

Looking at the Readings

Today's readings carry a harsh warning to the complacent, those who go on living well, "not made ill by the collapse" of their sisters and brothers [Amos], ignoring or failing to see the suffering poor outside their doors [Luke]. The gospel parable illustrates Jesus's belief in God's special love for the poor and illustrates how God can extend that love through other-than human parts of Creation. Note that the dogs were far more compassionate toward Lazarus than the rich man, trying to heal his sores.

In the parable, the rich man ignored Lazarus when he was alive and continues to do so after his death, relating to Abraham as his assumed peer, asking Abraham to send Lazarus as a servant to attend to his needs. From Christ's perspective, Lazarus is Abraham's peer and companion; we never even learn the rich man's name. Popes Francis and Leo direct our attention to the poor, to migrants and refugees, to indigenous peoples. Too often they are looked down upon as backward or undeveloped, turned away as a threat to our comfort, wealth, and lifestyles. Many simply ignore them, as the people who Amos challenges, the people represented by the rich person in Jesus's parable.

The main part of today's story Jesus tells out once it is too late to do anything to change the situation. We need to look around, see what is wrong now and act accordingly particularly with our relationship to others and our common home: creation.

From Peace with Creation by James E Hug SJ.



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 29th - 3rd October

Wednesday: 12.00pm Communion/Liturgy

Friday: 11.30am Adoration 1st Friday Mass

27th & 28th September—Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 9:30am Mass

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 Sabbatical

1st October: 6.30pm Young Adults
 3rd October: 9.00am Mary's Makers *11:30 am Adoration *12noon First Friday Mass
 10th October: 10.00am Aged-Care Liturgy
 12th October: 12.00pm Combined Family Groups Luncheon, Fromelles Room RSL Club
 15th October: 5.00pm Bereavement Meeting
 17th October: 9.00am Mary's Makers
 21st October: 5.00pm Liturgy Meeting

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

Diocesan Formation Gathering,

"Building Communities of Belonging"

9.00am-4pm Saturday October 11.

Notre Dame College Shepparton

All St Mary's Parishioners are invited.

The day offers insights and tools to help parishes grow a deeper sense of welcome and connection, with keynote speakers, conversations, discussions and workshops.

While there is ample opportunity for inspiration and learning, St Mary's Parish has a lot to offer other parishes and there will be lots of opportunity to share!

More details of the day and registration details are available on this link: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/adult-faith-education/2386-diocesan-formation-gathering-3-flyers/file> or use the bar code below.

Please contact Christine Sebire 0411627645 or Rob Morris in relation to car pooling etc. More information is available on the posters at the back of the Church.



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:

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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.

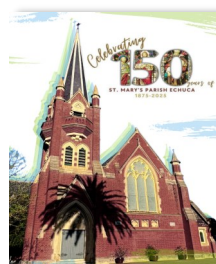
Your Name: _____

Your Contact Number: _____

Name of Person to be Visited: _____

All information will be treated with strict confidentiality.

If you missed last weeks **PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL** for the support of the retired priests of our Diocese, there are envelopes provided. 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

Combined Family Groups

Luncheon

Sunday 12th October, 2025 at 12 Noon.

To be held in Fromelles Room at the RSL Club,
56 Merool Road, Moama.

It is essential that all attendees RSVP by Friday 10th October
2025 to either: **Your Family Group Leader** or **Carol Purdon**
0467363861 or **Helen Taverner 0427 521273**.

Don't forget to wear your name tag. You do not have to be a
Family Group member to attend the Luncheon.

Missing Items.

Table clothes and a plastic tub have gone missing from the
unused office in the centre, if you have accidentally forgotten
to return them could you please do so. There was also a big
pot taken from the kitchen back in July.

ROSTERS THIS 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

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

4th & 5th October 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Mary Atkins, Carol Purdon, Karla Chisholm

9.30am: Margaret Hart, Julie Moyle, Cecilia Merrigan

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Ruth Phillips. Carmel Mackenzie

9.30am: Loretta Holman, John Moyle

Prayers of the Faithful: Noela Boyer

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 4th

Loretta Holman, Mary Byrne

Setting up the Church: 4th Carol Purdon

Setting up the Church: 5th Noela Boyer

Baptism Preparation: Bec Lloyd

Counters: 7th Eileen Pineo & Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: 6th Carmel Mackenzie

Gardening: Ken Hatfield, Alfred Grigg

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, Antonia Molluso

Birthday Celebrations: Kornelius Jimmy Ruslim 70th

Anniversaries: Vi Cahill, Leslie Noonan, Wilma Scott, Mini Sanchez, Fran O'Neale, Magno Alcancia and Roseanne Taylor.

Recently Deceased: Philip Morton

***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 <i>Amos 6:1, 4-7</i> A reading from the prophet Amos The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Second Reading <i>1 Timothy 6:11-16</i> A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Responsorial Psalm <i>Ps 145:6-10</i> R. Praise the Lord, my soul! It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.	Gospel <i>Luke 16:19-31</i> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"
Gospel Acclamation <i>2 Corinthians 8:9</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!	
Next week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C 4th & 5th October 2025 1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 Responsorial Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.