

**Reflection**     *Dismissal at Easter*

After the final blessing at Mass on the Easter Vigil, Easter Day and days within the Octave of Easter and again on Pentecost Sunday the Deacon or Celebrant says or sings one of the two formulae:  
Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

And the people respond:

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

The Hebrew word Hallelujah as an expression of praise to God was preserved, untranslated, by the Early Christians as a superlative expression of thanksgiving, joy, and triumph. Thus it appears in the ancient Greek Liturgy of St. James, in Jerusalem and elsewhere "Alleluia" would seem to be a prayer sung by the choir. Some have suggested the acclamation arises from an onomatopoeic rendition of the ancient tradition of ululation.



**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Weekend Mass Times: 6th & 7th April 2024**

**Saturday: 7:30pm Mass**  
**Sunday : 9:30am Mass**

**Weekday Masses: 8th - 12th April**

**Tuesday: 10.00am Funeral Mass Anne Dodd**  
**Wednesday: 12 Noon Mass Church**  
**Farewell Sr Margaret with a Cuppa**  
**Thursday: 9.00am Mass Parish Centre**  
**Friday: 9.00am Mass Parish Centre**  
**10.00am Aged Care Liturgy**

**Weekend Mass Times: 13th & 14th April 2024**

**Saturday: 6:00pm Mass**  
**Sunday : 9:30am Mass**

**Reconciliation:** Approach Fr Novie before Mass  
**Baptism:** Every Second Sunday of the Month  
**Weddings:** By Appointment with the Parish Priest  
**Sophia Sisters:** Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)  
**Men's Group:** Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. 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.

If you wish to assist in "further supporting the Parish" we offer different ways of giving... direct debit, credit card or planned giving envelopes. Please ring the office for more details.  
**PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS are as follows:**  
**St Mary's Echuca: BSB Number: 083-543**  
**Account Number: 45-782-9206**

**Child Safety: Through our policies and practices, we protect the right of children to feel safe and to be safe. We promote the well-being and inclusion of all children. For more information, contact the parish office and look for the Child Safety Officer Mel Slattery.**

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH CALENDAR (April)

**10th April** - Liturgy Meeting 5.00pm  
**12th April** - Aged Care Liturgy 10.00am  
**16th April** - Finance Meeting 5.00pm  
**24th April** - Ladies Night 5.30pm \* Bereavement Meeting 5.00pm  
**27th April** - G'Day Weekend Parish Feast Day (Senior Leadership Team & Filipino Community)  
**28th April** - G'Day Weekend Anzac Day Mass (Family Groups)

### Farewell Sr Margaret!

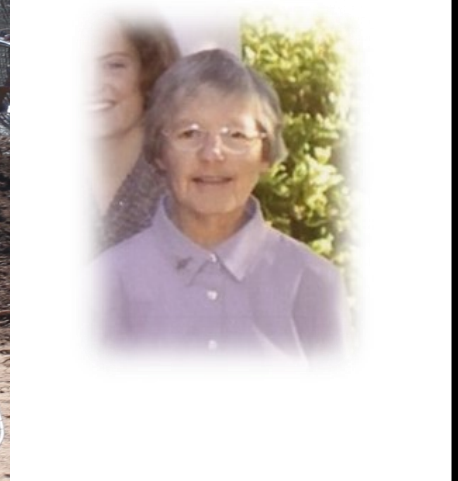
After nearly 30 years as an active member of the Brigidine Community in Echuca, Sr Margaret is leaving us to join our Brigidine community in Hawthorn. Margaret taught at St Joseph's for many years and then worked in the Library prior to retiring. She has been an active member of our St Mary's Community over the years: singing in the choir, proof-reading bulletins, cleaning the Church and always ready for a chat with parishioners. While this is a big change for Margaret, she is joining a group of Brigidines whom she knows well. We are sad to say goodbye, Margaret, but our loving wishes and prayers go with you as you settle into your new home.

On Wednesday 10th April we will have a cuppa after midday Mass to officially farewell Margaret before she leaves on Thursday.

### Join Us in Honouring Sr. Margaret Duffy

As we express our deepest gratitude to Sr. Margaret Duffy for her unwavering dedication and remarkable contributions to our parish, we invite you to a special tribute during Mass this Saturday at 6 p.m. Additionally, we extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to join us for a casual cup of coffee after Mass this Wednesday in the Parish Meeting Room for a celebration of her legacy and the profound impact she has made on all of our lives, an opportunity to say our farewell to Sr. Margaret. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fr. Novie



# Hangabout Playgroup

9am - 10:15am Friday mornings during the school terms.

St Mary's Parish 224 Anstruther St Echuca  
(enter via side gate).

Enjoy fun activities - craft, singing, story time, outdoor play with the kids and meet others.

Mums, Dads & Carers are all very welcome

Contact Mel Slattery 0417 822 589 if you require further details.

**The playgroup will recommence on Friday 19th April after school holidays.**

**Fr Novie Lim has been appointed by Bishop Shane to act as Administrator of the Co-huna, Kerang and Pyramid Hill parishes, while Fr. Dean will take his sabbatical leave in the Philippines from 1 April to 10 August.**

## ROSTERS THIS WEEK

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Commentators/Lectors:**

**6.00pm:** Christine Sebire  
Kajini Karunanayke

**9.30am:** Theresa Jacobs  
Chris Armstrong, Judi O'Farrell

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**6.00pm:** Carmel MacKenzie

**9.30am:** Mel Slattery, John Vagg

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Noela Boyer

**St Anne's Church Cleaners:** 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan

**Setting up the Church:** 6<sup>th</sup> Rose Quinn

**Setting up the Church:** 7<sup>th</sup> Noela Boyer

**Baptism Preparation:** Sarah Byrne

**Counters:** 9<sup>th</sup> Roma Bowman & Margaret Hart

**Hospital Visiting:** 8<sup>th</sup> Karla Chisholm

**Gardening:** John Zealley, Ken Hatfield, Alfred Grigg

## Carers Victoria free workshops:

Carers Victoria is the statewide voice for family carers and providing support and advice to carers. Free workshops are available to carers.

17 April Wodonga ) 9.20 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

18 April Echuca ) Last Days workshop

22 April Bendigo. Support Services for Carers

5 May Bendigo. Free Carers' lunch. 12- 2 p.m. For those living in Bendigo

Shepparton areas.

To book, or for more information, contact Education Services on 1800 514 845 or email [education@carersvictoria.org.au](mailto:education@carersvictoria.org.au)

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

## **Can and Bottle Collection Point!**

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to the can collection point beside the kiosk. We can accept – aluminium cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, paper cartons and steel bottles/cans. We CANNOT accept wine bottles (small or large). Thank you for your continued support.

## ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Commentators/Lectors:**

**6.00pm:** Mary Atkins  
Rose Quinn, Ruth Phillips

**9.30am:** Cecilia Merrigan  
Win Lavery, Lauren Gould

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**6.00pm:** Carol Purdon

**9.30am:** Bebber Mitchell, Margaret Hart

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Terry McKiterick

**St Anne's Church Cleaners:** 13<sup>th</sup> Loretta Holman

Mary Byrne

**Setting up the Church:** 13<sup>th</sup> Christine Sebire

**Setting up the Church:** 14<sup>th</sup> Rachel McAsey

**Baptism Preparation:** Sarah Byrne

**Counters:** 16<sup>th</sup> Pat Whyte & Adrian Costello

**Hospital Visiting:** 15<sup>th</sup> Carmel Mackenzie

**Gardening:** John Zealley, Ken Hatfield, Alfred Grigg

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

**Sick:** Julio and Nati Acebron, David Baker, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, John & Chloris Dignan, Caroline Farley, Bernadette McClelland, Fred Molluso, John Monigatti, Margaret Oman, Murray Perrett, Beatrice Phillips, Peter Phillips, Meredith (Maddick) Ryan, Patricia Vogeles, Jodie Walton, Jayden Williams, Judy Wallace, Colleen Bosse, Bruce Haines, Sue Dalton (Johnson).

**Anniversaries:** Val Campbell, Patricia Vagg, Julie Holden, Emilio Columbro, Ced Summers, Eileen Young, Ted Musgrove, Tom & Travis Atkins, Mary Comer, Kath Roberts, Michelle Ash, Duncan Smith.

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Dodd

**First Reading**

Acts 4:32-35

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**The word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone,  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

**Second Reading** 1 John 5:1-6**A reading from the first letter of St John**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

**The word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!****Gospel**

John 20:19-31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord.****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****Next week: 3rd Sunday of Easter****6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April Year B****1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19****Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9****2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5****Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**