

**Reflection**

**Trumpets**

The response of the psalm on this feast day is: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord." Trumpets appear several times in the Old Testament as musical instrument in secular use: they sounded the entrance of the monarch, and the alarm for battle. Trumpets had religious uses: sounded assemblies, at the beginning of a feast day, one of several instruments in temple and for processions, sacrifices and dedications. In the New Testament they have apocalyptic overtones: the angels announced catastrophes (Rev 8:2-11), calls the chosen for the final judgment (Matt 24:31) and the dead are awakened (1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16).

In early Christian worship no music instruments were used; the human voice provided the accompaniment to the chants. As pipes and pipe organs came into use, the sound of trumpets began to be heard, especially on Anzac Day for the Last Post and the Reveille.



**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Weekday Masses: 13th May — 17th May**  
**Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass Church**  
**Thursday: 9.00am Mass (Parish Centre)**  
**12:30pm Year 6 Mass (School)**  
**Friday: 9.00am Mass (Church)**

**Weekend Mass Times: 18th & 19th May 2024 (Pentecost)**  
**Saturday: 6:00pm Mass**  
**Sunday : 9:30am Mass (Year 2 Family Mass)**

**Reconciliation:** Approach Fr Novie before Mass  
**Baptism:** Every Second Sunday of the Month  
**Weddings:** By Appointment with the Parish Priest  
**Sophia Sisters:** Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)  
**Men's Group:** Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)  
**Playgroup:** Every Friday 9am (Parish Centre)  
 During school terms

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**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 CALENDAR

- 12th May:** Mothers' Day
- 13th May:** Care for Creation Social Justice Team meeting 7.30pm PC
- 15th May:** Soup and Sandwiches 12:30pm (After Mass)
- 18th May:** Garage Sale— 9am to 1pm Parish Centre \* G'Day Weekend Social Committee
- 19th May:** Garage Sale— 11am to 1pm Parish Centre \* G'Day Weekend Aged-Care Liturgy and Visiting Team and Year 2 Family Mass
- 21st May:** Finance Committee Meeting 5.00pm
- 22nd May:** Ladies Drinks Meeting Room 5.30pm
- 24th May:** Fr. Joe Taylor's 50th Anniversary Mass at 11am with Bishop Shane and the priests of the Diocese (Echuca)



## Pentecost Sunday

### Sunday 19th of May

@ 9.30 am

### Year 2 Family Mass

All Year 2 Families & Learners Invited to  
A Family Mass, with songs, prayers, tea, coffee &  
refreshments afterwards.






## Garage Sale

St Mary's Hall, 224 Anstruther St, Echuca

**18th May 2024, Saturday**  
9am - 1pm

**19th May 2024, Sunday**  
11am - 1pm



**Everything Must Be Cleared!**  
Office furniture clearing sale!




Quantity of desks, tables, chairs,  
filing cabinets, mats, various toys  
and household goods.

**Join us for Laudato Si' Week, May 16th-24th,** to celebrate our commitment to our common home. Rooted in the beauty of the Murray River and its iconic river redgums, we strive to be seeds of hope for our diverse communities. Let's cherish our connection to country and protect our local environment together.

**Prayer:**  
Lord, bless the Murray River, its floodplains, and all who dwell around. May we safeguard the beauty and life of our precious local environment.

**National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. As people of faith we are called, Now More than Ever, to journey towards Reconciliation. So we invite you to join us for a cuppa, a scone and a yarn around the fire to build relationships and share stories.

The gardens of St Mary's Parish Centre  
Anstruther St Echuca  
2.30pm, Sunday 26th May  
Everyone is welcome.

May the warm embrace of our Christian community extend a joyful welcome to

**Lyla Cameron & Scarlett & Theodore O'Sullivan**

on Saturday night .

as they receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



**Welcome Back: Soup & Sandwiches**  
Soup & Sandwiches will commence on Wednesday May 15 following 12 noon Mass. S & S will be held on the third Wednesday of the month through to October. We look forward to seeing many parishioners enjoying the company of others around the table.

## Hangabout Playgroup

9am - 10:15am Friday mornings during the school terms.  
St Mary's Parish 224 Anstruther St Echuca  
(enter via side gate).



St. Mary's Parish and the Filipino Community would like to invite all of you to our celebration of the

# Santacruzán

Parish Fundraiser Event

# 2024

2nd June 2024, Sunday

9:30 am Parish Mass, all are welcome

Followed by Fellowship at the Parish Hall

*Community Connect*



ST MARY'S PARISH ECHUCA INVITES YOU TO A

# High Tea

Your favourite cuppa with delicious sweet & savoury items.  
Includes a welcome glass of bubbles.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**Sunday, 30 June 2024  
1:30PM - 4PM**

Raffles, Trading Table of Produce, Live Musical Entertainment and more!

### TICKETS

\$35 p/seat or book by table (10 seats p/table)

### ATTIRE

Your favourite Pink & Pearls

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*A fundraiser for the Parish*

## BASP Trivia Night

Last Friday evening St Mary's Echuca's "Brightest" gathered to support the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project, by participating in the on line quiz organised by St Mary's Hampton. The competitors came from all over the state. Our teams the Wise Quackers and the Plains Wonderers did not win the prized BASP Tea Towels, but we had a very enjoyable evening and raised \$350 out of a total \$7000. Sr Brigid inspired us all to advocate for refuges and to support this wonderful organization.

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK

#### 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

##### Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Christine Sebire  
Rose Quinn, Kajini Karunanayke

9.30am: Theresa Jacobs  
Abilain Liwanag, Julie Moyle

##### Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Allison McKiterick  
9.30am: Erick Melad, Rob Morris

Prayers of the Faithful: Terry McKiterick

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 11<sup>th</sup> Cecilia Merrigan,  
Barb Green, Kerry McLoughlan

Setting up the Church: 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Atkins

Setting up the Church: 12<sup>th</sup> Noela Boyer

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 14<sup>th</sup> Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello

Hospital Visiting: 13<sup>th</sup> Kym Bridges

Gardening: Doug Black, Ray Lewis

### ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

#### 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

##### Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Mary Atkins  
Terry McKiterick, Chamali Stouter

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan  
Rachel McAsey, Jenny Morris

##### Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Leah Williams  
9.30am: Ken Liwanag, John Moyle

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Atkins

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 18<sup>th</sup> Kay Westblade,  
Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton

Setting up the Church: 18<sup>th</sup> Rose Quinn

Setting up the Church: 19<sup>th</sup> Rachel McAsey

Baptism Preparation: Holly Morris

Counters: 21<sup>st</sup> Eileen Pineo & Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: 20<sup>th</sup> Noela Boyer

Gardening: Doug Black, Ray Lewis

### YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

**Sick:** Julio and Nati Acebron, David Baker, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, John & Chloris Dignan, Caroline Farley, Bernadette McClelland, Fred Molluso, John Monigatti, Margaret Oman, Murray Perrett, Beatrice Phillips, Peter Phillips, Meredith (Maddick) Ryan, Patricia Vogele, Jodie Walton, Jayden Williams, Judy Wallace, Colleen Bosse, Bruce Haines, Sue Dalton (Johnson), Maureen McKenner.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Boyer, Tony Tyndall, Kay Christian, Margaret Musgrove, John Drakatos, Fran Beehag, Mary Farley, Barry Mc Mahon, Kathleen Vagg, Mary Byrne, Richard Moyle, Vincent Galea, Nell Stapleton.

**Recently Deceased:** Monsignor Frank Hickey

**First Reading**

Acts 1:1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
 cry to God with shouts of joy!  
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
 great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
 sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
 Sing praise with all your skill.  
 God is king over the nations;  
 God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**Next week: Pentecost Sunday**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May Year B

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-13

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always,  
 until the end of the world.

Alleluia.

**Gospel**

Mark 16:15-20

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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