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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.

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:
St Mary's Echuca: BSB Number: 083-543
Account Number: 45-782-9206

15th & 16th August 2026

Parish Newsletter

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

All three readings and the responsorial psalm for this Sunday mention foreigners, converted pagans and/or peoples of all nations. The writers' intentions appear clear. The message of God, God's care and promises go out to all peoples. To the Israelites in Isaiah's day this concept was a challenge: God accepting foreigners to his Temple. St Paul understood his mission to preach Christ to the Gentiles who also enjoy the promise of God with the Paul's own people. These promises, and covenant will never be revoked. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of the continuing old covenant when he wrote, quoting the Catholic Catechism of the Church "the Old Covenant has never been revoked" (CCC 121).

Matthew's Gospel was firstly written to his own church community consisting of converted Jewish people. Matthew broadened their understanding of Jesus mission through his dialogue with the Canaanite woman. Jesus praised her persistence and her faith. Secondly the gospel is relevant in our time when the church and Christians encounter people of other cultures, languages and races. We are able to sing the responsorial psalm with faith and hope: "Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth." (psalm 67:4)



The image for this week depicts the faithful people offering praise and sacrifice that are acceptable (Is 56:7) in the temple of God.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 15th & 16th August 2026

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass G'Day Weekend (Young Adults)
Sunday: 9:30am Mass Mini Market After Mass
with Moore Community

Weekday Masses: 17th – 21st August 2026

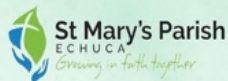
Wednesday: 12:00pm Mass G'Day Weekday (Brigidine Centre)
5:30pm Strategic Plan Launch (Brigidine Centre)

Reconciliation:
Baptism:
Weddings:

Approach Fr Novie before Mass
Every Second weekend of the Month
By Appointment with the Parish Priest

Parish News

Parish Sacramental Information Evening



**Wednesday
9th September 2026
7:00pm at
St Mary's Church, Echuca**

If you're considering enrolling your child/ren in the 2026/7 Sacramental Program, we invite you to attend our Information Evening.

We will provide information about receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation (Nov 2026), Confirmation, and First Communion (both May 2027), **This is for parents ONLY.**

Please contact the parish office at St. Mary's Parish for more information on 5482 1127 (Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm), or email: admin@stmarysechuca.org.au.



St Mary's Parish Echuca Mini Market Event

hosted by The Good Works Crew
Fundraising team

Join us

for a great fun, laughter and music and a family friendly community event.

All money raised will go towards new disability toilet at St Mary's.

- THERE WILL BE**
- Bake Sale
 - Book Sale
 - Plant Stall
 - Relish & Preserves
 - Sausage sizzle
 - Morning tea plates with bottomless tea & coffee
 - Mary's Makers
 - Children's Corner



**SUNDAY
16 AUGUST
AFTER 9:30AM MASS**



**AT ST MARY'S
PARISH CHURCH
GROUNDS**



**FUNDRAISING
EVENT**



All enquiries kindly contact:

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ONE PARISH - ONE MISSION - MANY GIFTS

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

Wednesday, 19th 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



Fellow parishioners,

Mary's Makers have been busy again! We made beanies for artists in the Broome community. We received a message of gratitude from the artist coordinator who said the artists loved their new beanies. Thank you very much to everyone involved.

Parish Calendar

15th August:	9:30am Mass Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
15th & 16th August:	G'Day Weekend (Sat) Young Adults (Sun) Grade 3 and 4 followed by Mini Market
18th August:	4.30pm Soup Kitchen *5.00pm Liturgy Meeting *5.00pm Baptism Prep Meeting (Upstairs)
19th August:	12.00pm G'day Mass at St Mary's School *5.30pm Strategic Plan Launch (Brigidine Centre)
20th August:	11.00am Soup Kitchen (Hallway)
21st August:	9.00am Mary's Makers
26th August	5.30pm Ladies Drinks

Regular Schedule

Sophia Sisters: Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)
Men's Ministry: Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)
Ladies Drinks: 4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)

G'Day Weekend: Every 3rd Weekend of the Month
Children's Liturgy: Every G'Day Weekend

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Patricia Vogele, Bruno Barbera, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Jim Byrne, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), 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

Terry Clifford, Tony Oliveri, Christine Fenn, Bill Bary, James Kyle, Kerry Rowe, Billy Williams, Tim Dullard, Sue Dalton, Adam Mooney Neil Vagg, Julie Feriz and Barry Shackleton.

Recent Deaths

Michael Godfrey

G'day Weekday Mass

St Mary's Primary School looks forward to welcoming you to our G'day Weekday Mass on Wednesday 19th August at 12.00 pm in the Brigidine Centre. The Brennan Community (Year 5 & 6) will be hosting this celebration and warmly invite you to stay for a light lunch following Mass.



SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE 26

21 & 22 AUGUST
Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton

GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION

GO THEREFORE.

Keynote Speakers

Opening Reflection
Bishop René Ramirez RCJ
Understanding the Mission Lens in all we do

Roster THIS Week				15 th & 16 th August	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Rose Quinn Dominic Karunanayake			Leah Williams Tharaka De Silva	Rose Quinn
9:30am	Rachel McAsey Gracie Drakatos, Kenneth Uzoh			Bebher Mitchell	Noela Boyer
Prayers of the Faithful		Rose Quinn	Counters	Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams	
St. Anne's	Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan, Jenny Morris			Hospital Visit	Karla Chisholm
Roster NEXT Week				22nd & 23rd August	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Kristy Serpell Chris Lee, Rose Quinn			Bob Cooper Sarah Byrne	Tania Dixon
9:30am	Margaret Hart Claire Hogan, Judie O'Farrell			Matt Butler Julie Moyle	Kate Bruty
Prayers of the Faithful		Judie O'Farrell	Counters	Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy	
St. Anne's	Loretta Holman, Mary Byrne			Hospital Visit	Carmel Mackenzie
Monthly (August)					
Gardening	Michael Delahunty & Fr Des			Baptism Prep	Mary Byrne

1st Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

2nd Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

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Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
22nd & 23rd August 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

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