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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**

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2026

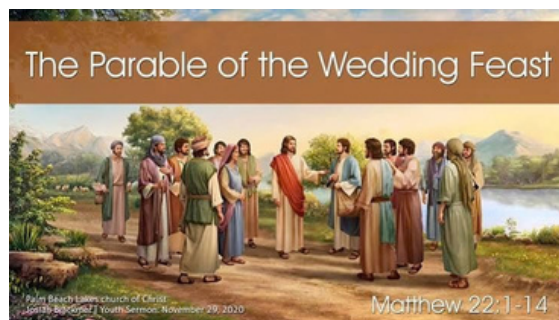
# Parish Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Looking at the Readings

About 600 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah wanted to give a message of hope to the Jewish people in exile, and he searched for an image that would help them understand what a restored Jerusalem, a restored Mount Zion, will be like when the Israelites return to their homeland. And the image he thought of, that he knew would speak to the people, was the image of a banquet: 'On Mount Zion the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, of fine strained wines. He will remove the mourning veil covering all people. He will wipe away the tears from every cheek. The people will rejoice in the Lord, their saviour, in whom they hoped.' Later, the Christian tradition took up this vision of Isaiah to speak of the heavenly banquet to which we are all called. All images have their limitations, but the banquet image certainly conveys in some small way the joy and communion with God and with each other that we will experience in heaven.

The banquet to which God is inviting us is not reserved only for the next life. In the midst of its many challenges, our lives have their joyous moments when we are called to pause and celebrate with God and with our friends and loved ones. Today's liturgy urges us not to be so caught up in the challenges of life that we fail to respond when God, the gracious and generous host, invites us to pause, to sit down and enjoy the banquet prepared for us.



## PARISH MASS TIMES

**Weekend Masses: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass Welcome Alexander Lawrence as he is Baptised tonight.  
Sunday: 9:30am Mass

**Weekday Masses: 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass  
Thursday: 10.30am Funeral Mass – Brenda O'Nial

**Reconciliation:****Baptism:****Weddings:**

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

# Parish News

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

will be taken up this weekend, 10th /11th of October, for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese. The Diocese has 15 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese. All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided or scan the QR code. Thank you.

## ☀ BE PART OF OUR STORY! ☀

### Sponsor Revelations Parish Magazine

We're preparing our next issue of Revelations and inviting local businesses, parishioners and families to support us through sponsorship or advertising. Your support helps us share our parish stories, celebrate our ministries and keep our community connected.

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Thank you for helping us share our story as we grow in faith together!

## 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.



A Lifetime of Service

A Legacy Worth Protecting

They Dedicated Their Lives to Serve Others

Now it is Our Turn to Support Them

Monsignor Francis Marriott dreamed of a future where every retired priest would be cared for with dignity, respect and compassion.

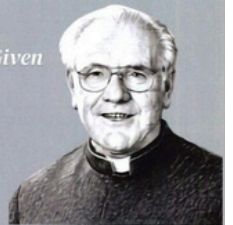
*That dream became the Priests Retirement Foundation*

Today, your generosity ensures that those who spent their lives serving the Church continue to receive the support they deserve.

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Support for Those Who Have Given  
Please donate today!



For further information please email Fr Novelito Lim: [novelito.lim@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:novelito.lim@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Deanery Forum – Round 3

10am – 3pm

You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. **This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members.** Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant. After you register using details below, you will receive the Forum papers via email. 27 October – Western Deanery – Fr Ted Harte Parish Centre, White Hills. Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNK>



## Safeguarding

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.

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## Parish Calendar

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Hall unavailable all week  
**14<sup>th</sup> October:** 5.00pm Bereavement Meeting  
**15<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am Funeral Mass Brenda O'Nial \*2.00pm Social Club Meeting  
**16<sup>th</sup> October:** 9.00am Mary's Makers  
**17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October:** G'Day Weekend Saturday night Liturgy Sunday Fijian Families  
**20<sup>th</sup> October:** 5.00pm Baptism Preparation  
**21<sup>st</sup> October:** 5.00pm Liturgy Meeting  
**28<sup>th</sup> October:** 5.30pm Ladies Drinks

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Geoff Brown, John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon, Paul Wallace, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Margaret Hoelter, Ruth Phillips, Domenico Scanbellone

#### Death Anniversaries

Max Jacobs, Max Dupuy, Dorothy Carter, Bill Vagg, Patricia Cullen, Jack Shearer, Tom Henderson, Tom Arnold, Jack Stanley, Peter Baldock and Lisa Bosse.

#### Recent Deaths Brenda O'Nial

Those who are special and important in the lives of our learners are just as important to us!



On Monday 26th October, St Mary's Primary School Echuca will host a Celebration of Grandparents, beginning with a Liturgy on the oval at 11.30am. Following the Liturgy, grandparents and special people, along with their grandchild/ren, will join together for a rotation of fun activities.

A special lunch will then be served for all grandparents and special people following the activities.

We look forward to welcoming our grandparents and special people to our school community and celebrating the important role they play in the lives of our learners.

### ROSTER THIS WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October

| Mass                    | LECTORS                                               |          | Eucharistic Ministers              | Church Set-up      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6:00pm                  | Christine Sebire,<br>Dominic Karunanayke, Mary Atkins |          | Kristy Serpell<br>Carmel Mackenzie | Tania Dixon        |
| 9:30am                  | Rachel McAsey<br>Claire Hogan, Michelle Shingles      |          | Trish Marchetti<br>Julie Moyle     | Kenn Liwanag       |
| Prayers of the Faithful | Mary Atkins                                           | Counters | Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams        |                    |
| St. Anne's              | Loretta Holman, Mary Byrne                            |          | Hospital Visit                     | John & Julie Moyle |

### ROSTER NEXT WEEK 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October

| Mass                    | LECTORS                                    |          | Eucharistic Ministers             | Church Set-up |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 6:00pm                  | Rose Quinn<br>Chris Lee, Tania Dixon       |          | Carol Purdon<br>Sarah Byrne       | Carol Purdon  |
| 9:30am                  | Julie Moyle<br>Lauren Gould, Rachel McAsey |          | Margaret Hart<br>Kate Bruty       | Bernie Oliver |
| Prayers of the Faithful | Kath Quinn                                 | Counters | Brendan Shingles & Andrew Kennedy |               |
| St. Anne's              | Lauren Gould & Prue Crowe-Galea            |          | Hospital Visit                    | Noela Boyer   |

### Monthly (October)

|           |                             |              |            |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Gardening | Ken Hatfield & Alfred Grigg | Baptism Prep | Mary Byrne |
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**1st Reading***Isaiah 25:6-10***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 22*

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name,  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**Readings for Next Week**

**Next Week: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, A  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

**2nd Reading***Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Ephesians 1:17, 18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel***Matthew 21:33-43***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**