love every week for the past six months such that Liz & Gary have always felt supported, safe & encouraged.

And then to all the parishioners who have warmly welcomed us into their homes each week and shown Gary & Liz how loving and hospitable our St. Mary's parish is and given them some insight into the beautiful, Spirit - filled community that they are joining.

And finally to the immensely learned presenters who put such a lot of time into preparing the topics presented each week to our RCIA meetings. They not only enlightened Liz & Gary but nourished and developed the faith of all those present.

On behalf of the parish and myself thank you from the bottom of my heart for such a joy-filled, Jesus -filled, love & laughter - filled RCIA journey.

Malia Black



**We pray for the sick:** Mary & Des Taylor, Mary Edwards, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Rosanna Taylor, Mary Roberts, John Phyland, Brock Phyland, Mary Byrne, Monica Murnane, Dennis Mullane, Genevieve McLindon, Fran Beehag, Enid Stapleton, Bruno Barbera, Peter Boyer, David Carter, Paul Merrigan

**Deaths:** Eileen Young, George Bomm

**Anniversaries:** Michelle Ash, Geraldine Millard, Duncan Smith Elaine O'Mullane, Eileen McDonald, Domenica Luppino, Antonio Surrce

# Readings

## **1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## **2nd Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**R.** This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

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

Let the sons of Israel 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. **R.**

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

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

**Today's Gospel: John 20:1-9**

**Next week:**

**1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47**

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**2nd Reading: 1st letter of St Peter 1:3-9**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**