

Looking at the Readings

I wonder what the ten lepers thought when meeting Jesus as they started to walk back into Jerusalem. They were not cured immediately. Did they think they may never be healed? Did they believe that they will be healed when they reached the Temple? Without medical clinics and few practitioners in the places and times of Jesus and when health, wealth and spiritual wellbeing were so entwined, the Temple priests were the arbiters to declare a person free from disease. The miracle is like a parable. Following the parables from the gospel last week, it teaches us about faith, service and now thanksgiving.

Naaman, an Aramaean army commander, contracted leprosy. At first, he did not believe in God or have faith in what the Prophet Elisha had told him to do. His friends and servants convinced him to obey Elisha. (1 Kings 5:1-13) The first reading picks up the story from here. Naaman is healed, returns to the Prophet to thank him by bestowing gifts. The words of the Prophet and the Lord and the actions of the Naaman and the lepers are very similar. Each foreigner found time to discover God and give God thanks for life and wellbeing. While we do not have leprosy and we do have recourse to medical treatment, we still must find time for God, "increase our faith" and give praise and thanks to God and one another.



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 13th - 17th October

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

11th & 12th October—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

15th October	5.00pm Bereavement Meeting
17th October:	9.00am Mary's Makers
18th & 19th October:	G'Day Weekend Sacramental Team, St Mary's School
20th October:	5.00pm St Joes Graduation Mass
21st October:	5.00pm Liturgy Meeting
22nd October:	5.30pm Ladies Drinks
23rd October:	12.30pm Grade 5 Liturgy, Brigidine Centre

Greetings from Rome!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week in the Vatican, we celebrated the Jubilee of the Missionary World and Migrants. As a migrant myself, I found Pope Leo's message truly moving—a reminder that the Church grows through missionary cooperation and vocation. He calls us to welcome migrants as a blessing and invites missionaries to respect other cultures while sharing the light of the Gospel.

At St. Mary's, we too are called to be missionary disciples—to welcome others warmly and share Christ's love beyond our parish.

I'm in Rome for three weeks and enjoying the food (lots of pasta!), though I still miss my favorite rice. I've shared some photos for you all!

Dear friends, let's keep our hearts open—to welcome, to serve, and to go forth as joyful missionary disciples, bringing Christ's light wherever we are.

Fr. Novie



Paint & Play By Elizabeth J

- What we'll paint: "Holy Family"
- Canvas size: 30x40 cm
- Tickets: \$40 per person
- Includes a \$5 donation to St Mary's Parish

Get your tickets here



BEGINNER-FRIENDLY – NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE PROVIDED

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED

Morning tea provided – enjoy tea, coffee, and a slice after you paint.

Venue: St Mary's Hall
230 Ansthruther St, Echuca

Date & Time: Saturday 6th December
10am-12pm

Bring your friends and family for a joyful experience!



'Holy Family'

Join us for a creative and meaningful paint workshop, perfect for the Christmas season!



Hangabout Playgroup

Is in recession once again as Mel can not get any one to help with the running. Keep you eyes on this page for when it will resume.

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

Leo Muller, Lucy Cachia &
Daisy Smith (Sunday)

as they receives the
sacrament of Baptism this
weekend.

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.



Fellow Parishioners

One of our parishioners, Chris, has kindly offered her services as a Justice of the Peace. Chris will be available from 9.30am to 10.30am each Wednesday in the Parish office. As a Justice of the Peace, Chris will be available to witness documents used for official or legal purposes. We thank Chris for her offer. If you have further queries or questions please contact Julie Moyle on 0409 826 336 to discuss.

Parish Pastoral Council Update – October Meeting

Our recent meeting focused on brainstorming and planning our new Parish Strategic Plan (2025–2028). Guided by the new diocesan strategies: Gospel Mission and pastoral outreach, Belonging and sense of community, and Life-giving and empowering formation. Members reviewed the previous plan and began shaping new goals aligned with the new diocesan framework. Updates were shared on upcoming parish events, including the Sandhurst Parish Gathering in Shepparton, the Multicultural Mass (23 November), and the Christmas Celebration and AGM (14 December). The “Cash for a Cause” fundraiser will support ongoing Parish Centre improvements. Plans are also underway to enhance disability inclusion and future facilities. A suggestion box will soon be available in the church to encourage parishioner feedback. The next PPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 November at 5.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Cheers Leah.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK

11th & 12th October 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Christine Sebire, Terry McKitterick, Rose Quinn

9.30am: Barb Green, Max Marchetti, Claire Hogan

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Leah Williams, Tania Dixon

9.30am: Trish Marchetti, Matt Butler

Prayers of the Faithful: Rose Quinn

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 11th

Lauren Gould, Prue Galea

Setting up the Church: 11th Tania Dixon

Setting up the Church: 12th Kenn Liwanag

Baptism Preparation: Bec Lloyd

Counters: 14th Brendan, Andrew, Peter

Hospital Visiting: 13th Barb Green

Gardening: Ken Hatfield, Alfred Grigg

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

18th & 19th October 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Chris Lee, Ruth Phillips, Allan Chettiar

9.30am: Rachel McAsey, Rob Morris, Win Lavery

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Bob Cooper, Tharaka de Silva

9.30am: Bernie Oliver, Julie Moyle

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Atkins

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 18th

Josie Drakotos, Effie Xodo, Mel Slattery

Setting up the Church: 18th Mary Atkins

Setting up the Church: 19th Bernie Oliver

Baptism Preparation: Bec Lloyd

Counters: 21st Roma Bowman, Margaret Hart

Hospital Visiting: 20th John & Julie Moyle

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, June Williams

Anniversaries: Dorothy Carter, Bill Vagg, Mick Briggs, Jack Shearer, Tom Henderson, Tom Arnold, Jack Stanley, Peter Baldock, Lisa Bosse and Max Dupuy.

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*2 Kings 5:14-17***A reading from the second book of the Kings**

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 97:1-4***R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

**Next week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C
18th & 19th October 2025**

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: 120

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Second Reading*2 Timothy 2:8-13***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*1 Thessalonians 5:18***Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus

Alleluia!**Gospel***Luke 17:11-19***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.