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Monday: Closed

Tuesday – Sunday:

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Standard Time)

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Daylight Saving Time)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. 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



24th & 25th of October 2026

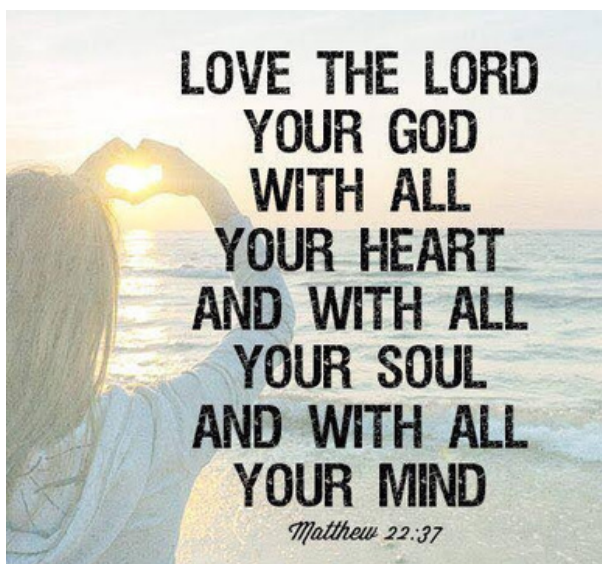
Parish Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

Normally where a certain Gospel passage occurs in each of the three synoptic gospels, only one on the passages is selected for the Sunday cycle of readings. However, the passage concerning Christ's "Commandment of Love" is read each year (Matthew 22:33-40 this Sunday, Mark 12:28-34, Thirty-first Sunday year B and Luke 10:25-37, Fifteenth Sunday Year C). So great is the Command to Love, it is deemed appropriate to proclaim it each year. However, each evangelist has his own slant: In Matthew the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, in Mark a scribe ask the question and praise Jesus for his reply; in Luke it's a lawyer who then asks: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Gospel is couple with the First Reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26 which gives us three commandments.



PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 24th & 25th October 2026

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass

Sunday: 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 26th – 30th October 2026

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING

Through our policies and practices, we protect the right of children and vulnerable adults to feel safe and to be safe. We promote the well-being and inclusion of all children. **For more information, contact our**

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Reconciliation:
Baptism:
Weddings:

Approach Fr Novie before Mass
Second weekend of the Month
By Appointment with the Parish Priest

Parish News

SAVE THE DATE

MULTICULTURAL MASS WEEKEND CELEBRATING CHRIST THE KING

Many cultures. One faith. One community.

21-22 NOVEMBER 2026
ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH



*"Come
and See"*
John 1:39

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? RCIA Information Session

Have you been wondering about the Catholic faith?

Whether you're exploring Christianity, seeking the Sacraments, returning to faith, or simply curious to learn more, you are warmly invited to join us for an information session.

Wednesday 19 November 5:30 PM Parish Centre St Mary's Parish, Echuca

Come and:

- ✓ Learn about the Catholic faith
- ✓ Ask questions in a welcoming environment
- ✓ Discover the RCIA journey
- ✓ Meet others exploring faith

Everyone Welcome



For more information or to RSVP,
please contact the Parish Office on **5482 1127**

*A journey of faith.
A brighter tomorrow.*

November – Month of the Holy Souls

During November, the Yellow Month of the Holy Souls envelopes will be available in the pews and at the entrances of the church.

If you would like your deceased family members and friends to be remembered in the Masses celebrated by Fr Novie throughout November, please complete an envelope and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection bags during the Offertory.

All names submitted will be remembered in our prayers throughout the month of November.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Supporting Legacy

Mary's Makers will be selling poppies from this weekend for \$3 each, with all proceeds going to Legacy in support of veterans' families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Remembrance and Thanksgiving Liturgy

Friday
6 November 2026
at 6:00 PM

All are warmly invited to
join us for a cuppa and
fellowship following the
liturgy.

A special liturgy of prayer and remembrance for those who have died, especially our loved ones and members of our parish community. It is an opportunity to gather in faith, give thanks for their lives, entrust them to God's loving mercy, and find comfort and hope in the promise of eternal life.



To the Senior Leadership, Parish Council and Parish Finance Members

You are warmly invited to the Western Deanery Forum on **(Change of Date) 12 December**, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Fr Ted Harte Parish Centre, White Hills. With Bishop René participating, the Forum will focus on discussing the draft

Diocesan Provisional Statutes for Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils, addressing the need for common guidelines across the Diocese. Priests, council members, parish staff and ministry coordinators are encouraged to attend and use the included QR code for your Deanery to register.



Parish Calendar

28th October:
30th October:

5.30pm Ladies Drinks
9.00am Mary's Makers 5.00pm Woman's Health Meeting Room more info to follow
*Hall unavailable for the State Election (5 weeks)

Save the Date: 1st November
Fr Des's 80th Birthday Celebration
Please bring a plate to share.
Details to come.

1st November:
2nd November:
4th November:
6th November:

All Saints Day * Fr Des's Birthday
12.00pm Mass All Souls Day
No Mass *5.30pm Sacramental Team Meeting
9.00am Mary's Makers *11.30am Adoration 12.00pm Communion Service
6.00pm Memorial Liturgy

Regular Schedule

Sophia Sisters: Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)
Men's Ministry: Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)
Ladies Drinks: 4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)

G'Day Weekend: Every 3rd Weekend of the Month
Children's Liturgy: Every G'Day Weekend

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Bruno Barbera, Dan Carey, Pat Davey, Howard Clark Jnr, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Jim Byrne, David Baker, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Antonia Molluso, Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac, John & Elaine Farley, Paul Wallace, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Ruth Phillips, Domenico Scanbellone

Death Anniversaries

Stanley Walsh, Harold Oliver, Peter Hervey, Helen Scarfo, Margaret Henwood, Stella Moore.

Recent Deaths

Geoff Brown, Margaret McMahon, Margaret Hoelter.

Sunshine Bendigo

Thank you to those parishioners who donated to our recent appeal for Sunshine Bendigo. The following response was received from Sharon Wilson, *Sunshine Bendigo* - 'Hi Julie, I just wanted to touch base again to say a massive thank you for organising the drive for our organisation and to ask you to please pass on our thanks to the parish. The ladies that have unpacked everything today were blown away by the standard and variety of the goods. I took the opportunity to purchase cot mattress protectors and baby towels with the cash that was donated, as these are two items we only use new and to get such a supply in one hit was amazing. Many thanks and we truly appreciate this connection in the Echuca community.'



ROSTER THIS WEEK 24th & 25th October

Mass	LECTORS		Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Chris Lee Rose Quinn, Kristy Serpell		Tharaka De Silva Kim Wallace	Christine Sebire
9:30am	Barb Green Jenny Morris, Anne-Maree Cairns		Rob Morris Bernie Oliver	Julie Moyle
Prayers of the Faithful		Judie O'Farrell	Counters	Roma Bowman & Margaret Hart
St. Anne's	Elaine Roberts, Tania Dixon, Holly Morris		Hospital Visit	John & Julie Moyle

ROSTER NEXT WEEK 31st October & 1st November

Mass	LECTORS		Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Kristy Serpell Carol Purdon, Christine Sebire		Bob Cooper Prue Crowe-Galea	Rose Quinn
9:30am	Gracie Drakatos Children's Liturgy		Matt Butler Kay Westblade	Noela Boyer
Prayers of the Faithful		Rose Quinn	Counters	Pat Whyte & Adrian Costello
St. Anne's	Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton, Carol Worsnop		Hospital Visit	John & Julie Moyle

Monthly (November)

Gardening	Doug Black & Ray Lewis	Baptism Prep	Sarah Byrne
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A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: All Saints Day, Year A
31st October & 1st November 2026

1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.