

Newsletter

11th Sunday in the Ordinary Time
17th & 18th June 2023



Reflection

We all have a mission in life. Sometimes, however, we can live without any real purpose or focus. Jesus reminds us today that we have been called and chosen to participate with him in spreading the Good News. As Jesus went from town to town, he saw the needs of people. We are told 'he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd'. In our daily life, how sensitive are we to the needs of others? What are our feelings when we see someone who is sad and without hope? Do we make it a priority to share the Good News with them? In our prayer today, we might like to dialogue with Jesus about how we might live out our mission concretely in our daily lives. We all need to do our part because today, as in Jesus' time, 'the harvest is great, but the labourers are few'.



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Reconciliation: Approach Fr. Novie Before Mass

Baptism: Every Second Sunday of the Month

If you wish to assist in "further supporting the Parish" we offer different ways of giving... direct debit, credit card or planned giving envelopes.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS are as follows:
St Mary's Echuca
BSB Number: 083-543
Account Number: 45-782-9206

Please ring the office for more details.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

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

Weekday Masses: 19th—23rd June

Monday: 10:30am Funeral Mass (Wendy Rolfe)
Wednesday – Friday: NO MASS

Ladies' Group: Every Tuesday 2pm (Parish Centre)
Men's Group: Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)

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. We remember their story as we journey together in a spirit of hope, justice and peace.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to the Filipino community for their exceptional efforts in organising the Santacruzán. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Annie Taylor and Julie Moyle for their invaluable assistance in the organisation. Special thanks also go to our generous donors: Bebher and Hugh, Eppie and Cliff, Celeste and Tony, Jojo and Joy, Garry and Jocelyn, Paul and Jarry, Froilan and Liway, Dave and Carmella, Rolly and Cathy, Mira, Danny and Lolit, Di, Paul and Shonnah, Lina and Barry, Flor and Cha, the Mateo Family, Noel and Lola. Lastly, we thank everyone who joined the event and contributed food to make our festivities successful. Thank you all!



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Today, we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. This day also marks the start of NAIDOC Week, a time for celebrating Indigenous culture across the Australian community. For a range of information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to <http://www.natsicc.org.au/>



REFUGEE WEEK 2023

Online Prayer Service

20 JUNE 2023

7PM

Register now at:
bit.ly/RWPS23



Attention Parishioners!

We will start **Giddy Weekend** on the **3rd weekend of July**. Every third weekend of the month we will be having name tags weekend and a cuppa after both Masses. In preparation for this special monthly occasion, we kindly request that you write your name on the sheet of paper provided at the entrances of the church. Please also indicate your preferred Mass time for the liturgy team to begin preparing personalized name tags. By providing this information, you will help us ensure a smooth and organized experience during the Giddy Weekend celebrations. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, The Liturgy Team

Save the date:
**Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday September 2
at 9am in the Parish Centre**

Repair Café: Do you need a small repair?
St Mary's Parish Care for Creation group is working with the Uniting Church to offer an alternative to sending items to landfill.

Venue: The Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Pakenham and Hare Sts.

Dates: July 8th, August 12th, Sept 9th.

Hours open: 10am - 12 Noon.

For more information, or to offer to volunteer, contact Cecilia Merrigan 0400 863 190

PARISH CALENDAR (June - July)

July 8th, August 12th, Sept 9th— Repair Café
Uniting Church Hall 10am-12Noon

19th June - Funeral Mass for Wendy Rolfe (10:30am)

19th –23rd June— Priests' Retreat (Fr. Novie is away)

21st June— Sacramental Program Meeting (5:30pm)
Bereavement Meeting (5pm Parish Centre)

27th June— Parish Finance (4:30pm Parish Centre)

3rd - 6th July - Colette Annual Leave

6th July—Ministers' Meeting (11:30am)

14th July—Aged Care Liturgy

15th –16th July—Giddy weekend (Cuppa After Masses)

19th July— Eucharist Faith Formation Pizza Night (6pm)

25th July—Jubilarians' Mass Shepparton

Parish Community Coordinator

The first task to be undertaken is the Parish Calendar (from June 2023 to June 2024). I would like to ask all Parish group leaders to provide their upcoming events and meeting dates to June 2024. (eg. Memorial Mass date, Social Group functions, Family Group events etc.) Please email to pcc@stmarysechuca.org.au
Feel free to call me on 0409 826 336 to discuss any new ideas or events to further enhance our community.
Julie Moyle

St. Mary's Soup for the Soul

Our Soup kitchen has closed for this year. Thank you to all who contributed, providing soup and attending on the day. We will be back next year.

??Questions about our faith??

Is there something that has puzzled you about our faith? Perhaps why do we use a particular symbol, or what is the meaning of a specific ritual or something you want to especially know about?

If so write your question on some paper and place it in the question boxes at the back or side entrance to the church. On "Giddy Weekend", the third weekend of the month Fr. Novie will answer the questions that have been put forward.

Soup and Sandwiches

After a long break, the Social Committee is pleased to recommence SOUP & SANDWICHES. Please join us for a cup of delicious soup, sandwiches and a social chat following 12 noon Mass on Wednesday June 28. Soup and Sandwiches will be held on the last Wednesday of the month during June, July, August and September.

ROSTERS: This Week - 17th & 18th June

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Mary Atkins
Dominic and Lasanta Karunanayake

9.30am: Margaret Hart
Barb Green, Noela Boyer

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Ruth Philipps
9.30am: Bernie Oliver, John Vagg

St Anne's - 17th: Cecilia, Barb, Kerry

Baptism Preparation: Jacqui Deola

Counters - 20th: Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams

Gardening: Jim & Prue Galea, Rose Quinn

ROSTERS: Next Week - 24th & 25th June

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Doug Black
Chris Lee, Kristy Serpell

9.30am: Julie Moyle
Anne Marie Cairns, Michelle Shingles

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Nick Lee
9.30am: Mel Slattery, Divanne Walker

St Anne's - 24th: Kay Westblade, Anne Bennett
Eileen Pineo

Baptism Preparation: Jacqui Deola

Counters - 27th: Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy

Gardening: Jim & Prue Galea, Rose Quinn

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: Mary Roberts, Bruno Barbera, Pat Davey, Dan Carey, Ruby Ainslie, Howard Clark Jnr, Jayden Williams, Jessie Davidson, Cameron Purdon, Jodie Walton, Murry Perrett, John & Chloris Dignan, Beatrice Phillips, Anne Dodd, Peter Davey, Patricia Vogege, Fred Molluso, Meredith (Maddick) Ryan, Ted Payne, Delene Hutchinson, Peter Phillips, David Baker, Monica Beckwith

Anniversaries: Marie Pilsbury, Rita Perera

Recently Deceased : Ted Payne, Wendy Rolfe

First Reading: *Exodus 19:2-6*

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 99:2-3, 5*

**R. We are his people:
the sheep of his flock**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

**Next week: 12th Sunday in the Ordinary Time (Year A)
24th & 25 June Year A**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33**

Second Reading: *Romans 5:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the good news!

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 9:36 - 10:8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.