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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

13th & 14th June 2026

Parish Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

It was at Rephidim that the Amalekites attacked Moses and the Israelites during the great exodus (Ex 17:13). The defeat of the Amalekites showed God's protection in answer to Moses' prayer and confirmed the covenant once more that God had chosen his people among all the nations. Today's first reading concludes with the words: "I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." These words we heard six weeks ago in St Peter's homily to the newly baptised (1 Pet 2:9). Yet it is to all the nations that the message of salvation must be preached.

There is both tension and harmony in the selection of Scripture reading this Sunday. The tension arises from establishing our identity, unity and mission in a complex world of conflict, disunity and interconnections. The harmony is found in the sense of beings a consecrated people, a people that is the sheep of God's flock and whom God calls us by name.

The naming of the twelve is more than a count of the Apostles and getting to know them. This naming became way for Christ to identify them as his own and as a call to mission. "Apostle" means: "One who is sent" Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom firstly to their own people (Matt 10:5) but eventually to all the nations (Matt 28:19).

The Gospel shows Christ's passion for his people and heartfelt desire to bring them with him: "He felt sorry for them ... so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 13th & 14th June 2026

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

Weekday Masses: 15th – 19th June 2026

Wednesday: 12:00pm Mass
Thursday: 11am Funeral Julie Appleby
12.30pm Year 5 Liturgy at School
Friday: 10:30am Funeral Jan Roberts

Reconciliation:**Baptism:****Weddings:****Sophia Sisters:****Men's Group:****Ladies Drinks:****G'Day Weekend:****Children's Liturgy:**

Approach Fr Novie before Mass
Every Second weekend of the Month
By Appointment with the Parish Priest
Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)
Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)
4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)
Every 3rd Weekend of the Month
Every G'Day Weekend

St Mary's Choir takes to the road



On Wednesday morning, the St Mary's Choir will be taking to the road to share music and joy with the residents of Echuca Community for the Aged.

During last year's visit, the residents eagerly requested songs for our return performance. The most popular choice was 'Follow Your Dreams' by The Seekers – a group our young choir members had never heard of until then!

We're delighted to say we've attempted to learn the song and are excited to give it a go. We're hoping for plenty of crowd participation from our wonderful audience.

Quotes for the Day

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know.

William Wilberforce

Pope Leo XIV on Mission & the Apostles

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

Message for 100th World Mission Day 2026

SOPHIA
Sisters

Ladies Weekly Prayer and Catch Up
1.30pm Tuesdays Parish Meeting Room



A friendly, reflective, supportive group of women. We gather together weekly, sharing faith and nurturing one another. We would be so pleased to welcome you!



May the warm embrace of our Christian community extend a joyful welcome to

Khalil, Lenny,
Daisy and Leo

as they receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Safeguarding

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 our Safeguarding Officer:

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Parish Calendar

16th June:	10.00am Peter Davey's Funeral in Ballarat *1.30pm Sophia Sisters *5.00pm Liturgy Meeting * 5.15pm Finance Meeting
17th June:	12.30pm Soup & Sandwiches after Mass *5.00pm Bereavement Meeting
18th June:	12.30pm Liturgy Year 5 (St. Mary's Primary School)
19th June:	9.00am Mary's Makers
20th & 21st June:	G'Day Weekend
23rd June:	1.30pm Sophia Sisters
24th June:	5.30pm Ladies Drinks

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Patricia Vogeles, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Maureen McKenner, Alistair Corman, Jim Byrne, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Maurice O'Connor, Antonia Molluso, David Baker, Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac, John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon, Veronica Brown, Margaret Summers, Geoff Brown, Barb Smith, Paul Wallace, Margaret Hoelter

Death Anniversaries

Michael Symons, Margaret Musgrove, Kevin Arnold, Ted Payne, Leigh Dignan, Kate Arnold, Gavan Bowman, Ron Barkas, John Woolnough, Rita Perera, Marie Pilsbury, Margaret and Hilary Atkins

Recent Deaths

Peter Davey, Julie Appleby, Jan Roberts

Roster THIS Week				13 th & 14 th June	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Christine Sebire, Nick Lee, Tania Dixon			Prue Crowe-Galea, Chris Lee	Christine Sebire
9:30am	Noela Boyer, Doreen Stringer, Kerry McLoughlan			Rob Morris Loretta Holman	Kate Bruty
Prayers of the Faithful		Kath Quinn	Counters	Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello	
St. Anne's	Kaye Westblade, Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton			Hospital Visit	Carmel McKenzie
Roster NEXT Week				20 th & 21 st June	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Kristy Serpell Carol Purdon, Mary Atkins			Tharaka De Silva Leah Williams	Tania Dixon
9:30am	Rachel McAsey Anne-Marie Cairns, Doreen Stringer			Kay Westblade Margaret Hart	Julie Moyle
Prayers of the Faithful		Noela Boyer	Counters	Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams	
St. Anne's	Cindy & Jonas Narvasa			Hospital Visit	Barb Green
Monthly (June)					
Gardening	Jim & Prue Galea Rose Quinn			Baptism Prep	Bec Lloyd

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3, 5

**R. We are his people:
the sheep of his flock**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
20th & 21st June 2026**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33