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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



17th & 18th of October 2026

Parish Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

World Mission Sunday 2026: One in Christ, United in Mission

Bishop René reminds us that, as members of the universal Church, we are all called to share in Christ's mission, regardless of the size or location of our parish. Guided by Pope Leo XIV's theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," we are invited to reach beyond our local communities and accompany our brothers and sisters around the world.

This year, Catholic Mission highlights Kampira, Malawi, where families are rebuilding their lives after Cyclone Ana. Our support will help build a primary school, giving children access to education and a future filled with hope.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, we invite everyone to give generously. **A portion of our Second Collection will go towards Catholic Mission, supporting its work with local Churches in more than 160 countries. You may also make a direct donation using the envelopes available in the pews or at the entrances of the church.** Together, through our prayers, generosity and solidarity, we can make Christ's love visible and bring hope to communities in need. **Fr. Novie**



Reach out. Give life.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 17th & 18th October 2026

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass

Sunday: 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 19th – 23rd 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

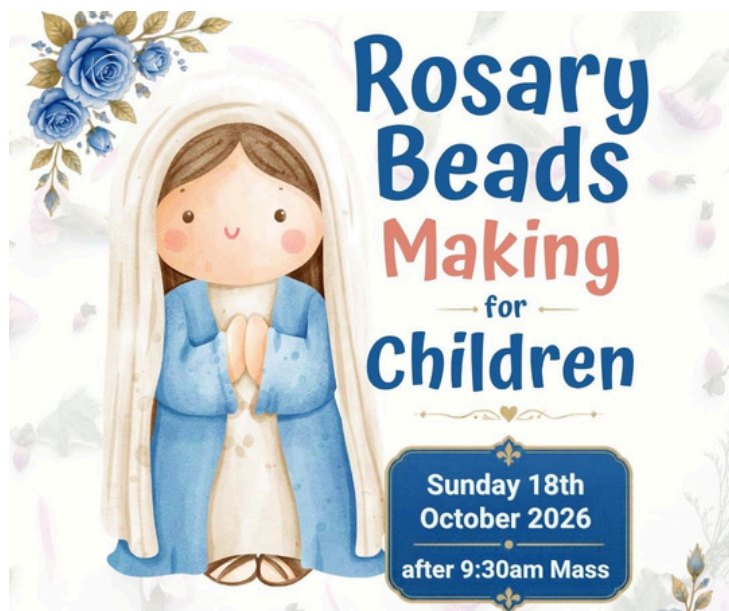
Parish News

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.

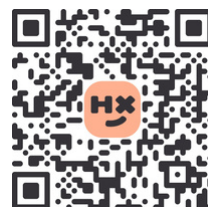
A special liturgy of prayer and remembrance for those who have died, especially our loved ones and members of our parish community. It is an opportunity to gather in faith, give thanks for their lives, entrust them to God's loving mercy, and find comfort and hope in the promise of eternal life.



Priests' Retirement Foundation

Please use the QR code provided to make your donation to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Your generous support helps provide ongoing care, dignity and wellbeing for our retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving God and His people. Every contribution, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference in supporting our priests in their retirement years.

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



St Mary's Parish
ECHUCA
Growing in faith together

Young Adults Gathering

ROSARY in MOTION

FAITH FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

MONDAY
19 OCTOBER 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

EAST PARK
Heygarth Street,
Echuca VIC 3564

ACTIVITIES

- ROSARY WALK
in honor of
the Feast of the
Holy Rosary
- SHORT DISCUSSION
OF ALPHA SERIES
- FUN OUTDOOR GAMES
based on the Rosary

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
LUKE 1:38

PARADE OF SAINTS

DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE SAINT

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN

1 NOVEMBER 2026 | SUNDAY MASS

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.



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

Parish Calendar

17th – 18th October: G'Day Weekend Saturday night Liturgy Sunday Fijian Families & Healy Community Sacramental Commitment Mass's *Children's Activity After Mass (Rosary Beads Making)

19th October: 6.00pm Young Adults Gathering at East Park, Heygarth St

19th – 23rd October: **Please do not walk on the wooden part of the floor in the Hall**

20th October: 5.00pm Baptism Preparation

21st October: 5.00pm Liturgy Meeting

28th October: 5.30pm Ladies Drinks

30th October: 9.00am Mary's Makers *Hall unavailable for the State Election (5 weeks)

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, Margaret McMahon, Paul Wallace, Elizabeth Kyne Weekly), Ruth Phillips, Domenico Scanbellone

Death Anniversaries

Ray Wallace, Betty Kyne, Anthony Allan, Nati Acebron.

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

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 17th & 18th October

Mass	LECTORS		Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Rose Quinn Chris Lee, Tania Dixon		Carol Purdon Sarah Byrne	Carol Purdon
9:30am	Julie Moyle Lauren Gould, Rachel McAsey		Margaret Hart 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

ROSTER NEXT 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

Monthly (October)

Gardening	Ken Hatfield & Alfred Grigg	Baptism Prep	Mary Byrne
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1st Reading*Isaiah 45:1, 4-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue
nations before him and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him that their gates be
closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my
chosen one, that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you that men
may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10***R. Give the Lord glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
24th & 25th October 2026

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

2nd Reading*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith in
action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that
you have been chosen, because when we brought
the Good News to you, it came to you not only as
words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as
utter conviction.

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

Gospel Acclamation*Philippians 2:15-16***Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

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

The Pharisees went away to work out between
them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they
sent their disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an
honest man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because
a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your
opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice
and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax
with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied,
'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they
replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back
to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God
what belongs to God.'

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