

4th Sunday in Lent

Year A

29 & 30 March 2014



St Mary's Parish Echuca

Symbol - "Muddy paste"



Our gospel today "traces the journey towards faith of the man who was born blind, and contrasts his openness to the revelation of Jesus as the light of the world to the 'blindness' of the Pharisees who do not see or recognize the truth of who Jesus is." [Summit magazine]

Do we sometimes close our eyes to those in need around us?

What more positive options can we choose?

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.

PARISH STAFF

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am & 10am

Masses this week

Tuesday: 6pm
Parish Centre

Wednesday
12 Noon Church

Thursday: 9.15am
St Mary's School
Grade 1

Friday: 9.00am
Parish Centre

NOTICES

Friends of Glanville extends an invitation to all to attend an Open Garden at the home of Sandy & Noel Pearce, 74 Murray Drive Echuca (turn at O'Dwyers Rd) \$10pp, 1.30pm, **5 April**. A delicious afternoon tea will be served

Ecumenical Prayers will be held at the Uniting Church, corner Hare & Pakenham Street.
Wednesday 2 April at 9.30-10am
Everyone most welcome

Interested in knitting

We are looking for expressions of interest to start up a small knitting group. If you're keen, please contact Mary Fenn (5482 2910) or Julie Moyle (0409 826 336). We look forward to hearing from you

St Mary's School Building Community & Gardens - Together

Are you a keen gardener?

All welcome

Parents, grandparents, friends or anyone wishing to volunteer their time.

Working With Children Check required.

School will provide support with application.

We are hoping to start around the start of **Term 2**

Interested?

Please give Mel a call on 0427 822 589

Date Claimer: Sunday 22 June 2014

Mark the date in your diary today

Parish Luncheon

St Joseph's College Echuca

YEAR 7 2015

INFORMATION EVENING

(Parents & Grade 6 Students)



Tuesday, 6th May at 7.00pm in College Hall

Want to know more about St Joseph's College?

Book in for a "Principal Tour"

Tuesday 22.04.14 4.30 & 5.30pm

Thursday 24.04.14 9.15 & 9.45am & 4.30 & 5.30pm

Monday 28.04.14 9.15 & 9.45am & 4.30 & 5.30pm

Collect an Enrolment Pack at the College from 07.05.14

To book a tour, contact Mrs Rhonda Battye

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

Website: www.sjc.vic.edu.au

Invitations are extended to interested parishioners to be

Children's Liturgy Leaders

When children go to Children's Liturgy they experience the Word of God at their level. It is an opportunity to make the Word engaging and fun.

We are desperately short of leaders in this ministry. The only qualification required is a desire to bring God's Word to our children, resources and training are provided to support leaders.

Parents are especially encouraged to consider this ministry.

A Children's Liturgy of the Word facilitators' workshop will be held on

1st April 7.30

St Mary's Parish Centre

All interested people and current leaders are encouraged to attend this workshop to understand the concept of Children's Liturgy and the role of Leaders.

Any enquiries to Andrea Smith 0429130700 or Christine Sebire 5482 1127



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.



This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. Her favourite part of the school day is teaching the children songs from Caritas Australia's *Disaster Risk Management project* which was established after a string of natural disasters in the Pacific that threatened the homes and communities of people living in the Solomon Islands. Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency.

Please donate to Project Compassion today so we can continue to educate teachers like Martina and help keep children safe during an emergency.

RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.00-10.30am

5 & 6 April 2014

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Annabel Lee & Vincent McLindon
10.00am Jolyon & Kieran Hogan

Commentators:

6.00pm Rose Quinn
8.00am Phil Healy
10.00am Luci Quinn

Lectors:

6.00pm Doug Black/Marie McDonald
8.00am Mal Whyte
10.00am Charlie Pavone/Jenny Morris

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm M Atkins, M Marwood, M McLindon
8.00am R Pellegrino, J Roberts, N Goldrick
10.00am C Merrigan, R Morris, J Moyle, M Mullane, K Stewart

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Margaret Turner
8.00am Margot Vagg
10.00am Bernie Oliver

Altar Society 5 April

Noela Boyer, Carmel Devlin,
Pat Rifat

Glanville Communion 6 April

Gabrielle Barrett

Wharparilla Communion 6 April

Wendy Rolfe & Mary Byrne

Home Communion 6 April

Malia Black

Hospital Visiting 7 April

Sr Cletus Dullard, Beatrice & Peter
Phillips

Bulletin Proof Reader 4 April

Noela Boyer

Lawn Roster: April

John Zealley & Charlie Pavone

Counting 7 April

Terry & Kathy Nanscawen

Baptism Preparation.

April: Mary Byrne

Calendar 2014

March

31 Choir Practice 7.30pm

April

1 Lenten Prayer St Joseph's
College 7.30pm

2 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 10.30 Rosary at 11.30

2 *Lenten Reconciliation*
7.30pm

2 Foundation Day St Joseph's

3 Lenten Prayers PC 7.30pm

7 Choir practice 7.30pm

9 Blessing of the Oils Bendigo
(No mid day Mass)

14 Choir practice 7.30pm

17 Holy Thursday

18 Good Friday

30 Sacramental Faith Formation
7.30pm

PARISH NOTICES



RECONCILIATION

Our very popular liturgy for forgiveness and reconciliation will be held in the Church (next Wednesday) 2 April at 7.30pm

Lenten Reconciliation

Anointing Mass at Wharparilla Lodge

Tuesday 15th April 11am.

All Parishioners are most welcome to attend

St. Mary's & St Aloysius

Steps In Faith Sacramental Program

Enrolments are open for participation in preparation for:
First Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Eucharist

Enrolment forms may be collected from the
parish offices or St Mary's School Office

And must be completed and returned with payment by
02/04/14

Enquiries: Christine Sebire 5482 1127

Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday
Walk for Refugees in Melbourne

13th April, 2.00pm

By marching together we publicly proclaim our belief that those seeking refuge in our land deserve a Christian and humanitarian response.

A group of parishioners will be travelling by train for the event, to join the Brigidine Asylum Seekers contingent.

There is strength in numbers can you join them?

More information is available at Church entrances or by contacting Christine Sebire 0411627645 or Cecilia 0400863190

To all parishioners.

If you would like to be part of the Holy Week ceremonies as a lector, minister of the Eucharist or in one of the many other roles please let the parish office know. If you will be away could you also please advise the office as this helps the liturgy committee in their planning.

We pray for the sick: Shannon Ainsley, Betty Baker, Molly Byrne, Owen Cannard, Ken Cullen, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Anna Frattin, Marie Gough, Jenny Hawker, Christine Hughes, Jan Hynes, Leonie Kelly, Mandy Lees, Eunice Long, Emma McLoughlan, Howard Menz, Fiona O'Brien, Barry & Dot Sharkey, Mary Sanderson, Stella Sims, Mary Taylor, Jack Stanley, Thomas Murphy

Recently Deceased: Judith Colville

Anniversaries: Beryl Robertson, Carl Mueller & Vin Danaher

Readings from Scripture.

A reading from the first book of Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

**The Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation. John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, say the Lord: whoever follows me will have the light of life, Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today's: Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 129

2nd Reading: St Paul 8: 8-11 Gospel John 11:3-7,17,20-27, 33-45