

Newsletter

12th Sunday in the Ordinary Time
24th & 25th June 2023



Reflection

Jesus was no stranger to persecution but it did not prevent him from boldly proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and instructing his disciples to do the same. Jesus tells his followers 'Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and and body.' Sometimes, we can become discouraged in the face of opposition or difficulties. Jesus wants us to lift our gaze and set our eyes on what is eternal. The Gospel message is too important for us to allow discouragement to stop us from proclaiming it boldly. Today we pray for courage to face the challenges that come from living out our faith. May our courage be renewed as we strive to build the kingdom of God here on earth and make the love of Jesus better known, even in the face of opposition and hardships.



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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: 26th—30th June

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass
Thursday: 9.00am Mass
Friday: 9.00am 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

Attention Parishioners!

Giddy Weekend

On the third weekend of the month we will be having Giddy Weekend. There will be a cuppa provided after both Masses.

A different Parish group will be asked to 'host' each cuppa. You'll be asked to set up after Mass and provide some treats to share! Our Parish Community Coordinator (Julie Moyle) will be in touch with group leaders in the coming weeks to ask your group's Mass preference. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated as we launch this new initiative.



Do you have a men's pushbike in your shed you're not using?

Is it in good condition?

Would you be willing to offer it to a fellow parishioner? We have a number a men who have recently joined our Parish who have no transport. We're hoping to assist them with some pushbikes. If you can help, can you please call Barb Green on 0428 885 094 or Julie Moyle on 0409 826336? Barb and Julie can then arrange collection and distribution.



Stewardship statements will be ready to be picked up at the back of the church next week. Please note for cash givers you will be distributed new envelopes with a **new number**, so please dispose of your old envelopes and only use the new ones.

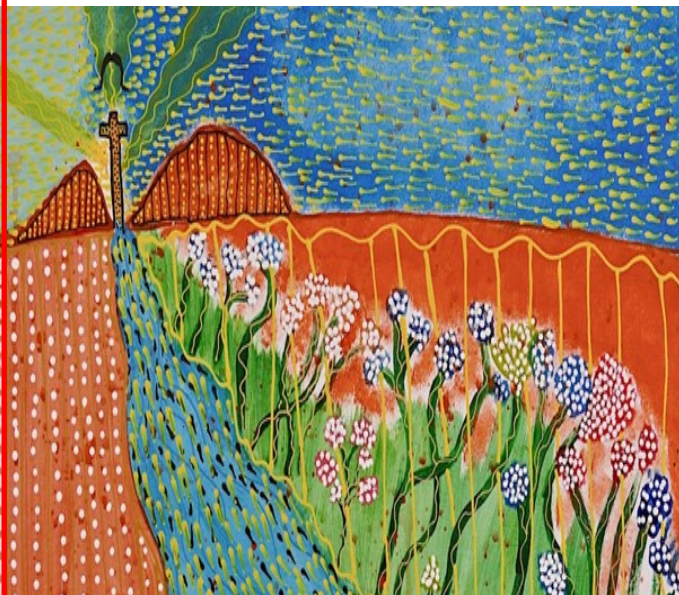
A big thank you goes out to all those wonderful people who made, donated or contributed in some other way on Friday for Margaret Spedding's funeral.



Please take note

Our Defibrillator is located on the SOUTH wall of the Church.

As you go up the ramp you will see it on your left.



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 Nation's people and the Catholic Church go to

<http://www.natsicc.org.au/>

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 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.

ROSTERS: This Week - 24th & 25th June

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Doug Black
Chris Lee, Kristy Serpell
9.30am: Rachel McAsey
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

PARISH CALENDAR (June - July)

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

2nd July— 11.30am Mass at Tongala

3rd - 6th July - Colette Annual Leave

6th July—Ministers' Meeting (11:30am)

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

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

??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: Next Week - 1st & 2nd July

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Tania Dixon
Marie McDonald, Andrew Sebire
9.30am: Noela Boyer
Rachel McAsey, Kerry McLoughlan

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Carol Purdon
9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, Marg Walter
St Anne's - 1st: Pat Sanderson

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters - 4th: Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello

Gardening: Rob Morris, Bob Cooper,
Catherine Lindner

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: Olive Morgan, Fr Maurie Dullard, Rose Morrow, Margaret Atkins, Hilary Atkins, Maria Culturi,.

Recently Deceased :

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:
I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!'
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

Next week: 13th Sunday in the Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st & 2nd July Year A

1st Reading: Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 15:26, 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 10:26-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

