

Looking at the Readings

The painting *Rephidim* by John Dubrow depicts the scene in the first reading about Moses whose arms were supported by Aaron and Hur while he prayed to God for victory against Amalek. Dubrow notes: "The battle confronts us with difficult questions that defy easy answers." The Amalekites were cut down. Does God condone such hostility? What is the message of this reading? One noted writer, Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI, explained it this way: "when we read passages in the Old Testament of much slaughter, we need to read the fine print at the foot of the page: 'no person was harmed in the production of this story'." While often the stories are embellished, and numbers exaggerated to convey God's power and protection, we do wonder what really happened. This passage, like many others, have quite a different angle on the events – or rather about the relationship between God and the people. God is the protector of his people; he answers their pleas. While the people may forget his promises and fail to trust, God does not forget his people, his ways are not our ways. The responsorial psalm sums up this relationship well. Today's Gospel adds another light on the necessity for perseverance in prayer.



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 20th - 24th October

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

18th & 19th October—Weekend Masses

G'Day Weekend

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 9:30am 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

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

24th October: 11.30am St Mary's Primary School 'Celebration of Grandparents'

30th October: 12.30pm Grade 3 Liturgy, Brigidine Centre

7th November: 6.00pm Bereavement Group Memorial Mass

World Mission Sunday. A short notice from Pope Leo.

"This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be 'missionaries of hope among the peoples, let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth."

"When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."

"I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories."

Part of our second collection today will go to World Mission Sunday.

Envelopes are also available at the back of the Church to donate to this cause.



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Reach out. Give life.

St Mary's Bereavement Support Group

Join Us for the Memorial Mass

**Friday 7th November at 6pm
in St. Mary's Church**

A Mass to remember our loved ones in thanksgiving.

**To be followed by supper.
All parishioners welcome.**



St Mary's Parish ECHUCA
Praying in Faithful Anguish



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.

Celebrate Christ the King & Our Multicultural Mass!

Join us on November 22nd (6pm Saturday Vigil) & November 23rd (9:30am Sunday) as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King with a special Multicultural Mass that will highlight the vibrant tapestry of our parish community. This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our unity in faith through diverse expressions of liturgy, music and food.

Everyone is welcome! We invite all parishioners—regardless of background—to attend and experience the richness of our shared Catholic faith.

Please bring along something that represents your country or culture of origin to share with our community. This is a wonderful chance to sample traditional dishes from around the world and share stories with your neighbours. Let us come together as one family under Christ the King! We look forward to celebrating with you.

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.

Grandparents Day

On Friday 24th October, St Mary's Primary School Echuca will host a 'Celebration of Grandparents' beginning with a Liturgy on the oval at 11.30am, following which, Grandparents and special people along with their grandchild/ren will then join together for a rotation of activities.

Lunch will be served for Grandparents and special people after the rotation of activities.

Grandparents, please join us as we celebrate you!



ROSTERS THIS 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

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

25th & 26th October 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Kristy Serpell, Dominic Karunanayke, Nick Lee
9.30am: Julie Moyle, Kerry McLoughlan, Noela Boyer

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Chris Lee, Natasha Tauro
9.30am: Bebher Mitchell, Kenn Liwanag

Prayers of the Faithful: Terry McKitterick

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 25th
Elaine Roberts, Tania Dixon, Holly Morris

Setting up the Church: 25th Rose Quinn

Setting up the Church: 26th Julie Moyle

Baptism Preparation: Bec Lloyd

Counters: 28th Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello

Hospital Visiting: 27th Noela Boyer

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, Carmel Murphy, Judy Clark

Anniversaries: Max Dupuy, Ray Wallace, Betty Kyne, Nati Acebron, Stanley Walsh and Kevin Bridges.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Cullen

***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*Exodus 17:8-13***A reading from the book of Exodus**

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 120***R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

Next week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C
25th & 26th October 2025

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm: 32:2-3, 17-19, 23
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Second Reading*2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Hebrews 4:12***Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!**Gospel***Luke 18:1-8***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.