



17 & 18 October 2015

St Mary's Parish Echuca

This weekend we as parish stand in solidarity with a small group of refugees who are starting life in a new country, we learn of their trials, their challenges we show them our support and take action on their behalf where we can, so we live out a principal of Catholic Social Teaching. Copies of this year's Social Justice Statement will be available after it is launched at dinner with our guests this weekend.

Solidarity

Solidarity is undoubtedly a Christian virtue ... In the light of faith, solidarity seeks to go beyond itself, to take on the specifically Christian dimension of total gratuity, forgiveness and reconciliation. One's neighbour is then not only a human being with his or her own rights and a fundamental equality with everyone else, but becomes the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and placed under the permanent action of the Holy Spirit.

John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987 #40

The principle of solidarity means basically that we are all really responsible for each other. It is not about a vague sort of compassion or shallow distress at others' misfortune, but involves a determination to commit oneself to working for change so that everyone will be able to reach their potential. It is about respect for and the promotion of the dignity and rights of our sisters and brothers.

Solidarity

- Acknowledges that our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, cultural, economic and ideological differences
- Respects and promotes personal, social, economic, cultural and political rights
- Presents a spiritual and material solidarity with all people, especially those who are marginalised, vulnerable or distressed, giving priority to those in greatest need.

Everyone has the right to access the goods of creation to meet their needs. People and nations have no right to squander resources when others are in need.

Examples for us to think about:

- Advocacy for refugees
- Letters to politicians in support of refugee policy change
- Homelessness forums
- Join the St Mary's Social Justice Group

We acknowledge the Yorta Yorta and Bangerang people, the traditional owners and custodians of this country. We pay our respects to their elders past and present for their care of the land.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10am
3rd Sunday of month: 5pm

Masses this week

Tuesday
Mass 6pm—PC

Wednesday
Mass - Noon

Thursday
Mass 9am—PC

Friday
Mass 9am PC

Visitors and visiting



Being connected with others is very important to us all, and sometimes as we relocate to different areas, or become sick or just plain older, we can become isolated. We want every member of our community to feel valued and wanted. One way to show this is to visit others.

At the moment we are trying to reinvigorate our visiting group.

If you know of someone who would like a casual visit and chat please let us know, and if you would be willing to visit 2 or 3 people when you have time please, please let us know.

If you are already visiting, also please let us know who you are visiting to avoid some people being left out while others have multiple visitors.

We are having a meeting at the Parish Centre on Monday 18th October at 2.00pm to review our Parish Visiting and plan for the future. Please come and share your knowledge, or leave a message for Anne at the Parish Office 54821127 or on anne@stmarysechuca.org.au

St Mary's Bereavement Support Group's

**Memorial Mass of Remembrance
will be held 6 November at 7pm.
All welcome**

Combined Family Groups ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Sunday 25th October 12.30pm at Moama on Murray Resort. BBQ Luncheon \$20per head, nibbles, slices, tea & coffee provided—BYO Drinks
Come for the BBQ, stay for the competition & prizes
ALL parishioners welcome
RSVP & payment to your family Group leader by the 16th October
Questions? Contact Carmel & Ted Mackenzie Coordinators on 5480 9422

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'

Come and see some of our parishioners in the Live Theatre production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Paramount Theatre Oct 23-25 & 29-31 - 5482 3399

Stewardship Program 9 & 10 October

Support of the Parish: \$1209.00
Loose: \$ 225.90



Year of Consecrated Life

St Mary's Church

Saturday 7 November

Celebrating the wonderful contribution of Religious to our faith community many of whom are returning to Echuca for this weekend

Program:

Tour of St Mary's Primary School 3pm
4pm Afternoon tea and tour of St Joseph's College

6pm Mass of Celebration

followed by a complimentary
BBQ dinner at the Parish Centre
All most welcome— BYO drinks

For catering purposes

RSVP no later than 2 November

admin@stmarysechuca.org.au
call the parish office 5482 1127

Or place the form below in the box provided at the back of the church

I/we will attend the BBQ dinner— 7 November

Name/s _____

Wharparilla Lodge Auxiliary
Invites you to attend the Oaks Day Luncheon
Thursday 5 November
Cunningham Downs Hall
Tickets \$25
Contact Marie McDonald 5482 3021



We welcome through Baptism this weekend

Edward Alan Mackenzie

Son of Stuart & Kelly Mackenzie of Broome WA

Congratulations to

Kaitlin Christian & Brenton Dillon
on their marriage at St Mary's this weekend

24 & 25 October

Altar Servers:

6.00pm Josh D'Angri, Vincent McLindon
10.00am Archer & Dermott Ritchie & Hugh Byrne

Commentators:

6.00pm Gabrielle Barrette
8.00am Margaret Oman
10.00am Barbara Green

Lectors:

6.00pm Doug Black, Anne Kotsiakos
8.00am Sr Margaret Duffy
10.00am Noela Boyer, Mary Mullane

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.00pm Mary Marwood, Malia Black, Sheree D'Angri
8.00am Nancy Goldrick, Ros Pellegrino, Judy Clark
10.00am Clem Mulcahy, Luci Quinn, Bernie Oliver, Kay Westblade, Kathy Nanscawen

Setting up for Mass

6.00pm Margaret Summers
8.00am Veronica Brown
10.00am Julie Moyle

Altar Society

Mary Atkins, Julie Moyle, Leanne Quinn

Glanville Communion

Matt McLindon

Wharparilla Communion

Wendy Rolfe, Mary Byrne

Bupa Communion

Gabrielle Barrette

Home Communion

Malia Black

Hospital Visiting - 26 Oct

Pat Sanderson & Mary Marwood

Bulletin Proof Reader— 23 Oct

Brendan Shingles

Lawn Roster - Oct

Bernie Oliver & Rob Morris

Counting - 19 October

Terry & Kathy Nanscawen

Baptism - Oct

Mary Byrne

Children's Liturgy

Calendar 2015

October

18: Visiting Plan meeting-2pm
19: Widow & Widowers –
10.00am Complete Garden
20: Social Justice Group-7.30pm
21: CWL Meeting-12 noon
21: Bereavement Mtg—5.30pm
21: Young Mums Group—2pm
25: Combined Family Group

November

6: Bereavement Memorial
Mass—7pm
7: Year of the Consecrated Life
Dinner



18 October
5pm St Mary's School Auditorium
COME & SEE MASS
AT YOUR SERVICE!
A relaxed, relational Mass experience

A prayer for justice for refugees and asylum seekers

God of mercy, help me to remember:
My ancestors came across the seas!
Help me keep in my mind
Those who came long ago
And those who now come to our shores.
As I face you in prayer, God of Compassion,
I remember my country's words:
Send them back or Stop the boats.
Then I fear, not your anger
But the steady gaze of boundless love
and unlimited compassion
That impel me to hear Jesus' command:
Love one another, as I have loved you
Or Pope Francis' call to open our hearts

To a universal communion
Which excludes nothing and no one.
Daring to step into such relationship, I pray
For those forced to leave family,
home and all they hold dear;
May they find safe passage and helping hands.
I pray for an end to the wars and oppression
that forced them to leave;
I pray that those who welcome them
are blessed in abundance.
And with deep humility
and a heart hungry for justice,
I pray that we Australians, citizens and leaders,
Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts

That we may see, understand and welcome
our brothers and sisters.
May our change of heart penetrate to our beginnings
As strangers in this land.
May we allow those we displaced
– the First People of this land – to welcome us.
Then knowing, in humility, what it is to be welcomed,
We will know how to welcome
the strangers who come to our shores.
This we ask in the name of Jesus your Son,
In whom we are no longer strangers.
Amen.

We pray for the sick: Shannon Ainsley, Mary Sanderson, Stella Sims, Mary Taylor, Jack Stanley, Barbara Handley, Mac Sandercock, Mary & Jack Edwards, Patricia Vagg, Cheryl Carey, Gladys Tarr, Rosanna Taylor, Mary Roberts, Charlie Pavone, Christine Hughes

Recently Deceased: Pat McCormick (Barb Green's Mum), Marie Hermans (Sr Brigida's sister) Mons. Byran Long, Terry Anderson

Anniversaries: Dorothy Carter, Bill Vagg, James Kyle, Flor Quezada

Readings

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4: 14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Responsorial Psalm: .32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Today's Gospel Mark 10:35-45

Next week 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Responsorial Psalm: 125

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52