

Reflection

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we honour Jesus Christ as King of the Universe and our King. We gather to celebrate not only the triumph and glory, but also his justice. Today's Gospel tells us that, as the judge of all human beings, he will base his irrevocable decision on the way we have treated our neighbour. He, in fact, considers as done to himself whatever we do to our brothers and sisters. On this Solemnity of Christ the King we also thank the Lord for all the blessings he has granted us in the course of the liturgical year now about to end. In particular, we thank him for the innumerable spiritual graces. Let our Eucharist today, then, be a hymn of glory and thanks to Jesus, the only King of our hearts, and a renewal of our allegiance to him.

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times: 25th & 26th November

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass
Sunday : 9:30am Mass Christ the King
followed by Parish BBQ.

Weekday Masses: 27th November - 1st December

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass (Church)
Thursday: 9.00am Mass (Meeting Room)
Friday: 9.00am Mass (Church)

Weekend Mass Times: 2nd & 3rd December

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass
Sunday : 9:30am Mass
11.00am Tongala

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

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.



Month of the Holy Souls

We dedicate our prayers this weekend to our dearly departed family members, friends, and community members during this sacred month of the Holy Souls. These are the names of the special loved ones from our November Mass Envelopes.

Lyle Fraser	Chris Fraser
Steven Fraser	Tom Costello
Olive Costello	Vincent Costello
Leo Costello	Sally Costello
Tom McManus	Molley McManus
Ron Nixon	Jean Nixon
Vanessa Makoni	Charlie Hudson
Kevin Webb	Gary Reeves
Yolanda Lanojan	Daniel Gomos
Regino Fontenna	Luckshman Karunanayake
Tom Arnold	Kate Arnold
Kevin Arnold	Brian Arnold
Pat Taylor	James Taylor
Kath Roberts	Tom Roberts
Molly Monti	Walter Monti
Madge Roberts	Sabina Roberts
Neil Vagg	Kathleen Vagg
Lance Vagg	Bill Vagg
Dorothy Carter	Tom Henderson
Mollie Henderson	Johnny Orso
Domenico Orso	Filomena Orso
Anotnio Orso	Marco Orso
Angelo Orso	Don Tracey
Isobel Tracey	John Ryan
Ellen Ryan	Lester Ryan
Bernadette Ryan	Bill Walter
Marjorie Alter	James Monahan
Frances Monahan	Des Crowe
Lillian Crowe	

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.



ALL PARENTS, FRIENDS & PARISHIONERS ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND

St. Mary's Primary End of Year Christmas Liturgy

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY FOUNDATION,
YEAR ONE & YEAR TWO

Thursday
December the 7th
9.30 am
Brigidine Centre



Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

Let us come together in love, prayer and support as we share messages of hope.

4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT
Monday November 27, 2023



Deceased Tracey Family Members
Deceased Marwood Family Members
Deceased Sutton Family Members
Deceased Costello Family Members
Deceased Brown Family Members
Deceased Monahan Family Members
Deceased Crowe Family Members



PARISH CALENDAR (November—December)

26th November - Feast of Christ the King followed by Parish BBQ.

3rd December - Tongala Mass 11.00am

6th December - Advent Anointing Mass 12.00pm, Bereavement Meeting 5.00pm,
PPC Christmas Party 6.00pm, Year 7-9 St Joe's School Liturgy 9.15am,
Wallies Family Group "Brunch"

7th December - St Mary's Primary End of Year Christmas Liturgy 9.30am Brigidine Centre

8th December - Christmas Anointing Day for the Aged Care Facilities
Wharparilla 10.30am, BUPA at 2.00pm

10th December - Parish Christmas Party after 9.30am Mass followed by BBQ and raffle draw.

11th December - Award's Night at St Joe's 7.00pm

12th December - Finance Meeting 5.00pm

13th December - St Mary's Graduation Liturgy 12.00pm and St Joe's College Staff Mass 10.30am

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 - 25th & 26th November

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Terry McKiterick
Dominic Karunanayke, Carol Purdon

9.30am: Theresa Jacobs
Jules Family, Chamali Stouter

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Allison McKiterick
9.30am: Lauren Gould, Erick Melad

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 23rd
Kay Westblade, Eileen Pineo, Bev Stapleton

Setting up the Church: 25th Carol Purdon

Setting up the Church: 26th Bernie Oliver

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 28th Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello

Hospital Visiting: Barb Green

Gardening: Doug Black, Ray Lewis

ROSTERS: Next Week - 2nd & 3rd December

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Chris Lee
Nick Lee, Chamali Stouter

9.30am: Noela Boyer
Barb Green, Lyn Addin

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Bob Cooper
9.30am: Kay Westblade, Beber Mitchell

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 30th
Pat Sanderson, Bev Kenna

Setting up the Church: 2nd Kate Bruty

Setting up the Church: 3rd Rod Chisholm

Baptism Preparation: Sarah Byrne

Counters: 5th Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: Jackie Delahunty

Gardening: Jim & Prue Galea, Rose Quinn

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, Monica Beckwith, Julio and Nati Acebron, Bernadette McClelland, Caroline Farley, John Monigatti, Margaret Oman, Mary Roberts.

Anniversaries: Claire Ryan, Allan Baker, Glenys Caiolfa, Mary Wallace, Phillip Barca, Syd McCann, Eileen Kirchhofer, Giffie O'Brien, John Dodd.

Death: Sr Brigida Nailon CSB

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

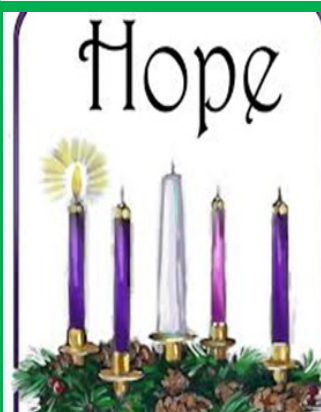
Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Next week: 1st Sunday
of Advent**

2nd & 3rd December Year B

1st Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm:

79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37