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Tuesday – Sunday:
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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.

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

12th & 13th September 2026

Parish Newsletter

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

How often must we forgive?

Like Peter, this is a question many of us have asked Jesus. However, we can sometimes hold double standards when it comes to forgiveness – one standard for ourselves and another for others. How readily do we forgive those around us? Are we generous in extending forgiveness to others, especially when they seek our forgiveness? We are invited to model our forgiveness after Jesus, who was quick and generous in offering forgiveness to all. However, offering forgiveness does not mean allowing ourselves to be mistreated or taken advantage of. In some unhealthy relationships, it may be necessary to create distance. While forgiveness is always possible, reconciliation may not be.

Jesus, we pray that you help us embrace a spirit of mercy and forgiveness, extending to others the same mercy and forgiveness you have shown us.



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

Zara, Freya and Harvey

as they receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.
(Saturday)

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 12th & 13th September 2026

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

Weekday Masses: 14th – 18th September 2026

Wednesday: 12:00pm Mass with Year 6 children and Soup & Sandwiches (last one for the year)

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

Parish News

Sunshine Bendigo - Community Connect

Sunshine Bendigo is a community based volunteer group that provides practical support to families experiencing challenging times by collecting, sorting and redistributing essential new and pre-loved baby goods and nursery equipment. As a Community Connect project this September, we will be supporting this charity. Our Mary's Makers ladies have already supported Sunshine Bendigo with baby blankets, teddies, dresses and beanies. Sunshine support children up to 6 years of age with items such as new socks and underwear, clothes (including pyjamas), new toys, new books, pencils, textas, colouring books, footballs, soccer balls and playdough.

There will be a collection basket in the church for the next 2 weeks for donations. If you would prefer, Sunshine Bendigo accept cash donations and they are a registered charity for tax purposes. Donations can either be given to the parish office or myself, or you can donate directly through their website www.sunshinebendigo.org.au

(Julie Moyle - Community Coordinator)

— YOUNG ADULTS —

TRIVIA NIGHT!

FUN • FRIENDS • BRING A PLATE

YA ST MARYS
— YOUNG ADULTS ECHUCA —

DATE: 21st Of September
TIME: 6pm
LOCATION: Church Hall

Alpha

GEOGRAPHY **MOVIES & TV** **HISTORY** **MUSIC** **FAITH / RELIGION**

Planning Ahead: Funeral Wishes & Advance Care Planning

The St Mary's Bereavement Support Group invites parishioners to an informal afternoon to learn more about funeral wishes and Advance Care Planning.

Wednesday, 30 September
Cuppa – 4.30pm | Presentation – 5.00pm
Parish Meeting Room

Featuring Loretta Lilford and a member of the Bereavement Support Team.

Everyone is welcome—young or old!
For more information, please speak with Carmel Mackenzie or Julie Moyle.

KIDS & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 20, 2026

- DURING HOLY MASS - (9:30-10:30)
Kids & Youth will be our **Readers as Commentator and Lectors.**

- AFTER HOLY MASS - (10:30-12:00)
Join us for:

- Praise & Fellowship**
Sing, praise & celebrate together!
- Bible-Based Fun Activities**
Games, activities & learning about God's Word!
- Food & Fellowship**
Enjoy good food, fun & friendship!

COME • JOIN • HAVE FUN • GROW IN FAITH

Revelations Magazine: We'd Love to Hear Your Story!
With limited space in each edition, the Revelations Team carefully selects ministries and groups to feature. This year, we'd especially love to hear from ministries that haven't been featured before or recently, as well as any ministry or group who would love to be included.
If you'd like your ministry or group to be considered, simply send your Expression of Interest to cindyaura.austria@gmail.com by Friday, 25 September 2026, including your name and ministry/group.
No article is needed at this stage — just let us know you're interested! Further details will be shared with the selected ministries.
We look forward to hearing your stories and celebrating the wonderful people and ministries of St Mary's.

Parish Hall Renovation Celebration

We're delighted to invite all parishioners to join us as we celebrate the completion of our Parish Hall renovations! Come along for a relaxed and informal celebration with finger food, good company and a cuppa.

Tea and coffee will be provided ☕ BYO drinks.

Date: Wednesday, 23rd September 2026

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: St Mary's Parish Hall

Care for Creation Ministry

As we celebrate the Season of Creation, we're excited to announce a new garden project beside our newly renovated kiosk! This beautiful space will be a place to enjoy God's creation, share a coffee and conversation, meet friends, or simply pause and reconnect with nature. The garden has been thoughtfully designed to be beautiful, sustainable and low-maintenance, with the plans now on display at the back of the church. We invite you to take a look and see what we are creating together.

Would you like to help?

Contact Gayle & Richard Zakrzewski – 0428 826 609.

Parish Calendar

15th September:	5.00pm Baptism Preparation
16th September:	12.30pm Soup & Sandwiches *1.15pm Social Committee Meeting *5pm Liturgy Meeting
18th September:	9.00am Mary's Makers
19th & 20th Sept:	G'Day Weekend Saturday - Couples for Christ / Sunday - Social Committee *Sunday School
21st September:	6.00pm Young Adults
23rd September:	5.30pm Parish Hall renewal Space Opening
29th September:	5.15pm Finance Meeting
30th September:	4.30pm Final Farewell Session

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 Voegel, Bruno Barbera, Dan Carey, Pat Davey, Howard Clark Jnr, 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

Des Byrne, Ruby Jasper, Kath Kells, Geoffrey Garden.

On the final day of term, Friday 18th September, St Mary's Primary School learners and staff are invited to wear a splash of red to school and bring along a gold coin. This day will support a fundraising initiative for Caritas, which continues to provide assistance and outreach to the people of Nepal as the country grieves and recovers from recent hardship. Wearing something red symbolises love, compassion and solidarity. It represents our hearts reaching out to those in need. From our hearts to Nepal.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Recent Deaths

ROSTER THIS WEEK 12th & 13th September

Mass	LECTORS	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Chris Lee Nick Lee, Tania Dixon	Prue Crowe-Galea Carol Purdon	Carol Purdon
9:30am	Margaret Hart Max Marchetti, Claire Hogan	Bernie Oliver Kenn Liwanag	Julie Moyle
Prayers of the Faithful	Kath Quinn	Counters	Eileen Pineo & Lois Williams
St. Anne's	Barb Green, Kerry McLoughlan	Hospital Visit	Noela Boyer

ROSTER NEXT WEEK 19th & 20th September

Mass	LECTORS	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Kristy Serpell Carol Purdon, Mary Atkins	Sarah Byrne Carmel Mackenzie	Christine Sebire
9:30am	Poppy Ferguson Children's Liturgy	Rob Morris Kay Westblade	Rachel McAsey
Prayers of the Faithful	Judie O'Farrell	Counters	Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy
St. Anne's	Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton	Hospital Visit	Karla Chisholm

Monthly (September)

Gardening	Bernie Oliver, Tom Oliver, David Baker	Baptism Prep	Sarah Byrne
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1st Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of
sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another, can he then
demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then
plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear
your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of
the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

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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Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
12th & 13th September 2026**

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 28:7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12
2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

2nd Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence
on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if
we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead
we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ
both died and came to life, it was so that he
might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often
as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell
you, but seventy-seven times.
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who decided to settle his accounts with his
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought
him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he
had no means of paying, so his master gave orders
that he should be sold, together with his wife and
children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At
this, the servant threw himself down at his master's
feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole
sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him
that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this
servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow
servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he
seized him by the throat and began to throttle him.
"Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell
at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time
and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on
the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he
should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply
distressed when they saw what had happened, and
they went to their master and reported the whole
affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You
wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of
yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound,
then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had
pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him
over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you
unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.