

5th Sunday in Lent

Year A

5 & 6 April 2014



# St Mary's Parish Echuca



## - Symbol - 'Cloth bindings'

Jesus says "Unbind him. Let him go free."

What things 'bind' us as we live our lives?

What do we need to do to shed those bonds and be open to God?

### Keep watch and pray.

You are invited to spend time in prayer in the church after the 7pm mass on Holy Thursday evening. So that there is someone continually "keeping watch and praying" there is a roster at the back of the church.

Please add your name to a time slot that suits you.

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

*Parish Priest Fr. Des Welladsen*

#### *Pastoral Associates*

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#### *Secretary*

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#### Parish Office Hours:

*Monday 9.00am -12noon*

*Tues - Fri 8.30am -3.00pm*

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#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am & 10am

#### Masses this week

Tuesday: 6pm  
Parish Centre

Wednesday 10am  
Blessing of the Oils  
in Bendigo. All Welcome  
(NO MASS)

Thursday: 9.00am  
Parish Centre

Friday: 9.00am  
Parish Centre

# NOTICES

Quinn/Shingles Family Group  
(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Anyone intending to be part of our "Trivia Night" at St Mary's Parish Centre on FRIDAY 11th APRIL please contact Glenese & John Zealley so that seating can be arranged. Remember a small plate for supper

**Date Claimer:**

**Sunday 22 June 2014**

**Mark the date in your diary today  
for the Parish Luncheon**

## St Joseph's College Echuca YEAR 7 2015

**INFORMATION EVENING  
(Parents & Grade 6 Students)**



**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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@sje.vic.edu.au](mailto:rbattye@sje.vic.edu.au)

Website: [www.sje.vic.edu.au](http://www.sje.vic.edu.au)

### BECs

#### Community Church Groups

The BEC ministry continues to grow quietly in the background of our parish with different areas proceeding at different rates. Visitors will meet this Thursday at 5.30 for moral support and an update.

Experiences so far have been very positive, with some visitors sharing touching stories of parishioner responses.

We are still short of visitors especially in Echuca South and West, if you feel you could be a visitor please join us for a drink and chat on Thursday afternoon or contact Christine Sebire 5482 1127

### Painting of the Church

Have you noticed how the freshly painted internal walls of the church look?

Shane & Jason did a fantastic job to have the church completely painted within a week.

### Date Claimer

Combined Family Groups morning tea,  
Sunday 27 April following 10am Mass

Come and enjoy outstanding exhibits of flowers, fruit, vegetables and award winning floral artistry.

**Echuca Horticultural Society Autumn Exhibition**  
11 & 12 April. Entry \$10 includes afternoon tea



Your support for Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia work towards the creation of a world that God desires to be just and compassionate.



Far from home for dialysis treatment, Aboriginal woman Lorraine is reconnecting with her culture and community through an income-generating bush balm program. The program offers people who are chronically unwell, a sense of purpose, comfort and wellbeing.

**Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your support ensures that together we are walking alongside Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the world.**

**RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.00-10.30am**

## 12 & 13 April

### **Altar Servers:**

6.00pm Harriet Fulton & Tiah D'Angri  
10.00am Jonah Shingles & Bridget Byrne

### **Commentators:**

6.00pm Marie McDonald  
8.00am Tim Fulton  
10.00am Brendan Shingles

### **Lectors:**

6.00pm Rose Quinn/Mary Atkins  
8.00am Phil Healy  
10.00am Luci Quinn/Noela Boyer

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

6.00pm M McCleary, M Black, A Sebire  
8.00am J & M Vagg, M Oman  
10.00am K Nanscawen, J Stewart,  
M Westblade, T Green, K Westblade

### **Setting up for Mass**

6.00pm M McDonald,  
8.00am C Dignan  
10.00am T Jacobs

### **Altar Society 12 April**

Mary Atkins, Julie Moyle, Leanne Quinn. **MARRIAGE FRIDAY**

### **Glanville Communion 13 April**

Richard Barry

### **Wharparilla Communion 12 April**

Noela Boyer & Pat Sanderson

### **Home Communion 13 April**

Beatrice Phillips

### **Hospital Visiting 14 April**

Margaret Summers & Carmel Mackenzie

### **Bulletin Proof Reader 11 April**

Margaret Spedding

### **Lawn Roster: April**

John Zealley & Charlie Pavone

### **Counting 14 April**

Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy, Peter Davey

### **Baptism Preparation.**

**April:** Mary Byrne

## **Calendar 2014**

### April:

7 Choir Practice 7.30pm

8 Pastoral Council meeting  
7.30pm P.C

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

10 BEC's meeting 5.30pm P.C

10 Lenten Prayer 7.30pm P.C

13 PALM SUNDAY

14 Choir Practice 7.30pm

15 Anointing Prayers, Glanville  
Aged Care 10am

15 Anointing Mass, Wharparilla  
Aged Care 11am

**(No evening Mass)**

16 Lenten Prayer 10.30am

16 Parish Anointing Mass 12pm

## ***PARISH NOTICES***

### **Easter Liturgy & Mass times**

**Holy Thursday 7pm**

**Good Friday**

**10am Walk of Witness (beginning at Uniting Church)**

**3pm Good Friday Liturgy at St Mary's**

**Easter Saturday: Vigil Mass 7.30pm**

**Easter Sunday: Mass 8am & 10am**

### ***Anointing Mass at Wharparilla Lodge***

***Tuesday 15th April 11am.***

***All Parishioners are most welcome to attend***

### ***PARISH ANOINTING MASS***

All parishioners are invited to a parish anointing Mass in the church on  
**WEDNESDAY 16 April at 12noon.**

We ask that you tell any family or friends who may like to come. If transport is needed please advise the parish office.

### **Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**Anniversaries: Thomas & Travis Atkins, Marie Barry, James Murnane, Emilo Columbro, Ben Symons, Christopher Benson, Oscar Partridge**

## Readings from Scripture.

### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ear be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. R.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) R.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. R.

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### Gospel Acclamation. John 11:25,26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, say the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

**Today's Gospel: John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45**

**Nest week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 Responsorial Psalm: Ps.21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2nd Reading: St Paul 2: 6-11 Gospel Matthew 27: 11-54