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## St Mary's Church – Next Week MASS or CS

**Tuesday 10.00 am**  
**Wednesday 10.00 am**  
**Thursday 10.00 am**  
**Friday 10.00 am**

St Joseph's Church – Penshurst

**Wednesday 10am & Thursday 10am**

### MASS TIMES – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 2nd Sunday of the month.

<b>Hamilton:</b>	Saturday Mass	6pm
	Sunday Mass	10:30am & 5pm
<b>Penshurst:</b>	No Service	
<b>Macarthur:</b>	SAWC	9am
<b>Dunkeld:</b>	SAWC	9am
<b>Glenthompson:</b>	Mass	9am

**Reconciliation:** After 10am Mass on Fridays or 5.30pm Saturdays; Country Centres before or after any Mass, or by contacting Fr Pat or Fr John 55711161

### St. Mary's Rosters – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

	6pm	10.30
<b>Welcome:</b>	Margaret Meagher	Alida Alymer
<b>Commentator:</b>	Ted Oliver	Maree Bell
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Mary Walter	Val Lovell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	Ian Ferguson	Peter Tripovich
<b>Procession Gift:</b>	Marie Grinham & Mary Walter	Stanhope Family
<b>Eucharistic Min:</b>	Group: 6	Group: 3
<b>Computer:</b>	Sr Marg	Wheaton Family

### Rosters: this weekend – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**6pm:** Fay Rhook, P Oliver-Snell & P Fallon  
**10.30am:** Val Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald,  
T Daffey, & F O'Brien.

**St Joseph's – Penshurst:** Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> No Service

**Pastoral Carers Meeting:** 2pm Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> December

### BOOK CLUB

Meeting on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at the Blue Malt, formerly known as Gilly's at 6:30pm for dinner to review "The Sleepers Almanac No.6".

## Please Pray For These People

**RECENT DEATHS:** Dulcie Buckingham, Olive Parker, (our prayerful sympathy to Les & Rose Smith on the death of Les' sister, Olive.)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Leo Patrick Taylor, Leonie Sparrow, Kevin Munro

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Brian Roache, Sheila Hehir, Frank Vogels, Marie Maxwell (Waight), Marcia Edwards-Willis, Peter Garzoli, Gayle Lee, Jim Bonner, Val Carter, Kerryn McCluggage, Betty Wentzel, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Terrence McGrath, Jacinta Carson.

## FINANCE COLLECTIONS

Priests' Support: 646.50  
Parish Stewardship Program (Commenced 14 Oct)  
Given YTD: \$22,354  
Pledged Full Year: \$141,421  
Count Team: Ian & Bernadette Ferguson & Team  
Next Week: F & D Soulsby and Team

## CHURCH CLEANING FOR *DECEMBER*:

Meg Cook, Madonna Spong, Carmen Spong, Lia Mailes

**2013 Columban Calendar** For Sale @ \$9 each  
Buy one of the **best religious calenders in the world** and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar also make an excellent gift for family or friends.

### Stronger Youth Retreat

Three members of the Hamilton Catholic Youth Group, Jess, Pippa and Charlotte will be attending the Stronger Youth Retreat led by Fr Rob Galea. On the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
We wish them well for this retreat!

### St Vincent's dePaul Christmas Appeal

Thank you so much to those who have contributed to our Christmas Appeal. This is a great opportunity for us to make life a little better for those who are less fortunate in our local community.  
We invite everyone to contribute what you can.

### PRAYER TIME IN OUR PARISH

**Christian Meditation:** in the tradition of John Main osb, and as practiced by the World Community for Christian Meditation. Wednesday 7.30 – 8.30 pm, Parish House.  
Great prayer resources on [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

### Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary

\* 9.30 am before weekday Mass or C.S.

\* 7.00pm each Thursday and Sunday

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

after Mass on Wednesday 10.30 – 12 noon.

### Prayer before The Blessed Sacrament

The Church is open daily till 8.00 pm. If you are prepared to spend sometime between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm on a roster basis please contact Rita Taylor or Terry Nunan. Special intentions include vocations to the priesthood and religious life, support of families.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER!**  
Can you HELP?  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

*Our Parish Christmas dinner is on again this year and fast approaching, however we need a new organiser and people to assist, so come on please volunteer a few hours to do this wonderful job. Please call Kymhan or Shelby at the office on 55711161 if you can help.*

*A list of Christmas Foods needed is available at the back of the church on the noticeboard please indicate your donation by writing your name against an item.*

Thank you for your generosity

**PARISH CALENDER – 2012**

**December-**

- 9<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Parish Primary School Mass 10.30am**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Penshurst Combined Christmas Carols 7.30pm**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dunkeld St Patrick's Christmas Carols 8pm**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony of Remembrance for the recently bereaved 7.30pm.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rite of Reconciliation 7.30pm**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Carols by Candlelight, Botanical Gardens, 6pm**

**ADVENT IS HERE**

Check out Fr John McKinnon's Reflections on the Gospel for each Sunday:  
[www.johnmckinnon.org](http://www.johnmckinnon.org)

**Ceremony of Remembrance**

for the recently bereaved.  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm  
St Mary's Church, Hamilton. All are welcome.

**Combined Christmas Carols**

- **Penshurst Memorial Hall Sun: 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm**
- **St Patrick's Dunkeld, Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm**
- **Botanical Gardens, Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm.**

**Maryknoll Activities**

Everyone is welcome to join in the Groups listed below. If you are interested in a group please phone the contact person for further details.

**Scrapbooking.**

Kerry Stevens: 55725191

**Noah's Ark Toy Library:** Open Wednesdays 10.30am -12.30pm or by appointment.

Pauline Perkins: 0428 287113

**Men's Day Out:** Wednesday, 1.15 – 4.00pm.

Gerald Healy: 0429381595

**Craft:** Thursdays, 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Margaret Duyveston: 5578 8213

**Southern Grampians Old Time Dance Practise:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Geraldine Mather 55712546



**Pool Party**

Sunday Dec.2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm @ HILAC  
Bring along money to get into the pool.  
Snacks provided.

**Sunday Catch Up**

Meet at the Dunworth Centre  
Sunday, Dec 9th. 11:30am – 12:15pm  
Join us for sausage rolls and a drink.  
Help plan the pizza and disco night.  
Age: Grade 4 - Adults

Bring along a friend if you like.  
Enquiries to John Hockey  
0439 319 823  
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**Year of Grace Prayer**

Gracious God,  
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people. We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ. You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son that we may experience a new wave of grace, And that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives. Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice. With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer**

**God of holiness,  
Whose promises stand through all generations, fulfil the longings of a humanity weighed down by confusion and burdened with fear.**

**Raise up our heads and strengthen our hearts, that free from anxiety and steadfast in hope, we may look forward to the glorious return of Christ, our judge and our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever**

**Amen.**