

Palm Sunday

Year A

12 & 13 April 2014



St Mary's Parish Echuca

Three Days, One Celebration

This week we come to the most important celebration of our church's liturgical year with what is known as the Easter Triduum.

"This celebration begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday evening.

It may seem strange that this period of four days is referred to as the Triduum, a word meaning 'three days'. Here the church follows the Jewish method of counting a day from sunset to sunset: Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening is the first day, Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening the second, and Holy Saturday evening to Easter Sunday evening the third day.

The Triduum is best understood as one three-day-long liturgy, or as one liturgy with three different moments. The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way, but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession . . . It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal and people depart in silence. The liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday give the sense of being unfinished. They leave us up in the air, waiting for something more. And there is more!

At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The liturgy concludes with the joyful and paschal dismissal: "Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia" as we process out to the sounds of the triumphant Easter hymn.

We again celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days." [Liturgy Lines]

All Parishioners and visitors are invited to come and experience one or all of these liturgies.

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.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10am

Masses this week
Tuesday
Anointing Mass at
Wharparilla
No 6pm Mass

Wednesday 12noon
Anointing Mass

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 3pm

Saturday Easter Vigil 7.30pm
Easter Sunday 8am & 10am

NOTICES

CWL members, please note change of meeting date:
Wednesday 23 April at 1pm

Caritas Fundraiser

Get ready for the cold days ahead!

Four ute loads of firewood available

\$70 each including delivery

Names and payment to St Mary's Parish office (cash or cheque)

All money to Caritas Australia

First in warmest house!

Combined Family Group Morning Tea

Parishioners are invited to enjoy morning tea with the combined family groups in the garden of the Parish Centre following 10am Mass on Sunday 27 April.

(Family group members are asked to bring a plate)



Warmest Best Wishes and Congratulations to Rebecca Tampion & Mark Harrison who were married here at St Mary's on Friday

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@sje.vic.edu.au

Website: www.sje.vic.edu.au

Bulletin information. Office hours over the Easter period and changes to email addresses

Notices for the bulletin for the next two weeks need to be emailed or delivered to the office as soon as possible. The bulletin will be printed early on Thursday 17 and 24 April. The office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday and again for Anzac Day 25 April.

New email addresses for Fr Des, the Office, Anne & Christine Pastoral Associates are as follows:

Fr Des: fatherdes@stmarysechuca.org.au

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Check out the web site from time to time. If you have missed a copy of the bulletin you can view it on the website-on downloads

Pick up a copy of the Diocese News — *the Sandpiper today*

Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to lift the voices of the poor and promote the dignity of each person, regardless of ethnicity, religion or cultural beliefs.

This week we meet Nirangini who grew up in a small peaceful fishing village in Sri Lanka. From 1983 to 2009 a civil war affected Sri Lanka, and Nirangini and her entire community were forced to leave their village.

They returned after the war with nothing, but thanks to Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Sri Lanka, Nirangini now has a permanent home and through participating in an income generation program, she and her son are re-establishing their lives.



Please donate to Project Compassion today so partnerships like this can continue to grow.



RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.00-10.30am

19 & 20 April 2014 EASTER

Altar Servers:

6.00pm TBA
10.00am TBA

Commentators:

6.00pm TBA
8.00am TBA
10.00am TBA

Lectors:

6.00pm TBA
8.00am TBA
10.00am TBA

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm TBA
8.00am TBA
10.00am TBA

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm M Atkins
8.00am M Oman
10.00am J Moyle

Altar Society 19 April

Mary Marwood, Margaret Summers
& Marg Shearer

Glanville Communion 20 April

Peter McCoy

Wharparilla Communion 19 April

Sr Cletus Dullard

Home Communion 20 April

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Hospital Visiting 21 April

Pat Sanderson & Mary Marwood

Bulletin Proof Reader 17 April

Mary Atkins

Lawn Roster: April

John Zealley & Charlie Pavone

Counting 21 April

Margaret Hart & Roma Bowman

Baptism Preparation.

April: Jacqui Deola

Calendar 2014

April:

14 Choir Practice 7.30pm

15 Anointing Prayers

Glanville Aged Care 10am

15 Anointing Mass 11am

Wharparilla Aged Care

(No evening Mass)

16 Parish Anointing Mass

12noon

16 Social Justice meeting

7.30pm

17 Holy Thursday

18 Good Friday

23 CWL meeting 1pm

23 Finance Committee
meeting 1pm

PARISH NOTICES

Easter Liturgy & Mass times

**Mass of our Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday 7pm**

Good Friday

10am Walk of Witness

(beginning at Uniting Church)

3pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Saturday: Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: Mass 8am & 10am

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

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.

A thought! You are braver than you believe, stronger than
you seem and smarter than you think. Anon

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

Anniversaries: Ced Summers, Noel Smith, Antonino Suraci & Domanica Luppino

Readings from Scripture.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

Next week: Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 Responsorial Psalm: Ps.117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: St Paul 5: 6-8 Gospel John 20:1-9