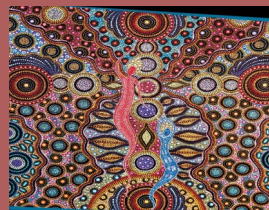


4th Sunday of  
Easter

21st & 22nd April

Year B



year of youth  
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

St Mary's Parish Echuca

## Focus on the Readings

If we were playing the familiar TV quiz show, Family Feud, and the question was: "What is the most well known verse of the Bible?" the number one answer would be Psalm 23: "The Lord is my Shepherd." It is well known for the tenderness and the consolation that it offers. This fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the text we hear from John's Gospel where Jesus proclaims: "I AM the Good Shepherd."

It reminds me some years ago nearly one hundred grade two children were preparing for reconciliation. In small groups they were each asked to make a sheep! You can picture it: a paper roll body, with glued-on cotton balls, with pipe cleaner legs, and a head we provided. When they completed their sheep, they were all placed on large table, with a green cloth and small statue of the Good Shepherd. At the end of the day, as the children were dismissed, I directed them to pick up their sheep to take home. I had forgotten to ask them to put their names on their sheep. To my amazement, every child knew the particular sheep they had made!

What a lesson for all of the adults who were present there that day. "I know my sheep and mine know me." In this Easter season, let us reflect anew about our relationship with God and with our risen Christ.

*Sister Sallie Latkovich, CSJ (CTU)*



## Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed this Sunday, 22 April, is also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**." The purpose of this day is to fulfil publicly the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matt 9:38; Luke 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. These provide a diversity of missionary services, community life and ministries at home and overseas.

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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-9.00am-Church

#### Thursday

No Mass

#### Friday

Mass-9am-PC

**Reconciliation  
10.00 to 10.30am**

# NOTICES

## Sabbatical

Priests are encouraged to take sabbatical leave every seven years allowing time away from their normal assignments for an extended time for continuing personal and ministerial formation.

We are thrilled that Fr Des has been granted a well deserved sabbatical leave, to maximise his time away he will also take an extra month for his annual leave, making four months in total.

He will be away from our Parish from May through to August this year.

Fr Ted McCormack will be here for the first two months and the subsequent weeks will be covered by three other visiting priests. There may be some small changes to weekday Mass times but we will keep you as updated as we go.

## 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 **Denilquin 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 [admin@yourdream.org.au](mailto:admin@yourdream.org.au) or call our office on **1300 792 856**.

For more information, please visit our website [www.yourdream.org.au](http://www.yourdream.org.au)

## 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.



## 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 Figaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

To find out more visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) and register at our early bird rate.

The best way to keep track of all that happens in our parish is to follow us on facebook . To stay in touch with news, events, people in our community and our schools:

@stmarysparishechuca



## Combined Family Groups Mass for Deceased members

Sunday April 29th @ 10.00am Mass

All Parishioners are invited to join Parish Family groups for tea and coffee following the Mass.

Family Group Members to please bring a plate.

## 'Soup & Sandwiches'

The Social Committee ladies are commencing this very popular gathering on Wednesday 2nd 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.

## April 28 & 29

Next Sunday please note some changes to the roster at the 10.00am Mass as it will be a combined Family groups Mass for Deceased Members of their families.

### Altar Servers:

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

**10.00am** Lachlan & Renee Gould, Meg Alberni

### Commentators:

**6.00pm** Mary Marwood

**8.00am** Mal Whyte

**10.00am** Marg Oman

### Lectors:

**6.00pm** Gabrielle Barrette, Petra Teggelove

**8.00am** Ross Veale

**10.00am** Mary Marwood, Rob Morris

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**6.00pm** Colleen Edwards, Nick Lee, Denise Morgan

**8.00am** John & Margot Vagg, Margaret Oman

**10.00am** Pat Sanderson, Noela Boyer, Margaret Summers, Carmel Mackenzie, Kathy Nanscawen

### Setting up for Mass:

**6.00pm** Margaret Turner

**8.00am** Marg Oman

**10.00am** Julie Moyle

### Altar Society:

Mary Marwood, Marg Summers, Marg Shearer

### Glanville Communion:

Terry McKiterick

### Wharparilla Communion:

Gabrielle Barrette & Andrew Sebire

### Bupa Communion:

Julie Moyle, Prue Galea

### Home Communion:

John & Julie Moyle

### Hospital Visiting:

Pat Sanderson, Mary Marwood

### Proof Reading-April 28

Margaret Spedding

### Counting-April 24

Terry & Kathy Nanscawen

### Lawns-May

Bernie Oliver & Tom Oliver

### Baptism- May

Mary Byrne

## Calendar

### April

**25: ANZAC DAY- office closed**

**25: Bereavement Meeting-5.30pm @ Carmel Mackenzie's**

**25: NO Christian Meditation**

**29: Combined Family Groups Mass for Deceased Members- 10.00am Mass**

**30: Fr Des leaves for Sabbatical**

### May

**2: Christian Meditation-10.45am to 12 noon-PC**

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

**5: Fr Ted Arrives in Parish**

**5&6: Refugee Weekend**

**11: Aged Care Services**

**16: CWL meeting -PC-12.30**

**20: Come & See Mass**

**23: Reconciliation Ceremony**

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

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

### Recent Death:

**Anniversary:** Jim Dullard, Paul Merrigan, Deceased members Shanahan & Doyle families, Antonio Surace, Domenica Luppino

Do you remember how special the Pentecost Come and See Mass was a couple of years ago?

Do you recall the power of the Spirit that was palpable amongst us?

Do you remember the candles and the flames?

Do you remember the birthday cake?

What a joyful celebration of the birth of the Church!!

Where we will do it all again!!



We're celebrating  
the Spirit!

**Sunday 20th May - 5pm**

**St Mary's School  
Auditorium**

St Mary's children will enflame our hearts with the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost.



# Readings

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. R.

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

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

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

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

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

## 2nd Reading: St John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet  
been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

**Today's Gospel: John 10:11-18**

**Next week:**

**1st Reading: Act of the Apostles 9:26-31**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32**

**2nd Reading: St John 3:18-24**

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**