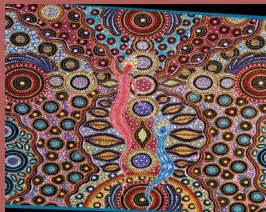


3rd Sunday of
Easter

14th & 15th April

Year B



year of youth
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

St Mary's Parish Echuca

Focus on the Readings

The holy gospel according to John is proclaimed on the Sundays of the Easter Season, except today.

On the third Sunday of Easter we hear the account of the disciples on the road the Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35 Year A) and returning from Emmaus to the apostles in Jerusalem (Luke 24:35-48 Year B).

Jesus appears to them but they are slow to realise who he is or thinking they were seeing a ghost.

Though their hearts burned within them on the road, and they were overjoyed in seeing Jesus, the disciples and the 11 apostles still had doubts, were frightened and dumbfounded.

We, too, like them experience the risen Lord, we believe in the resurrection of Lord and also have doubts about our faith or the faith community, are frightened in difficult situations and lack understanding at times. The Risen Christ offers us peace, his spirit to strengthen us and gives us insights into his teaching.

Indeed we can reread the Gospels in light of the resurrection and, in fact, read the Old Testament "the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44) in the light of Christ.

Quote of the week:

There is no path to peace, peace is the path. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Today we respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation including the 8 clans, Bangerang (Pangerang), Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira Ulupa, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Nguri-illiam-wurrung.

This land is sacred, this land is gift, this land is thousands of years old. We acknowledge the immense beauty of this land and the dreams of the Yorta-Yorta People.

We pay our respects to elders past and present and acknowledge the lessons the Yorta-Yorta people teach us about care, respect and justice for mother earth. We remember their story as we journey together in a spirit of hope, justice and peace.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am

Come & See 5.00pm
3rd Sunday of the month
March to November

Masses this week

Tuesday

Mass-6.00pm-PC

Wednesday

Mass-12noon

Thursday

Mass-9am-PC

Friday

Mass-9am-PC

Reconciliation

10.00 to 10.30am

NOTICES

PROCLAIM
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National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation

12 – 14 July 2018 - **Early Bird Registrations** and Group Discounts **now available**

This year the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Fiqueredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au and register at our early bird rate.

Wanted: Welcoming Households



The Rural Australians for Refugees Echuca Branch, in conjunction with the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project, is planning to host a group of refugees from Melbourne on the weekend May 5 and 6.

Local families played host to around 45 people on two previous occasions and the experience was a warm and enlightening one for all. Some in the wider community took time out to meet the visitors, who had seen little of the Australian countryside, and join in activities.

Once again we are seeking families willing to be part of this year's visit and welcome two or more people into their homes from mid Saturday till early afternoon Sunday.

RAR will organize a cup of tea on arrival and a shared lunch on Sunday.

For further information please contact:
Jenny Morris 54 821 427 / 0418 652 731 or
Kerry McLoughlan 54 801 827 / 0439 266 888.

Change of venue

Widows & Widowers
Morning Tea 10am—16th April
Held each 3rd Monday of the month
Echuca Riverloaf Bakery—145 Hare Street

We welcomed to our faith this weekend

Hanna Louise Brady
Daughter of
Nicholas & Nicole Brady
&
Kalvin Eli Narvasa
Son of
Jonas Narvasa & Cindy Austria

Kyabram Catholic Heritage, Ever Ancient Ever New,
1878 –2018

Weekend May 12th & 13th
Launch and Celebrations for Kyabram Parish History
More details at the back of the Church



STRENGTH & KINDLINESS



Want to know more about St. Joseph's College Echuca?

Please come along to the
YEAR 7 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, April 23rd at 7.00pm in the Oak Centre

Book in for a "Principal Tour"

Wednesday 28.03.18 9.00 & 9.45am

Monday 16.04.18 9.00 & 9.45am & 4.15 & 5.15pm

Wednesday 18.04.18 9.00 & 9.45am

To book a tour, contact Mrs Rhonda Battye

(03) 5482 2577 or registrars@sjc.vic.edu.au

Website: www.sjc.vic.edu.au

Collect an Enrolment Pack
at the College AFTER 23rd April 2018
if you are unable to attend.

Parking is available at VIC PARK

SINGING PRACTICE

Monday April 16th at 7.30pm in the Church

Learn something new - refresh the tried and true

All singers, instrumentalists and new faces are welcome.

Please bring your folders

Enquiries: Barbara 0429 380 032



April 21 & 22

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Olivia Lee, Lauren Lalor

10.00am Archie, Demont & Evie Ritchier

Commentators:

6.00pm Gabrielle Barrette

8.00am Ross Veale

10.00am Jenny Morris

Lectors:

6.00pm Doug Black, Marie McDonald

8.00am Margaret Duffy

10.00am Julie Moyle, Noela Boyer

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Colleen Edwards, Margaret Summers, Andrew Sebire

8.00am Leilani Dorupa, Nancy Goldrick, Jan Roberts

10.00am Caroline & Tony De Losa, Kay Westblade, Mel Slattery, Claire Hogan

Setting up for Mass:

6.00pm Terry McKiterick

8.00am Veronica Brown

10.00am Kathy Nanscawen

Altar Society:

Julie Moyle, Leanne Quinn

Glanville Communion:

Sr Cletus

Wharparilla Communion:

Mary Atkins, Kay Devitt

Bupa Communion:

Jen Mayes, Chris Wade

Home Communion:

Clem Mulcahy

Hospital Visiting:

Marg Summers, Carmel MacKenzie

Proof Reading-April 19

Chloris Dignan

Counting-April 24

Terry & Kathy Nanscawen

Lawns-April

Mick Bird

Baptism- April

Jacqui Deola

Calendar

Apri

16: Widows & Widowers—10am

Morning tea-Riverloaf Bakery

18: Christian Meditation-

10.45am to 12 noon-PC

18: CWL Meeting-12.30-PC

18: Bereavement meeting-5.30pm-PC

18: Faith Formation-PC-7.00pm

20: Parish Pastoral Council-12noon

25: ANZAC DAY- office closed

25: NO Christian Meditation

May

2: 18: Christian Meditation-

10.45am to 12 noon-PC

2: Soup and Sandwiches

6pm Mass on Tuesday 17th April to celebrate the life of Mary Gallagher, sister of Rosie Holmes, who died recently in Ireland.

All welcome - Cuppa afterwards

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: Des Taylor, Mary Edwards, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Mary Roberts, Mary Byrne, Enid Stapleton, Bruno Barbera, Anne Henderson, Jill Sutherland, Nikki Donahoo, Helen Munro, Frank Dullard, Judy Clark, Vanessa Rose Maroni, Matt O'Neill, Terry White, Jenna Brasier, Beatrice Phillips

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Michelle Ash, Duncan Smith, Eileen McDonald

Special Intentions:

We often have requests for prayers for special intentions . If you would like our community to pray for something special on a one off basis please call us on 5482 1127 or email us at admin@stmarysechuca.org.au

Your Dream School Programs

Have an opening for a 2 day a week paid chaplaincy position starting up as soon as possible. The school we have available is **Deniliquin North Public school**

The minimum qualifications for a chaplain are as follow:

- Equivalent qualifications to a Cert IV in Youth Work, Community Services, Pastoral Care or above
- Endorsement from a local church
- Paid Working with Children Check number & National Police Check

Applications for this position can be sent to to admin@yourdream.org.au or call our office on **1300 792 856**.

For more information, please visit our website www.yourdream.org.au



5pm Sunday 15th April

St Mary's Church

There is much excitement about this weekend's Come and See Mass, hosted by our Filipino community members, in the Church at 5pm Sunday. All parishioners are invited to the Mass and to share the hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass.

The next Come and See Mass on the 20th May will be a celebration of the birth of the Church – Pentecost! This is always a very special celebration and many people fondly remember the festivities at Pentecost Come and See a few years ago – please put the date in your calendar!!

Readings

1st Reading: Act of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy
and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

2nd Reading: St John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 24:35-48

Next week:

1st Reading: Act of the Apostles 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

2nd Reading: St John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18