

Looking at the Readings

The three-year cycle of readings offers three different aspects of this Feast of Christ the King.

Year A: Christ as the Shepherd King with the Prophet Ezekiel citing God: "You are my flock; I judge between sheep and sheep (34:17) followed by Psalm 22(23): The Lord is my shepherd and the Gospel as Jesus Shepherd and Judge.

Year B: Christ as Eternal Sovereign (Daniel 7:14), the (Alpha) Beginning and the End (Omega) in book of Apocalypse (1:5-8) and as a king but not of this world (John 18).

Today in **Year C** is a combination of themes from the history of our salvation: the role of King David and the thrones of Judgement in God's house, Christ as the image of the unseen God and Christ on the Cross as King (refer to the inscription that Pilate posted on the cross) and his ministry of forgiveness as realised with the Good Thief: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

This Feast Day, marking the end of the current Liturgical Year, carries the theology and spirituality of the end of world when Christ will return. We prepare our hearts and spirits to go rejoicing into the house of the Lord (Responsorial Psalm) to be reconciled through Christ and for him (St Paul's letter to the Colossians) and to seek his forgiveness (Gospel).

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 24th - 28th November

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

22nd & 23rd 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

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

26th November: 5.30pm Ladies Drinks, could everyone please bring a small plate to share for Christmas Breakup
27th November: 12.30pm St Mary's Grade 1 Liturgy Brigidine Centre
2nd December: **7.30pm Reconciliation for Christmas**
3rd December: 5.00pm Bereavement Meeting and Dinner at the Royal
5th December: 9.00am Mary's Makers Break Up *11.30am Adoration 12.00pm First Friday Mass
6th December: Paint & Play, a creative and meaningful workshop, perfect for the Christmas season.
10th December: 12.00pm Anointing Mass

Christmas Hamper Raffle Fellow Parishioners

It's Christmas hampers time again!

We are asking all Parish families to donate an item for the hampers.

Non-perishable goods, such as wine, chocolates, gourmet goodies, home décor, books or vouchers would be great. If you're not able to purchase goods, you might like to make a donation for us to purchase something on your behalf.

The raffle will be drawn at the Parish Christmas party on 14th December, after 9.30am Mass.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale at both Masses from 29th -30th November - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

For any queries, please contact Julie Moyle on 0409 826 336 or Margaret Hart on 0419 506 254.

Thanks so much for your support.

St Mary's Primary School Echuca

Advent and Mission - St Mary's 'Giving Tree'

This term each Year level has been learning about how we can reach out and serve others. Many classrooms have been exploring the concept of service within our communities and identifying how they can use their gifts within their community to support others.

As we approach the season of Advent, this has been a wonderful opportunity for us as a community to reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

In the Administration building at St Mary's Primary School, a 'Giving Tree', a Christmas tree, has been erected. This tree does not have any decorations, but only 27 gift tags hanging from it. Each gift tag has the gender and age of a young person for whom you may like to purchase a gift for.

The value of this gift is left up to you.

Visit our school to select a gift tag from 'The Giving Tree' to support one child who may not be as fortunate as those in our own families, Parish or community.

Please wrap your gift, attach the gift tag chosen from 'The Giving Tree' and place this under the Christmas tree in the Office before December 8th.

Anonymity is the key to this gesture.

'The art of giving is perfected through anonymity.'

~ Douglas Horton.

For those who would prefer to donate non-perishable grocery items rather than purchasing a gift, a large crate has been positioned beside 'The Giving Tree' for donations.

All donations are appreciated and welcome.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and your gift of giving.



Calling All Volunteers! 🧑‍🎨

Our AGM and Parish Christmas Party is coming soon! Let's celebrate together as one parish family — and we need your help to make it special!

No special talent required — just your time, smile, and willingness to help. 🙋

Whether it's setting up, helping with games, food, or decorations, every hand counts!

📞 Contact our Events Team at 0467 900 382 to join in!

CASH FOR A CAUSE 2025

First Draw on the 16th, the two winners were - Margaret Hart and Jan Davey. Congratulations.

Parish Reconciliation for Christmas

2nd December: 7.30pm

CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING & OUR MULTICULTURAL MASS

November 22 (6pm Vigil) & November
23 (9:30am Sunday)
St Mary's Parish Church



Celebrate our unity in faith through diverse liturgy, music, and food. We encourage everyone to wear something that represents your culture and to bring a plate to share in this joyful celebration of faith and community.

All are welcome!

*Let us come together as one family under
Christ the King.*



ROSTERS THIS WEEK

22nd & 23rd November 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Rose Quinn, Chamali Stouter, Ruth Phillips

9.30am: Julie Moyle, Kenneth Uzoh, Max Marchetti

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Carol Purdon, Christine Sebire

9.30am: Bebher Mitchell, Nerina Meth

Prayers of the Faithful: Liturgy Group

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 22nd

Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan, Jenny Morris

Setting up the Church: 22nd Mary Atkins

Setting up the Church: 23rd Noela Boyer

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 25th Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello

Hospital Visiting: 24th John and Julie Moyle

Gardening: Doug Black & Ray Lewis

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

29th & 30th November 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Christine Sebire, Peter Phillips, Carol Purdon

9.30am: Barb Green, Lauren Gould, Cecilia Merrigan

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Bob Cooper, Kim Wallace

9.30am: Kay Westblade, Catherine Linder

Prayers of the Faithful: Rose Quinn

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 29th

Loretta Holman, Mary Byrne

Setting up the Church: 29th Rose Quinn

Setting up the Church: 30th Julie Moyle

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 2nd Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: 1st Noela Boyer

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 Vogeale, Meaghan Broom (Byrne), Maurice O'Connor, Antonia Molluso, June Williams, Carmel Murphy, Judy Clark, Judy Cooling (Dwyer)

Anniversaries: Claire Ryan, Allan Baker, Glenys Caiolfa, Mary Wallace, Phillip Barca, Mary Roberts and Kathleen McMahon.

Recently Deceased: Mavis Riley, Ian Phillips, Kevin (Jack) Oliver

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

Parish Council Meeting.

Reporting back from the Diocesan Meeting in Shepparton emphasised that we are very lucky to have a vibrant parish, with a number of initiatives and active ministries currently working in our community. There has been a number of meetings and initial planning for some of the major events happening in the Parish, such as the Multi-Cultural Mass, the Parish Christmas Party and AGM as well as the Christmas Eve mass. Hopefully all will be well supported and we thank the organising committees for their dedication and planning.

The strategic plan is creating some vibrant discussion in its formation, which will hopefully create a positive framework for future direction.

Important notice from Fr Novie. (He is safe)

Email Scam Alert.

Please be aware that there have been scam emails sent from catholicchurch806@gmail.com pretending to be from Fr Novie. If you receive a message from this address—or any email asking you to purchase gift cards or send money—do not reply or engage. This is not Fr Novie's email, and he will never ask parishioners to buy gift cards or make personal purchases on his behalf.

First Reading*2 Samuel 5:1-3***A reading from the second book of Samuel**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 121:1-5***R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation*Mark 11:9, 10***Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Next week: 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A
29th & 30th November 2025**

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Second Reading*Colossians 1:12-20***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible
for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the
light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of
the power of darkness and created a place for us in the
kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain
our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of
all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven
and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers -
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all
things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the
dead, so that he should be first in every way; because
God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all
things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he
made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel***Luke 23:35-43***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As
for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,'
they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God,
the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and
when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If
you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him
there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you
not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.'
But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no
fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence
as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying
for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.
Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your
kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you
will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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