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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.

20th & 21st June 2026

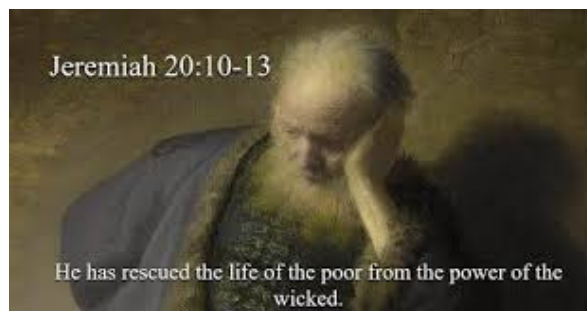
Parish Newsletter

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah is a very colourful character in the Old Testament. He is a reluctant but inexhaustible prophet. He is a gentle soul but a persistent activist to bring God's message of repentance, conversation and justice for the poor. He had no followers like Isaiah, his own compatriots ridiculed him, the authorities tried to ignore him. The first reading today is known as the fifth Confession of Jeremiah, the others are in chapters 11, 25, 17 and 18. His former friends denounce him and plot against him (see the image on the left). Jeremiah foresees the deliverance of the people by God and encourages them to stand firm.

As Jesus is identified as the suffering servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus is also identified as the persecuted one we see in Jeremiah. In foreseeing his own trials and persecutions Jesus warns the apostles that they too would suffer trials and rejection. Jesus concludes with comforting words making real the presence and compassion of the Father.



PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 20th & 21st June 2026

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

Weekday Masses: 22nd – 26th June 2026

Wednesday: 12:00pm Mass
Thursday: 12.30pm Year 6 Liturgy at School

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

Sow a Seed, Feed a Need.

Our Year 6 Caritas Social Justice Leaders will take on the responsibility of revitalising the school vegetable garden.



Through this initiative, they will plant, grow, and harvest fresh fruit and vegetables to support outreach programs for those in need. Produce from the garden will also be used to provide ingredients for meals, helping our school community live out the values of service, compassion, and social justice. To support this initiative, we are seeking donations of vegetable, herb, and fruit seeds or seedlings. Any contribution, no matter how small, will help our learners develop a sustainable garden that can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

A Warm Welcome Begins with You

We warmly invite you to the first meeting of the St Mary's Parish Welcoming Team. If you have a friendly spirit and would like to help make our parish a welcoming place for all, we'd love for you to join us.

 **Thursday, 25 June 2026**
 **5:15 PM**
 **Meeting Room**

For more information or to join, please contact: Fr. Novie – nlim@stmarysechuca.org.au
Cindy Narvasa (Co-Community Coordinator) – cindyaura.austria@gmail.com

Wallace Family Group: Next meeting will be lunch at the Moama Bowling Club on Wednesday the 24th of June at approximately 12.30pm.



Last get together at **Mary's Makers** we welcomed Sharon from Sunshine Bendigo. Sharon explained the mission of Sunshine Bendigo, which is to support vulnerable families with their needs when welcoming a new baby to their family. They offer practical support such as prams, cots, car seats and clothes etc. The ladies at Mary's Makers look forward to supporting Sunshine Bendigo with baby blankets, quilts, knitted toys and other amazing homemade items. We're always looking for donations of wool and fabric, so please let us know if you can help us out. Thank you.

Julie Moyle and Jan Tarr



Guest Celebrant – Saturday Vigil Mass

We warmly welcome Fr Ronaldo Masilang, RCJ, who will celebrate the 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 20th June 2026.

Fr Novie will be away in Melbourne attending the wedding of a close friend. We are grateful to Fr Ronaldo for assisting our parish during his absence.

Fr Novie will return and celebrate the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday.

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

20th & 21st June: G'Day Weekend Sri Lankan Families and Mary's Makers
23rd June: 1.30pm Sophia Sisters
24th June: 5.30pm Ladies Drinks
25th June: 12.30pm Year 6 Liturgy at the Brigidine Centre
30th June: 1.30pm Sophia Sisters
3rd July: 9.00am Mary's Makers *11.30am Adoration 12.00pm 1st Friday Mass
7th July: 1.30pm Sophia Sisters
6th - 10th July: Fr Novie away at a Conference (ACCC - Melbourne)
10th July: 10.00am Aged-Care Liturgy
30th July: 11.00am Bishop Rene Installation

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Patricia Voegel, Bruno Barbera, Dan Carey,
 Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Caroline Farley,
 Fred Molluso, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Jim Byrne,
 Maurice O'Connor, Antonia Molluso, David Baker,
 Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac,
 John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon,
 Geoff Brown, Barb Smith, Paul Wallace,
 Margaret Hoelter

Death Anniversaries

Pat Dryburgh, James O'Brien.

Recent Deaths

Leah Marchetti

Roster THIS 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
Roster NEXT Week				27 th & 28 th June	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Chris Lee Christine Sebire, Tania Dixon			Bob Cooper Kim Wallace	Carol Purdon
9:30am	Margaret Hart Poppy Ferguson, Rob Morris			Bernie Oliver Kenn Liwanag	Noela Boyer
Prayers of the Faithful		Mary Atkins	Counters	Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy	
St. Anne's	Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan, Jenny Morris			Hospital Visit	John & Julie Moyle
Monthly (June)					
Gardening	Jim & Prue Galea Rose Quinn			Baptism Prep	Bec Lloyd

1st Reading*Jeremiah 20:10-13***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with

justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the Lord listens to the needs

and does not spurn servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

2nd Reading*Romans 5:6-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 15:26, 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 10:26-33***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
27th & 28th June 2026**

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42