

Looking at the Readings

If we are honest we will have to admit that though we have died with Christ to sin and risen with him to new life, we do not fully die to sin. In fact, there are many times in our lives when we live in sin, when we actually cling to sin. What happens to those who die in such a state? They may not have turned completely away from the goodness of God, but they have not been faithful either. The remnants of sin cling to them, making them somewhat unready to stand before the face of God. Are they lost? Or are they saved?

In God there is mercy in abundance. Jesus is not willing to lose anyone. Therefore, the power of Jesus and the strength of his promises give us hope that even after death there is the possibility of purification and pardon. We have no idea of when this might happen or how it will happen. All we know is that the lovingkindness of God far surpasses any infidelity of which we might be guilty.

The feast of All Souls is not a feast of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace. © Dianne Bergant CSA



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 3rd - 7th November

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

Friday: 6.00pm Memorial Mass

1st & 2nd November - Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday : 9:30am Mass

Reconciliation: Ring Fr Des for an appointment 0429143093

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

7th November: 9.00am Mary's Makers * 6.00pm Memorial Mass

10th November: 2.30pm Social Committee Meeting

13th November: 12.30pm Grade 2 Mass Brigidine Centre

18th November: 5.00pm Liturgy Meeting

6th December: Paint & Play, a creative and meaningful workshop, perfect for the Christmas season.

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.



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Fellow Parishioners

As a Justice of the Peace, Chris will be available to witness documents used for official or legal purposes. Chris will be available from 9.30am to 10.30am each Wednesday in the Parish office. If you have further queries or questions please contact Julie Moyle on 0409 826 336 to discuss.



DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE SAINT

ALL KIDS, YOUTH AND SINGLES ARE INVITED TO JOIN

2 NOVEMBER 2025 | SUNDAY MASS



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.

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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 a small plate of food that represents your country or culture of origin to share with our community at our cuppa afterwards. This is a wonderful chance to sample traditional foods from around the world and share stories with your neighbours.

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 Anstruther 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!



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.

November Mass envelopes are now available at the ends of the pews and at the Church entrances. You may place them in the collection bags. Marianne will collate these throughout the month of November and include all the names and intentions in the newsletters at the end of the month. Fr Novie

ROSTERS THIS WEEK

1st & 2nd November 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Tania Dixon, Peter Phillips, Carol Purdon

9.30am: Noela Boyer, Jenny Morris, Julie Moyle

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Kim Wallace, Allison McKitterick

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, Margaret Hart

Prayers of the Faithful: Noela Boyer

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 1st

Cecilia Merrigan, Barb Green, Kerry McLoughlan

Setting up the Church: 1st Christine Sebire

Setting up the Church: 2nd Noela Boyer

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 4th Eileen Pineo & Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: 3rd Karla Chisholm

Gardening: Doug Black & Ray Lewis

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

8th & 9th November 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Rose Quinn, Kristy Serpell, Natasha Tauro

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, Abilain Liwanag, Barb Green

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Nick Lee, Nerina Meth

9.30am: Rob Morris, Kay Westblade

Prayers of the Faithful: Rose Quinn

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 8th

Kay Westblade, Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton

Setting up the Church: 8th Carol Purdon

Setting up the Church: 9th Kenn Liwanag

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 11th Brendan, Andrew, Peter

Hospital Visiting: 10th Carmel Mackenzie

Gardening: Doug Black & Ray Lewis

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: Geraldine Shannon, Pat, Helen and Marcus Timms, Don Oberin, Nina Petrini, Desmond Taylor, Jean Gorse and Aileen Ostwald.

Recently Deceased: Teresa Brandrick

***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 Maccabees 12:43-45***A reading from the second book of Maccabees**

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14***R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**

Next week: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8th & 9th November 2025

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm: 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Second Reading*Romans 5:17-21***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. But however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life, thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation*Revelation 1:5-6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 7:11-17***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.