

3rd Sunday of
Easter Sunday

Year A



29 & 30 April

St Mary's Parish Echuca

Looking at the Readings

On the road to Emmaus, they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus is the one who walks with them, by their side. We meet in this Gospel the one who walks with us, the one, at times whom we turn away from, the one who never abandons us.

On the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, these two disciples had been told by Jesus to wait in Jerusalem, but they had lost faith and were leaving Jerusalem. They had given up.

A stranger, the resurrected Jesus, walks with them. They recognise him in the 'breaking of the bread'; this is how the early Church referred to Eucharist. While the disciples had walked out on Jesus, he had not given up on them.

The two disciples, one of them was named Cleopas. In the Orthodox tradition of the church, icons often display these two as a husband and wife team. The Western, Roman, tradition does not contradict this but often depicts them as two males. But the Cleopas whose wife Mary, was one of the women at the foot of the cross on Good Friday (John 19:25)

Emmaus is seven miles away from Jerusalem, although the exact location of the town is not known. They are going away from Jerusalem, the pivot of Salvation. The perfect number seven may point to them going as far in the opposite direction to salvation as they can, but Jesus seeks them out!

The gospel reflects the structure of the Mass: Jesus first opened the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and then broke bread (the Liturgy of Eucharist) and after this they are burning with zeal to bring the "Good News" to the other disciples and ultimately the world.



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Thought of the week

How do we recognise Jesus in our lives and meet him in those we meet?

*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
(third Sunday of the month)

Masses this week

Tuesday
6pm Mass-PC
Wednesday
Mass 12 noon-Church
Thursday
Mass 9.30am-Church
St Mary's School
Moore Community
Friday
Mass-9.15am
St Joseph's Chapel

NOTICES

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

There is a wedding in the Church on the 6th May at 5pm. We ask that you not park in the church yard.

If you arrive before the end of the ceremony, the bride and bridegroom are happy for you to join the group in the Church and offer your prayers for a blessed marriage.

Steps In Faith

This week marks the beginning of the Sacramental Journey for more than forty children and families, as they begin preparation to be fully initiated members of our parish family.



At masses this weekend and next weekend the children and families will make a commitment to participate fully in all aspects of Steps in Faith. They will be invited to the front of the congregation for a blessing and at this time we invite parishioners to come forward to introduce yourself and welcome the candidates and their families to our parish.

Please keep them in your prayers and offer your support as they journey on.

REMINDER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday May 3rd—10.30am

Quote from Pope Francis

May the Risen Lord sustain the efforts of all those actively engaged in bringing comfort and relief to the civil population in beloved Syria, so greatly suffering from a war that continues to sow horror and death. May he grant peace to the entire Middle East, beginning with the Holy Land, and in Iraq and Yemen.



Easter Sunday Urbe Et Orbi 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The McLindon Family would like to thank Parishioners for all their prayers for Genevieve. She has made a full recovery.

'Soup & Sandwiches'

The Social Committee ladies are commencing this very popular gathering next Wednesday 3rd May after 12 noon Mass.



Soup & Sandwiches is on the first Wednesday of each month until October.

A warm welcome is extended to all so don't be shy, come along and enjoy the food and the fellowship.

PLEASE COLLECT STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

There are still a lot of envelopes at the back of the church in the grey tray for collection for the stewardship program.



Social Justice Meeting

Tuesday May 2nd 7.30pm Parish Centre

If you are interested in making a difference in our community, you are invited to join the Parish Social Justice Team.

We are focusing on a number of local issues this year:

- Supporting the work of local Neighbourhood Houses
- Supporting the Campaspe Family Violence Action Group
- Advocacy for homelessness/crisis housing
- Active work for Reconciliation

Friendship Family Group

Pizza lunch at Cape Horn Winery— Sunday May 7th.
Car pool outside the Parish Centre at 11.20am.

RSVP 5th May

Mary Marwood 0417 837 639 or
Helen Taverner 0427 521 273

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

URGENTLY WANTED:

VOLUNTEER WORKERS for Balgo Parish

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently seeking a couple in Balgo to assist the Priest in the running of the Parish. There are several other roles in the Kimberley for single people or couples also available. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomediocese.org

Web: www.broomediocese.org

Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

Stewardship Program

Support of the Parish: \$1,130.85

Loose: 297.95

RECONCILIATION 10.00 to 10.30 am next Saturday

May 6 & 7

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Josh D'Angri , Oliver Williams

10.00am Isobel Morris, Abby Stobaus

Commentators:

6.00pm Malia Black

8.00am Judy Clark

10.00am Win Lavery

Lectors:

6.00pm Sheree D'Angri, Olivia Gregory

8.00am Margaret Oman

10.00am Kerry McLoughlan, Jenny Morris

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Terry & Alison McKiterick, Mary Atkins

8.00am Ross Veale, John & Margot Vagg

10.00am Bernie Oliver, Tony & Caroline DeLosa, Kathy Nanscawen, Clem Mulcahy

Setting up for Mass:

6.00pm Mary Atkins

8.00am Alf Grigg

10.00am Theresa Jacobs

Altar Society

Noela Boyer, Elaine Roberts
(Wedding 6th)

Glanville Communion

Mick Westblade

Wharparilla Communion

Gabrielle Barrette

Bupa Communion

Julie Moyle, Chris Wade, Jen Mayes

Home Communion

Gabrielle Barrette

Hospital Visiting-May 8

Mick Westblade

Proof Reading- May 4

Theresa Jacobs

Counting-May 8

Terry & Kathy Nanscawen

Lawns-May

Matt McLindon & Family

Baptism-May

Mary Byrne

Calendar 2017

May

1: Social Club meeting-PC-.30pm

2: Social Justice meeting -7.30pm

Echuca Library

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

10: Liturgy meeting-PC-7.30pm

12: Aged Care Services

15: Widows & Widowers- Complete Gardens-10am

21: Come & See Mass-5pm

If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a visit or communion please let the Parish office know or complete a card located at all Church exits.



Enrolments 2018

OPEN MORNING

Monday 8th May
9.30 to 10.30am

INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 8th May
7.00pm

For further more information
Please contact the School Office on
5482 1342 or follow the quick links to Enrolment
information" on our website
or visit www.smechuca.catholic.edu.au

21st May
St Mary's School
Auditorium 5pm



WE ARE FAMILY!

We will celebrate family week with a special family mass.

We will officially welcome Soulbella Phelan into the St Mary's family as we celebrate her Baptism.

We are especially asking people to bring a family photo with them so that we can make a Parish Family Photo Album.



We pray for the sick: Mary & Des Taylor, Mary Edwards, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Rosanna Taylor, Mary Roberts, Mary Byrne, Monica Murnane, Dennis Mullane, Fran Beehag, Enid Stapleton, Bruno Barbera, Peter Boyer, David Carter.

Deaths: Shane Fitzsimmons, John Kilmartin, Fr John O'Sullivan OSA, Paul Merrigan

Anniversaries: Allan Bolton, Mary Farley, Tony Tyndall

Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **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 24:13-35

Next week:

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm: PS 22:1-6

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10