

Looking at the Readings

Our Gospel is directed towards the disciples rather than the pharisees, and is a collection of stories and sayings. Yet the pharisees are also present in the text. Our reading ends with the question, 'Whom do you serve, God or wealth?' The verse that follows, not included in our text, has the pharisees sneering at the Master. It is a pity that this part was not left in place to close off the lection. Our current social and political environment has a new found caste of billionaires who are dominating the news cycle and public governance. They are also claiming that their wealth gives them credibility. This is not the way of Luke's Gospel. Across the series of sayings is a recurring theme of the meaning of wealth, and the use of material riches. Perhaps the section is better seen as a patchwork than a coherent set of unfolding propositions and ideas. The followers of Jesus are challenged about distrust and trust, honesty and respect. They are habits. If we are not able to respect, to be honest in minor things, then are we in a place to be trusted with more? This is better seen as a formation teaching for the early Christian community as they take up the way of Christ.



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 22nd--26th September

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

**20th & 21st September—Weekend Masses
G'Day Weekend**

Saturday:

6.00pm Mass Hospitality Social Group

Sunday :

9:30am Mass Care for Creation Team

Reconciliation:

Approach Fr Novie before Mass

Baptism:

Every Second weekend of the Month

Weddings:

By Appointment with the Parish Priest

Sophia Sisters:

Every Monday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)

Men's Group:

Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)

Playgroup:

Every Friday 9am (Parish Centre)

Children's Liturgy:

G'day Sunday

Sunday School:

G'day Sunday

Ladies Drinks:

4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. This land is sacred, this land is gift, this land is thousands of years old. We acknowledge the immense beauty of this land and the dreams of the Yorta-Yorta People. 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

Child Safety: 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 the parish office and look for the Child Safety Officer Mel Slattery.

PARISH CALENDAR

September, October, November: Fr Novie is on his Sabbatical

20th and 21st September: G'Day Weekend Hospitality Social Group and Care for Creation

24th September: 12.00pm Mass *5.30pm Ladies Drinks

1st October: 6.30pm Young Adults

3rd October: Mary's Makers *11:30 am Adoration *12noon First Friday Mass

8th October: 5.00pm Liturgy Meeting

10th October: 10am Aged-Care Liturgy

MARY'S MAKERS

Mary's Makers is a dedicated group of ladies who meet regularly to craft, sew and have fun together. You do not need to be a sewer or crafter to come along and join in our cheerful gatherings! We supply materials, tea and coffee and something sweet. Come along and join in the banter and chit-chat.

If you have any craft supplies, such as wool, ribbon, felt, buttons etc. that you or your friends and family no longer need, please pass along to our friendly group.



We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month in the Parish Centre from 9.00 am to 11.30 am.

All are very welcome!

For any queries or questions, please contact:

Jan Tarr – 0429 237 780

Julie Moyle – 0409 826 336

VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

Our Visitation Ministry Team is dedicated to reaching out to the elderly members of our community, offering companionship, pastoral care, and Holy Communion in aged care facilities, private homes, and hospitals.

We warmly invite you to consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry. If you feel called to give your time by visiting, listening, praying, or simply being present with others, we would love to hear from you.



For any queries or questions, please contact our Coordinator:

Kath Quinn

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Do You Know Someone Who Would Like a Visit?

If you know someone who would appreciate a home visit or has recently moved into residential care—either permanently or for respite—please complete this form and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection bag for the Visitation Ministry Team.

Your Name: _____

Your Contact Number: _____

Name of Person to be Visited: _____

All information will be treated with strict confidentiality.

Priests Retirement Foundation
Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst



Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

Your generosity through collections on the **third weekend of September** will support the retired priests of the Diocese of Sandhurst. Envelopes are provided in churches for your convenience.

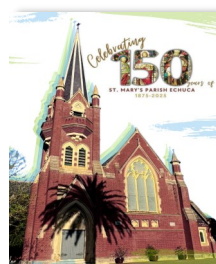
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For more information or to contribute, please contact:
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PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the support of the retired priests of our Diocese. The Retired Priests Foundation seeks your generosity in giving to this collection. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you for your contributions and prayers.



FOR SALE \$10.00

Our 150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet is available for purchase. If you would like a copy and take home a special piece of our Parish history, please visit the office.

CASH FOR A CAUSE 2025

100 Tickets Available worth \$100 each

A FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL RENOVATION

There will be TWO winners of \$100, which will be drawn over four weeks, after Sunday Mass.

TWO winners on the 16th of November
TWO winners on the 23rd of November
TWO winners on the 30th of November
TWO winners on the 7th of December
All winning numbers will be returned for subsequent draws each week.

And **GRAND PRIZE**, ONE winner of \$1000 will be drawn at the Christmas Party on the 14th of December.

You may choose your number from 1-100 (first in first served).
All tickets must be paid in cash or direct credit to a bank account (to be provided).
Parishioners may also purchase ONE TICKET between 2,3,4 or 5 people, etc.

For ticket sales, please Contact Margaret Hart (0419 506 254) or Julie Moyle (0409 826 336), tickets are available for purchase before or after Weekend Masses from the 4th of October until the 2nd of November 2025.



Hangabout Playgroup

9am - 10:15am Friday mornings during the school terms.

St Mary's Parish 224 Anstruther St Echuca
(enter via side gate).

Enjoy fun activities - craft, singing, story time, outdoor play with the kids and meet others.

Mums, Dads & Carers are all very welcome

G'DAY Weekend

EVERY 3RD WEEKEND
OF THE MONTH

Please wear your NAME TAGS and join us for CUPPA after the Mass.
Donation Box is available to cover the monthly supply of coffee, tea, sugar, cups etc.



ROSTERS THIS WEEK

20th & 21st September 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Rose Quinn, Andrew Sebire, Dominic Karunayake

9.30am: Noela Boyer, Barb Green, Michelle Shingles

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Allan Chettiar, Tania Dixon

9.30am: Margaret Hart, Adrian Costello

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Atkins

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 20th

Lee Pethybridge, Cindy and Jonas Narvasa

Setting up the Church: 20th Rose Quinn

Setting up the Church: 21st Julie Moyle

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 23rd Roma Bowman, Margaret Hart

Hospital Visiting: 22nd Noela Boyer

Gardening: Bernie Oliver, Tom Oliver, David Baker

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

27th & 28th September 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Terry McKiterick, Peter Phillips, Kristy Serpell

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, Judi O'Farrell, Rachel McAsey

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Nerina Meth, Carol Purdon

9.30am: Catherine Lindner, Margaret Walter

Prayers of the Faithful: Terry McKiterick

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 27th

Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan, Jenny Morris

Setting up the Church: 27th Christine Sebire

Setting up the Church: 28th Rachel McAsey

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 30th Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello

Hospital Visiting: 29th Karla Chisholm

Gardening: Bernie Oliver, Tom Oliver, David Baker

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: David Baker, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Chloris Dignan, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Murray Perrett, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Bruce Haines, Maureen McKenner, Lenny Reid, Alistair Corman, Frank Slattery, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Patricia Voge, Meaghan Broom (Byrne), Maurice O'Connor, Ian Phillips, Steven Carlsson, Antonia Molluso

Anniversaries: Reno Borea, John James. Nell Barry, Vi Cahill, Leslie Noonan, Wilma Scott and Mini Sanchez

Recently Deceased:

****If you have an addition to our overall prayer list or require someone to be removed from our sick list please email admin.**

First Reading*Amos 8:4-7***A reading from the prophet Amos**

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading*1 Timothy 2:1-8***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy**

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered
for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and
especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be
able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To
do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants
everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth.
For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator
between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who
sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence
of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a
herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no
lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up
reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*2 Corinthians 8:9***Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 112:1-2, 4-8***R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

Gospel*Luke 16:10-13***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little
things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in
little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be
trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with
genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not
yours, who will give you what is your very own?
'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either
hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with
respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave
both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C
27th & 28th September 2025

1st Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: 145:6-10
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31