



St Mary MacKillop Parish

Western Border

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

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

2 June 2019

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

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

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell

from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or **Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23**

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

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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.

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<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 (Glen)	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

2nd June - No service to Hamilton

9 June 2019

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Rachel Page
Gifts	B Page Family
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Terry Pezzutti

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ 780.

2nd Collection: Stewardship 2019 FY

Full Year Pledged: \$107,369 Given: \$72,262

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.

1 & 2 June Ministers of Communion

8 & 9 June Ministers of Communion

6 pm R Roache, M Byrne, T Groves

R Roache, P Fallon & K Brewis

10.30am N Joseph, D Brody, T Hurley, F Soulsby
& Volunteer.

T Irving, N McLeish, V Lovell, Nicola J, U Murphy.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
01/06	Gerald Healy	Jacinta Ryan	Karen Brewis	Terrielynn Groves	Ray Corbett	Volunteer	Kylie Anne Shanahan	Marie Cook & Kymhan
02/06	Noreen McLeish	Volunteer	John Houlihan	Charlotte Stanhope	Bryan Roberts	Juby & Jisha	S & J Hockey	
08/06	Sandra McCaskill	Bev Kaaye	Jacinta Ryan	Ian Ferguson	John Duyvestyn	Michael McGrath	B & J Roache	Marie & Kymhan
09/06	T Hurley F&D Soulsby	Volunteer	Jonathan Rowe	Sara Philip	Mo Abody	Debra Fitzgerald	A & D Slattery	

PARISH CHILD SAFE PROCEDURES

Our parish was audited this week by the National Catholic Professional Standards Limited, along with 10 other parishes of the Ballarat Diocese. It was a 2-3 hours session reviewing our child safe policies and practices. Child safety is the responsibility of every parishioner, and it is important that everyone know what to look out for and what action to take should we have a concern. John Hockey and John Donegan are our parish child safe officers, and our priests, Fr Paddy and Fr Anthony are always available to hear of a concern.



**Anointing
after Masses
this weekend
Saturday 1st &
Sunday 2nd**

Anointing after Masses will be on the
1st weekends of:
August, October, December.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths. Edna Duggan

Anniversary:

Daniel Kinna, Elizabeth Cross, Leo Foran, Jack Foran, Heather Scott, Margaret Ball.

SICK:

Jack Handley, Naomi Phillips, Margaret Norris, Michael & Judy Bowden, John Healy, Barry Hamilton.

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.

Tuesday: **Weekday Mass** 10am Day Chapel.

Wednesday: **Weekday Mass** @ 5.15pm Day Chapel.

Men's day out Dunworth Centre 1.30-4.30pm
Faith & Life sharing - 7.30pm Parish House.

Thursday: **Weekday Mass** 10am Day Chapel
SMS Class Mass
Craft group Dunworth Centre 10am -3pm
Prayer of the Church, Rosary & D.M
Chaplet 6pm.

Friday: **Weekday Mass** 10am Day Chapel.
Faith & Life sharing 2pm @ Parish House.

NEW SMS NUMBER - 0437 194 523

Our parish now has an SMS number that can receive text messages that are converted into email. Please include senders name/contact details.

School Family Dinners—Parishioners Needed!

St Mary MacKillop Parish values our school families and in order to extend a hand of friendship to them, we invite families of each year level to a dinner in the Dunworth Centre on Friday nights during the year. The dinners go from 6.30pm until 8.30pm and we would love to have parishioners come along simply to share a meal and to be a welcoming presence to our school families.

(No cooking, dishes, serving or clean-up required.)

Friday Night Dates:

21st June - Gr.2, 9th Aug. - Gr.3,
23rd August Gr.4, 6th Sept.— Gr.5/6.

Please contact Parish Office by phone, email or SMS
If you are interested or for more information.

This week the **Fatima Statue** will be with
Bryan and Margaret Roberts 30 Gray St. Rosary daily
at 3.00 pm. (except Wednesday). All welcome

Prayer

God of all creation,
whose mighty power raised Jesus from the dead,
be present to this community of disciples
whose hearts have been sprinkled clean
from an evil conscience
and whose bodies have been washed
with the pure water of baptism.
Open our minds to understand the scriptures,
and, as with great joy we bless you in your temple,
make us witnesses who can proclaim
the repentance and forgiveness
you extend to all the nations
in the name of Jesus.

AMEN.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019 27 MAY – 3 JUNE

GROUNDED *in* **TRUTH**

WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

#NRW2019 Learn more at reconciliation.org.au

WHAT IS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June.

These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—
the successful 1967 referendum,
and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2019 Campaign **GROUND**ED *in* **TRUTH** **WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE**

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

Today, 80 per cent of Australians believe it is important to undertake formal truth telling processes, according to the 2018 Australian Reconciliation Barometer. Australians are ready to come to terms with our history as a crucial step towards a unified future, in which we understand, value and respect each other.

Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage. This National Reconciliation Week, we invite Australians from all backgrounds to contribute to our national movement towards a unified future.

