

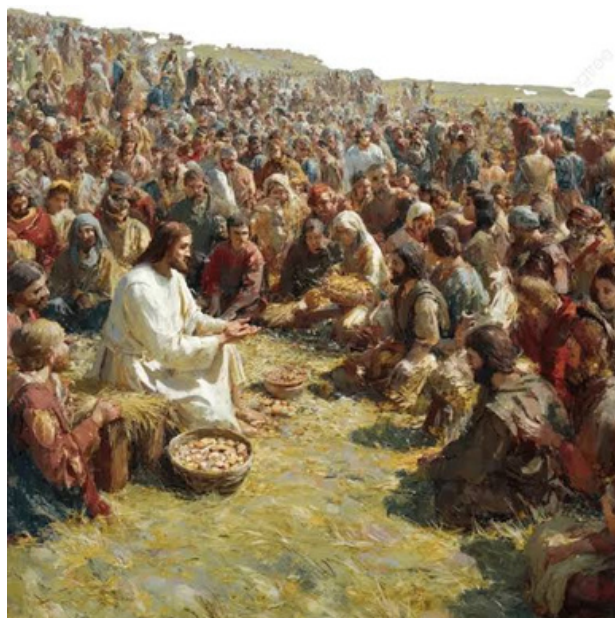
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

# Parish Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Looking at the Readings

"For although the Lord had the power to supply wine to those feasting, independently of any created substance, and to fill with food those who were hungry, he did not adopt this course of action; but, taking the loaves which the earth had produced, and giving thanks, and on the other occasion making water into wine, he showed that the God who made the earth, and commanded it to bring forth fruit, who established the waters, and brought forth the fountains, was he who in these last times bestowed upon mankind, by his Son, the blessing of food and the favour of drink: the incomprehensible by means of the comprehensible, and the invisible by the visible." St Irenaeus  
The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a prevision of the disciples' faith to believe in Christ Jesus as the one who meets their needs. The miracle prefigures the miracle of the Eucharist that we may have food for the journey and the life of Christ within us and about us.



## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekend Masses: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

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

### Weekday Masses: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass 1.30pm Funeral Prayers  
Friday: 11:30am Adoration  
12.00pm Communion Service

**Reconciliation:** Approach Fr Novie before Mass  
**Baptism:** Every Second weekend 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)  
**Ladies Drinks:** 4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)  
**G'Day Weekend:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of the Month  
**Children's Liturgy:** Every G'Day Weekend



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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
9am - 1pm

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## Church Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday - Sunday:  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Standard Time)  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Daylight Saving Time)

## 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.

# Parish News

## St Mary's Parish Echuca Mini Market Event

hosted by The Good Works Crew  
Fundraising team



All enquiries kindly contact:  
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CFC YOUTH FOR CHRIST

## FOOD, FUN & FAITH

Ready for a Saturday that actually impacts your life? Come hang out with an incredible community of young people. **No entry fee, pure good vibes, and a space to grow closer to Christ!**



**WHEN**  
Saturday, 8 August 2026  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**WHERE**  
St Mary's Parish Hall, Echuca  
224 Anstruther Street, Echuca  
All Youth Aged 12–21 Welcome

### Well, that is a wrap for our 2026 school production!

'One World, Many Stories' was a magical journey around the globe which saw song, creative costumes and stories come to life at Echuca Paramount across two matinees and two evening shows. It was also a wonderful opportunity to showcase our learners and honour their diverse backgrounds while giving them a stage to let their talents shine.

Our cultural diversity is one to celebrate and embrace as we learn from and with others. Bringing those global connections to life through music and creativity builds memories that our school community will cherish for a long time. We hope that you had an opportunity to enjoy one of the shows presented throughout the week.

### G'day Weekday Mass

A warm invitation is extended to all Parishioners and families to join us at St Mary's Primary School as we host the Brennan Community (Years 5 & 6) G'day Weekday Mass on Wednesday 19th August at 12.00pm in the Brigidine Centre. Each term we have welcomed many of you into our school community to share our faith, our song and to provide a light lunch following Mass. We hope that you will place this date on your calendar and join with us as we build both community and connection.

As we prepare for our very first Mini-Market, we need your help! If you're able, we'd greatly appreciate donations for our stalls or a helping hand on the day with sales. Each stall has a captain, so please contact the relevant captain if you'd like to donate goods or volunteer to assist.

Books – Nina Sales – 0402 079 035

**(Children's books, novels and cookbooks accepted. No magazines, please. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.)**

Cakes – Chamali Stouter – 0499 116 788

**(Please drop off cakes, slices, etc. between 4:30pm and 5:30pm on Saturday, 15 August, at the Parish Centre.)**

**Kindly include a list of ingredients.)**

Plants – Kim Wallace – 0409 284 266

Preserves/Jams – Josie Drakatos – 0408 546 492

Mary's Makers – Jan Tarr – 0429 237 780

Morning Tea – Jenny Morris – 0418 625 731

Kids' Corner – Abilain Liwanag – 0403 657 158

This Parish fundraiser will help raise funds for an accessible toilet. Thank you for supporting our parish community in any way you can. EFTPOS will be available on the day, though cash is appreciated where possible to help our stalls run more smoothly.

If you have any questions, please chat to one of us:

Angela Jefferson – 0481 330 029

Jenny Morris – 0418 625 731

Cindy Narvasa – 0467 900 382

Julie Moyle – 0409 826 336

The Good Works Crew

Thank you for your generosity and support!

### ONE PARISH - ONE MISSION - MANY GIFTS

## St Mary's PARISH ECHUCA STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCH 2026 - 2031

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August

5:30pm - Cuppa available after

Brigidine Centre - St. Mary's Primary School

### WHAT TO EXPECT?



Discover the vision and key priorities of the Parish Strategic Plan.



Ask questions and gain clarity about our shared mission.



Reflect on how each ministry can contribute to parish growth and renewal.



Identify practical ministry priorities and actions for the next five years.

Everyone in our parish community, especially our ministry leaders and volunteers, is warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

**RSVP** to our

Community Coordinator,  
Julie, on 0409 826 336 or  
by email at moylej@bigpond.com

TOGETHER IN MISSION



## Parish Calendar

|                                |                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> August:</b>  | 1.30pm Sophia Sisters                                                                                        |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> August:</b>  | 11.00am Soup Kitchen                                                                                         |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> August:</b>  | 9.00 Mary's Makers * 11.30am Adoration 12.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Communion Service                      |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> August:</b>  | 10.00am – 3.00pm CFC Youth for Christ fun day                                                                |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> August:</b> | 1.30pm Sophia Sisters * 2.30pm Social Committee * 4.30pm Soup Kitchen<br>* 5.30pm P.P.C. meeting (up stairs) |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> August:</b> | 5.00pm Bereavement Meeting                                                                                   |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> August:</b> | 11.15am Soup Kitchen * 12.30pm Foundation Liturgy Brigidine Centre                                           |

### Prayer Requests

#### For Those Who Are Unwell

Patricia Voge, Bruno Barbera, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Jim Byrne, Antonia Molluso, David Baker, Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac, John & Elaine Farley, Barb Smith, Margaret McMahon, Geoff Brown, Paul Wallace, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Margaret Hoelter, Ruth Phillips, Domenico Scanbellone

#### Death Anniversaries

Maria Cayonte Berzwela, Sheryl Pearce, Mel Pitts, Therese Mulcahy, Delene Hutchinson, Leigh McCann.

#### 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:**

**Mel Slattery**

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#### Recent Deaths Janet Tuohey

| Roster THIS Week        |                                                |             |          | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> August |                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mass                    | LECTORS                                        |             |          | Eucharistic Ministers                    | Church Set-up      |
| 6:00pm                  | Mary Atkins<br>Dominic Karunanayke,            |             |          | Kim Wallace<br>Christine Sebire          | Christine Sebire   |
| 9:30am                  | Noela Boyer<br>Max Marchetti, Lauren Gould     |             |          | Adrian Costello<br>Kate Bruty            | Julie Moyle        |
| Prayers of the Faithful |                                                | Kath Quinn  | Counters | Roma Bowman & Margaret Hart              |                    |
| St. Anne's              | Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton                 |             |          | Hospital Visit                           | John & Julie Moyle |
| Roster NEXT Week        |                                                |             |          | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> August |                    |
| Mass                    | LECTORS                                        |             |          | Eucharistic Ministers                    | Church Set-up      |
| 6:00pm                  | Chris Lee<br>Tania Dixon, Nick Lee             |             |          | Carmel Mackenzie<br>Prue Crowe-Galea     | Mary Atkins        |
| 9:30am                  | Gracie Drakatos<br>Julie Moyle, Poppy Ferguson |             |          | Kay Westblade<br>Margaret Hart           | Rachel McAsey      |
| Prayers of the Faithful |                                                | Mary Atkins | Counters | Pat Whyte & Adrian Costello              |                    |
| St. Anne's              | Cindy & Jonas Narvasa                          |             |          | Hospital Visit                           | Noela Boyer        |
| Monthly (August)        |                                                |             |          |                                          |                    |
| Gardening               | Michael Delahunty & Fr Des                     |             |          | Baptism Prep                             | Mary Byrne         |

**1st Reading***Isaiah 55:1-3***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:  
 Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
 though you have no money, come!  
 Buy corn without money, and eat,  
 and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
 Why spend money on what is not bread,  
 your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
 Listen, listen to me and you will have good  
 things to eat and rich food to enjoy.  
 Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your  
 soul will live.  
 With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
 out of the favours promised to David.

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

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 144:8-9, 15-18*

**R. i will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
 slow to anger, abounding in love.  
 How good is the Lord to all,  
 compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
 and you give them their food in due time.  
 You open wide your hand,  
 grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
 and loving in all his deeds.  
 He is close to all who call him,  
 call on him from their hearts. **R.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 4:4*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
 God.

**Alleluia!**

**Readings for Next Week**

**Next Week: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, A  
 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 84:9-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 9:1-5  
**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

**2nd Reading***Romans 8:35, 37-39***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Nothing can come between us and the love of  
 Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or  
 being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes,  
 or being threatened or even attacked. These  
 are the trials through which we triumph, by  
 the power of him who loved us.  
 For I am certain of this: neither death nor life,  
 no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,  
 nothing still to come, not any power, or height  
 or depth, nor any created thing, can ever  
 come between us and the love of God made  
 visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Gospel***Matthew 14:13-21***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

When Jesus received the news of John the  
 Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely  
 place where they could be by themselves. But  
 the people heard of this and, leaving the  
 towns, went after him on foot. So as he  
 stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he  
 took pity on them and healed their sick.  
 When evening came, the disciples went to him  
 and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time  
 has slipped by; so send the people away, and  
 they can go to the villages to buy themselves  
 some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for  
 them to go: give them something to eat  
 yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have  
 with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them  
 here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the  
 people were to sit down on the grass; then he  
 took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his  
 eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And  
 breaking the loaves he handed them to his  
 disciples who gave them to the crowds. They  
 all ate as much as they wanted, and they  
 collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets  
 full. Those who ate numbered about five  
 thousand men, to say nothing of women and  
 children.

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