



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

Comprising the communities of Apsley, Balmoral, Casterton, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Edenhope, Glenthompson, Goroke, Hamilton, Harrow, Macarthur, Penshurst and Tarrayoukyan.

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Parish Logo

We are pleased to present to you our new Parish Logo which has been designed by Josephite Sister Dorothy Woodwood who is a Lochinvar Sister of St Joseph.

The logo was especially designed for our new Parish and incorporates a number of elements from our district.



Parish Census

During the month of March, our parish will be undertaking a census of all Mass goers. This will involve asking each family to complete a

census card with details such as your address, email, phone number, as well as details of those that live in your home. This registers

you as a member of our Parish and allows us to provide good communication and pastoral care as required. Your information will be treated very securely so no need to worry about privacy concerns.



Fr Doan Nguyen

Welcome

We are privileged to have Fr Doan Nguyen helping out in our Parish for the rest of this year. Fr Doan is a Redemptorist Priest who was ordained in November of 2018. Fr Doan is here to gain pastoral experience in a parish prior to him taking up a more permanent appointment in another parish next year. Fr Doan's presence will allow Fr Paddy to visit all of our smaller communities a couple of times this year in order to listen to your stories and aspirations.

Parish Giving Program

We appreciate that the five former parishes all undertook their giving programs differently, even to the point of them

having different names such as Planned Giving, Sacrificial Giving, and Stewardship. During April of this year we will be running a renewal program for the whole parish that will give you an opportunity to make new pledges and also to take up payment options such as Direct Debit and Credit Card payments. We look forward to receiving your support as we face the challenges of the future together!



Child Safe Standards

As a Society, Catholic Church, Diocese and Parish, we are determined to learn from the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse and ensure this shameful history never occurs again. We are committed to implementing all of the Safeguarding Standards that will guide and protect all of us into the future. We are very intentional in talking about this and ask that you be understanding and cooperative as we implement the requirements of these standards moving forward. This will include the expansion of our Working With Children Check register as well as some education and training of our people.

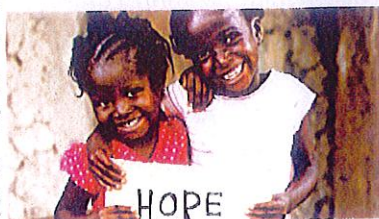


Our Parish has two Safeguarding Officers;
John Hockey - South / Eastern Communities
 0439 319 823 - manager@westernborder.church
John Donegan - Western Communities
 5581 1933 - donegan.john@bigpond.com

Please feel free to contact either one of them if you wish to discuss any Child Safe issues. You will find the Parish Safeguarding Policies on our Parish website at the following address;
<http://westernborder.church/child-safe-policy-and-protocol/>

Mission Outreach Donations

Our Parish is committed to donating 10% of all income received from giving to a number of mission causes. So far this year giving received is \$51,630 and our parish has donated \$3,000 to Sr Lourdes - Kenya Mission, as well as \$3,000 to Sr Stella's - India Mission. Both of these are causes that Fr Paddy has connections with and we know they are so appreciative of all they receive.



Finances

The St Mary MacKillop Parish Finance Committee has met twice so far which has been very much a learning experience for all of us. Those on the committee are John Donegan, Kevin Myers, Ursula Murphy, Bryan Roberts, Des Slattery, Simon Close, John Hockey (Parish Manager), Fr Paddy Mugavin and Fr John Corrigan. The committee has prioritised completing a Parish Pastoral plan and a Buildings Master Plan. This will help us establish the long term land and building needs of the Parish. Bryan Roberts has offered to lead this initiative over coming months and will be visiting all schools and communities to hear of your hopes and needs.

Casterton Rental Property

Many years ago the Casterton Parish purchased a house that might be used to accommodate a school principal and would also be a financial investment. The house located at 24 Shiels Terrace, whilst having appreciated in value over the years, is not in great condition and it has been determined by the Finance Committee that the best course of action is to sell the property and use the funds obtained from the sale for other building refurbishments as required. Consultation took place with the former members of the Casterton Parish Finance Committee who provided input and agreement to pursue this course of action. The house will go on the market in coming weeks with a sell price of \$135,000.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

On Sunday the 31st of March we will hold our first meeting of the St Mary MacKillop Parish Pastoral Council. Leadership representatives of each community are invited to attend the Sacred Heart Hall in Casterton from 1-3pm. During this first meeting we will share the stories of our communities which will help us to better understand each other.

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First Sunday of Lent, Year C

10 March 2019

First Reading Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

**(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am
In trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe

in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.**

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Gospel Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided.

The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmara people.

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Weekend Mass Times @ Hamilton: 6pm Sat & 10:30am Sun
Weekday Mass Times @ Hamilton: Tue, Thu, Fri. 10am & Wed 5.15pm
Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 5.30pm & after weekday Mass

We are a Child Safe Parish.

Child Safe Officer: John Hockey 0439 319 823

<http://westernborder.church/child-safe-policy-and-protocol/>

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Country Mass Schedule

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service (To Hamilton)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	11am Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)

St Joseph's Penshurst

Tue. 19th Hospital monthly Ecumenical
Service @ 11am.

17th March 2019

Lector	Catherine Loria
Prayers	Don Adamson
Gifts	
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Leader	Brendan Kelly
Communion to Hospital	Terry Pezzutti

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$708.15
2nd Collection: Stewardship 2019 FY
Full Year Pledged: \$107,369 Given: \$53,282

Western Border Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship) This Financial Year;
Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$3,000
Sr Stella's—India Mission \$3,000

Ministry Roster if you are unavailable for your ministry please try to arrange swap & advise office of change.

	9th & 10th March Ministers of Communion	16th & 17th March Minister of Communion
6 pm	K Stevens, P & M Dunn	R Roache, M Byrne & T Groves
10.30am	U Murphy, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, Nola Joseph, M Bell.	Nola Joseph, D Brody, T Hurley, G Howell & F Soulsby.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
09/03	Sandra McCaskill	Pauline Kelly	John Duyvestyn	Ted Oliver	Annette Mason	T Tuppin & M Grinham	Brian & Trish	Fran & Di Soulsby
10/03	F & D Soulsby S Hockey	Felicity Shaw	Helen Tripovich	Carmel Schlaghecke	Rohan Fitzgerald	Juby & Jisha		
16/03	Gerald Healy	Jacinta Ryan	Karen Brewis	Terrielynn Groves	Ray Corbett	T Tuppin & M Grinham	Kylie-Anne Shanahan	M Cook & K Watson
17/03	A Slattery N McLeish	Raphael Gaio	Geraldine McDonald	Sara Philip	Ursula Murphy	Baptism Family	Jo & Glenn Howell	

Parish CENSUS

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If you or anyone you know needs help:

Lifeline - 13 11 14

beyondblue - 1300 224 636

Blue Knot Foundation - 1300 657 380

MensLine Australia - 1300 789 978

Suicide Call Back Service - 1300 659 467

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800

Headspace - 1800 650 890

QLife - 1800 184 527

Saint Mary Mackillop Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths: Frank Waight

Anniversary:

Geoffrey Eales, Beryl Pickett, Kevin Cass, John Baumer, Cheryle Holian, Murray Kealy, Vincent Merrett, John Kinnealy, Patrica Kempton, Margery McFarlane, Joan Brownlee, Jim Reed.

SICK: Naomi Phillips, Michael & Judy Bowden, Noreen Kenny, John Healy, Margaret Norris.

What's happening this week in St Mary's Parish?

Sunday: Children's Liturgy of the Word 10.:30am

**Rosary, Prayer of the Church
& D.M Chaplet 6pm**

Wednesday: *Bereavement Meeting* 12-1pm Parish house

Meet up 9.30-11.30am Dunworth Centre.

Men's day out Dunworth Centre 1.30-4.30pm

Meditation 7.30-8.30pm Parish House.

Faith & Life sharing - 7.30pm Parish House.

Thursday: *Faith & Life sharing* 7.30am Parish house.

Craft group Dunworth Centre 10am -3pm

Station of The Cross 6pm followed by

Rosary & D.M Chaplet .

Friday: SMS 3/4 Class Mass @ 10am Monivae Chapel

Faith & Life sharing 2pm @ Parish House.



COMPASSION
*Reflecting
Sharing Living
the Good News*

LENTEN GROUPS

- ⇒ **Monday @ 7pm - Chris Jansen**
- ⇒ **Wednesday**
7pm Day Chapel - *Noreen McLeish*
7.30pm Parish House - *Fr Paddy.*
- ⇒ **Thursday @ 7.30pm Day Chapel**
John Hockey
- ⇒ **Friday @ 2pm Parish House**
Pauline Kelly

Please add your Name to one of the Lenten Group Lists, details available on signup table in gathering space of church.

Australian CATHOLICS - copies available in gathering space please take home.

Prayer

God of all space and time,
your Holy Spirit leads us
through the wilderness
so that we, like John the Baptist
and Jesus,
might more clearly hear your voice.
May your Holy Spirit guide and direct us
to open our minds and hearts
to be prophets of your Word
and to grow into deeper relationship
with Jesus your Son.

Amen.

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PROJECT COMPASSION

First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019

Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water.



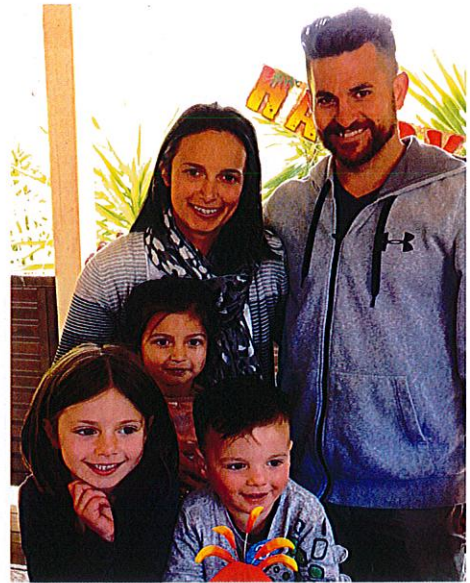
It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported

project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.



We welcome
into the family of God
through Baptism
at St Patrick's Dunkeld
on Sunday 10th February
**Guy Donald
Haley**



Son of Kristal & Trent.

St Patrick's Dunkeld

- + Reflection/Retreat Day with Sr. Audrey Thompson rsj. Thurs 14th March 9.30am to 3pm. Commencing with morning tea (Bring a plate to share please) \$10 per person
 - + St Patrick's Day Celebrations Sun 17th March Mass @11am followed by an Irish Meal. \$10 per person
BYO DRINKS ALL WELCOME!
- RSVP:** Helen Lyon 0427 701 361 OR
Elizabeth Hinchey 5577 2460

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples. *John 13: 34-35*

Please stay for a cuppa after Mass to live this Commandment!