

Reflection

Are you one of those people who over-prepare for a camping trip and take much more than you need, or do you under-prepare and find yourself lacking a can opener when you need it or a pump for the air mattress? I'm an over preparer. I take everything we need and much more. I don't ever want to be caught short. But is it the same when it comes to my faith life? Today's parable of the ten bridesmaids highlights the importance of being ready when God moves in our life. The foolish bridesmaids thought they knew exactly when the groom would show up. They weren't prepared for his late arrival and didn't have enough oil in their lamps. As a consequence, they missed the bridegroom when he did show up. *Lord, help me to build up stores of spiritual oil, through prayer, sacraments, and service. Help me to wait patiently on God's timing in my life and be prepared to receive God's movement and grace at exactly the time it appears. Amen.*

May the warm embrace of our Christian community extend to the Westwood and Ahearn Families as we joyfully welcome Cyril and Lenna into our midst, showering them with love and spiritual growth as they receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times: 11th—12th November
Saturday: 6:00pm Mass (Confirmation—4 Children)
Sunday : 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 13th—17th November
Fr Novie is away all week.
Wednesday: 12.00pm Communion Service

Weekend Mass Times: 18th—19th November (G'Day Weekend)
Saturday: 6:00pm Mass
Sunday : 9:30am Mass (Family Mass and Picnic)

Reconciliation: Approach Fr. Novie Before Mass
Baptism: Every Second Sunday of the Month
Weddings: By Appointment with the Parish Priest
Ladies' Group: Every Tuesday 2pm (Parish Centre)
Men's Group: Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)
Playgroup: Every Friday 9am (Parish Centre)
During school terms

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.

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 are as follows:

St Mary's Echuca
BSB Number: 083-543
Account Number: 45-782-9206

Child Safety: 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 the parish office and look for the Child Safety Officer Mel Slattery.

PARISH NEWS

Festive Christmas Raffle

Hello fellow Parishioners.

Our Christmas raffle for 2023 will be bumper hampers! We are asking all Parish families to donate an item for a hamper. Non-perishable goods, such as wine, chocolates, gourmet goodies, home décor, books or vouchers would be great. If you're not able to purchase goods, you might like make a donation for us to purchase something on your behalf. The Festive Christmas raffle will be drawn on 10th December at our Parish Christmas party. Tickets will be available for sale at both Masses from the 11th/12th November - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If you have any queries please contact Margaret Hart on 0419 506 254 or Julie Moyle on 0409 826 336. Thank you so much for your support.



Fr Novie, Margaret and Julie.



G'Day Weekend and Family Mass

St. Mary's Primary School and St. Joseph's College, in partnership with the Parish Sacramental Team, cordially invite all to join us in celebrating the remarkable journey of our Sacramental Children in 2023.

Picnic Day

9:30 am Mass followed by morning tea, entertainment, including a jumping castle, face painting, and games for the children on the parish grounds

19 NOVEMBER 2023



Month of the Holy Souls

November Mass envelopes can be found in the church entrances throughout the entire month of November. You can place them in the collection bags during the collection or give them directly to Fr. Novie if you have specific Mass times in mind for them. Otherwise, Fr. Novie will gather them and include them in our Masses during the last weekend of November. These prayers are dedicated to our dearly departed family members, friends, and community members during this sacred month of the Holy Souls.



Christ the King Sunday

26th November 2023

The day will begin with a Mass at 9:30 AM, followed by an Australian barbecue on the parish grounds to celebrate the increasing diversity within our congregation.



ECHUCA-MOAMA : From Diagnosis to O.A.M. - A Personal Autism Journey

Presented by: Daniel Giles OAM - Autism Self-Advocate and Public Speaker & Daryl Giles - Providing a Parent's Perspective. Thursday 23rd November, Moama RSL. If you want more information please contact the office or see posters in the Church.

We congratulate **Alegra Toll** and **Rose van Poeteren** who will be **Confirmed** and **Matteo Toll** who will receive **First Communion** and **Madilyn van Poeteren** who will be **Confirmed** and receive **First Communion** during Mass on Saturday night.



"Congratulations" to **Jayden Muller** and **Jessica Moyle** on their beautiful wedding this **Saturday (11 Nov 2023)!** Wishing you a lifetime filled with love, joy, and endless happiness.



PARISH CALENDAR (November)

12th November- Wallies Family Group “Lunch at Carmel & Ted’s”
12th-17th November - Fr Novie away (short break)
15th November - Communion Service 12.00pm
17th-19th November - Men’s Ministry Retreat (Morning Glory Resort)
18th-19th November- G’Day Weekend (Social Justice)
19th November - Family Mass and Picnic (Sacramental Team)
21st November - Finance Meeting 4.30pm
22nd November - **Fr Novie’s Birthday**
 - Ladies’ Drinks Parish Meeting Room 5.30pm
23rd November- St Joseph’s Stewardship Mass & Dinner (School)
26th November - (Christ the King) followed by Parish BBQ.



Hangabout Playgroup

9am - 10:15am Friday mornings during the school terms.

St Mary’s Parish 224 Anstruther St Echuca
 (enter via side gate).

Enjoy fun activities - craft, singing, story time, outdoor play with the kids and meet others.

Mums, Dads & Carers are all very welcome



Contact Mel Slattery 0417 822 589 if you require further details.

ROSTERS: This Week - 11th & 12th November

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Kristy Serpell
 Colette Porter, Rebekah Porter

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan
 Rod Chisholm, Jenny Morris

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Leah Williams
9.30am: Mel Slattery, Beber Mitchell

St Anne’s Church Cleaners: 9th

Elaine Roberts, Tania Dixon

Setting up the Church: 11th Mary Atkins

Setting up the Church: 12th Rod Chisholm

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 14th Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy,
 Peter Davey

Hospital Visiting: Karla Chisholm

Gardening: Doug Black, Ray Lewis

ROSTERS: Next Week - 18th & 19th November

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Tania Dixon
 Ruth Phillips, Rose Quinn

9.30am: Chris Armstrong
 Judi O’Farrell Kerry McLoughlan

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Kate Bruty
9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, John Moyle

St Anne’s Church Cleaners: 16th

Cecilia Merrigan, Barb Green, Kerry McLoughlan

Setting up the Church: 18th Tania Dixon

Setting up the Church: 19th Rachel McAsey

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 21st Roma Bowman, Margaret Hart

Hospital Visiting: Carmel Mackenzie

Gardening: Doug Black, Ray Lewis

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: Bruno Barbera, Pat Davey, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Jayden Williams, Jodie Walton, Murray Perrett, John & Chloris Dignan, Beatrice Phillips, Anne Dodd, Patricia Vogele, Fred Molluso, Meredith (Maddick) Ryan, Peter Phillips, David Baker, Stephen Baker, Monica Beckwith, Julio and Nati Acebron, Bernadette McClelland, Caroline Farley, John Monigatti.

Anniversaries: Charlie Pavone, Murray Williams, Eric Harrison, Frances McKenner, Rita Slattery, George Booth, Nancy Urbano, John Buckley, Lyle Fraser, John Henderson, Patricia Devereaux, Nellie Keech, Peter Kotsiakos, Alfred Moriarty, Lauris Hall, Elizabeth Broom, Ken Colvin, Percy Garden, Jack and Rita Smith, Tom Farley.

Deaths: Bob Hynam, Tony Shankey.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as
they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

Next week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
18th & 19th November Year A
1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: 127:1-5
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those
who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve
about them, like the other people who have no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it
will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God
will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take
their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible
ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The
bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell
asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom
is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the
foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of
your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for you; you had
better go to those who sell it and buy some for
yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the
bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with
him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The
other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said,
"open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly,
I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not
know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.