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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

3rd & 4th of October 2026

Parish Newsletter

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

The people of God are portrayed as a vineyard in both the Old and New Testaments. In every case, God is the one who plants the vineyard, after choosing the best and most fertile land and preparing it carefully. God then looks for a good harvest, only to be disappointed time and time again.

The Gospel parable tells the history of Israel as God's vineyard. The owner of the vineyard leased it out to tenants. Later, the owner sent servants to collect the portion of the harvest that was due to him. These servants represent the prophets whom God regularly sent to Israel, only to see them

rejected, abused and sometimes killed. Finally, the owner sends his son to them but he, too, is killed. (Jesus' opponents know that he is referring to himself). The owner is left with no alternative but to lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the share of the produce to him when harvest time comes.

What is that good fruit that God wants from his vineyard? St Paul tells us: everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise. Keep doing these things that you have heard or seen that I do. The the God of peace will be with you".



PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 3rd & 4th October 2026

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass
Sunday: 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 5th – 9th October 2026

Wednesday: 1.00pm Funeral Mass – Anthony Stivala

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

Approach Fr Novie before Mass

Every Second weekend of the Month

By Appointment with the Parish Priest



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A Legacy Worth Protecting
They Dedicated Their Lives to Serve Others
Now it is Our Turn to Support Them**

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Please donate today!*



For further information please email Fr Novelito Lim: novelito.lim@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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.



PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

will be taken up next 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.

Family Groups Combined Luncheon

To be held at the Border Inn, Moama on Sunday 11th October 2026 at 12 Noon.

Please RSVP to: Your Group Leader
or Helen Taverner 0427 521 273 or
Carol Purdon 0467 363 861
by Monday 5th October 2026.

Any Parishioner interested in joining a Family Group are welcome to attend the luncheon.

Please RSVP: Helen Taverner on 0427 521273

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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.

For more information, contact our Safeguarding Officer:

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Fr. Novie's Annual Leave: Just a heads-up that I'll be taking my annual leave from 5 October to 6 November. This year, I'll be heading home to the Philippines to spend time with my family and celebrate my mother's 75th birthday. It will be a special time for me to be with my family and have a little break. While I'm away, Fr Des will be looking after the parish and celebrating our Masses. Please give him a warm welcome and support him during his time with us. Please keep me and my family in your prayers, and I look forward to seeing you all again when I return.

Parish Calendar

5th October: Fr Novie leaves for a well earned holiday
7th October: 1.00pm Funeral Mass Anthony Stivala
11th October: Annual Luncheon of the Family Groups at Border Inn, 12.00pm
12th – 16th October: Hall unavailable all week
14th October: 5.00pm Bereavement Meeting *5.00pm Baptism Preparation
15th October: 10.30am Funeral Mass Brenda O'Nial *2.00pm Social Club Meeting
16th October: 9.00am Mary's Makers
17th – 18th October: G'Day Weekend Saturday night need a host Sunday Fijian Families

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, Barb Smith,
 Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac, Geoff Brown,
 John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon, Paul Wallace,
 Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Margaret Hoelter, Ruth Phillips,
 Domenico Scanbellone

Death Anniversaries

Greg Pollock, Vanessa Makoni, Kelvin Webb, Harry McCann,
 Jan Hynes, Alicia Miller, Mary Sanderson, Clarrie Worsnop,
 Gomer Oliver, Grace Sciotto, Charles Hodson and
 Christina Alves De Jesus.

Recent Deaths Anthony Stivala, Brenda O'Nial,
 Moira Poscetti, Salome Torre



ROSTER THIS WEEK 3rd & 4th October

Mass	LECTORS		Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Mary Atkins Nick Lee, Carol Purdon		Prue Crowe-Galea Leah Williams	Rose Quinn
9:30am	Gracie Drakatos Barb Greeb, Doreen Stringer		Adrian Costello Bebher Mitchell	Kate Bruty
Prayers of the Faithful	Noela Boyer	Counters	Pat Whyte & Adrian Costello	
St. Anne's	Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan, Jenny Morris		Hospital Visit	Barb Green

ROSTER NEXT WEEK 10th & 11th October

Mass	LECTORS		Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Christine Sebire, Dominic Karunanayake, Mary Atkins		Kristy Serpell Carmel Mackenzie	Tania Dixon
9:30am	Rachel McAsey Claire Hogan, Michelle Shingles		Trish Marchetti 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

Monthly (October)

Gardening	Ken Harfield & Alfred Grigg	Baptism Prep	Mary Byrne
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1st Reading*Isaiah 5:1-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20***R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
10th & 11th October 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

2nd Reading*Philippians 4:6-9***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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Gospel Acclamation*John 15:15***Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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