



St Mary MacKillop Parish

Western Border

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

25 August 2019

First Reading Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;**

**no one comes to the Father, except
through me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

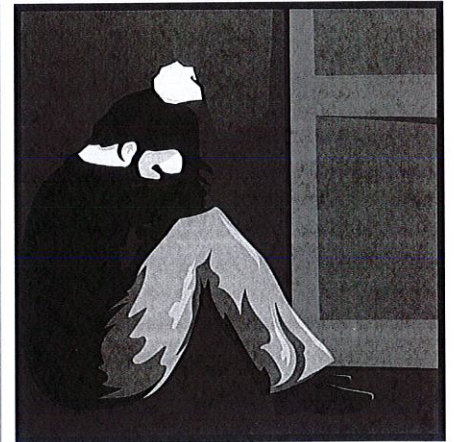
From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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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

Sun. 1st Sept. No Service (To Hamilton)

8th September 2019

Lector	Margie Eales
Prayers	Sohie Page
Gifts	B Page Family
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Catherine Loria

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ NYC

2nd Collection: Stewardship 2020 FY

Full Year Pledged: \$141,438 Given: \$15,767

Western Border Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship \$141,094 2019FY)

Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$7,000

Sr Stella's—India Mission \$7,000

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

	24 & 25 August Ministers of Communion	31 Aug / 1 Sept. Ministers of Communion
6 pm	J Ryan, T Oliver & R Roache.	M Byrne & 2 Volunteers
10.30am	M Bell, D Brody, R Fitzgerald, P Fitzgerald & V Lovell.	Charlotte S, Nicola J, R Fitzgerald, P Stanhope & S Byron.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
24/08	Kylie-Anne Shanahan	Pauline Kelly	Volunteer	Kerry Stevens	Ray Corbett	J&M Duyvestyn	B & T Shanahan	Ted, Brian & Ray
25/08	A Slattery Richard & Ursula	Rafael Gaio	Angelina Juby	Charlotte Stanhope	Sherrie Hockey	Stanhope Family	Maree Bell	
31/08	Gerald Healy	Pauline Murphy	Ray Corbett	Chris Jansen	Annette Mason	Francis & Rosemary	K Shanahan	G & J Howell
01/09	Richard & Ursula	Carolyn Stanhope	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	S & J Hockey	

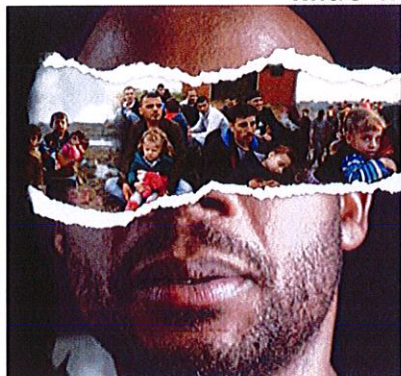
105th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2019

It is not just about migrants but also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes.

How is God encouraging and inviting us? Who are we becoming?

What kind of society are we preparing for those who come after us?

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105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS

19-25 AUGUST 2019

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deaths. Gwen (Fr Pat Flanagan's sister).
Sean McKinnon (Nephew Fr Michael Mildura).

Anniversary:

Virginia Stewart, Gwenda Woodward, Lindsay Ross,
Nicholas Carr, Marion Burow, Marjorie Kenna,
Moya McMahon, Megan O'Neill, Dorothy Turner,
Fedor Kozicki, Joshua Quinsey.

SICK:

Jack Handley, Naomi Phillips, John Healy, Emma
Callaway, Michael & Judy Bowden, Peter McDonald,
John O'Brien .

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests –

**NEXT weekend
31 Aug & 1 Sept.**

Creating a secure retirement future for the
priests of the diocese is a duty
and care in which we can all
participate.

The funding required for these
commitments is ongoing.
Thanks to your generosity.



PLENARY COUNCIL

Phase 2 - Listening & Discernment engagement sessions:

Hamilton - Sun. 15th Sept. @ 11.45-12.45pm.

Dunkeld - Sun 15th Sept. @ 9.30-10.30am.

Penshurst - Sun. 29th Sept. @ 9.30-10.30am.

ALL WELCOME

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

SUNDAY: 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: 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.

Prayer

Grant safe passage, Lord,
to those fleeing conflict,
warfare and persecution,
and for whom the perils
of an overcrowded boat
in dangerous waters
is a risk worth taking compared to
the life they have left behind.
Bring peace, Lord,
where there is conflict,
sow love where there is hate,
and help us to make a difference
in this increasingly fragile world.

AMEN.

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Bishop Paul Bird Cardinal Pell Appeal

Media Release

The outcome of Cardinal Pell's appeal against his conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges is the culmination of months of uncertainty during which many people in our community have experienced conflicting emotions.

I recognise that the whole process of the trial, conviction and appeal have been distressing for many in the community, particularly for victims and survivors of abuse and their families. Publicity and discussion of sexual abuse often causes pain for victims of any abuse and this will be an extremely difficult time for many.

There is a special impact on those of us who live in Ballarat because of Cardinal Pell's connections with this city.

This is also a troubling time for our Catholic community throughout the whole Ballarat diocese, not only because of Cardinal Pell's connections with our diocese but also because the entire Church community is again confronted by the terrible history of abuse of children and the breach of trust that that abuse involved.

I hope and pray that the finalisation of the legal processes will bring some sense of resolution to all those affected by the proceedings.

Paul Bird, Bishop of Ballarat

Statement from Cardinal Pell Victim

I am relieved at the decision of the Court of Appeal.

It is four years since I reported to the police. The criminal process has been stressful.

The journey has taken me to places that, in my darkest moments, I feared I could not return from.

The justice machine rolls on with all of its processes and punditry, almost forgetting about the people at the heart of the matter.

Despite this, I appreciate that the criminal process afforded Pell every opportunity to challenge the charges and to be heard.

I am glad he had the best legal representation money can buy. There are a lot of checks and balances in the criminal justice system and the appeal process is one of them.

I just hope that it is all over now.

Some commentators have suggested that I reported to the police somehow for my own personal gain.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

I have risked my privacy, my health, my wellbeing, my family.

I have not instructed any solicitor in relation to a claim for compensation. This is not about money and never has been. Some commentators have suggested that I am somehow out to cause damage to the Catholic Church. I'm not on a mission to do anybody any harm. Although my faith has taken a battering it is still a part of my life, and part of the lives of my loved ones.

I am not an advocate. You wouldn't know my name. I am not a champion for the cause of sexual abuse survivors, although I am glad those advocates are out there. But that is not my path.

After attending the funeral of my childhood friend, the other choirboy, I felt a responsibility to come forward. I knew he had been in a dark place. I was in a dark place. I gave a statement to the police because I was thinking of him and his family.

I felt I should say what I saw and what happened to me. I had experienced something terrible as a child, something that marked my life. I wanted at least some good to come of it.

I would like to acknowledge my friend who passed away, the other choirboy, and pay my deep respect to him and to his family. I would like to acknowledge the courage of those people who reported to the police. For one reason or another, your cases were not advanced. My heart goes out to all of you.

Fr Paddy writes:

Upon hearing of the decision of the court not to uphold Cardinal Pell's appeal against his conviction, I was mindful of the many victims of clergy sexual abuse and their families who are heartened that the voice of a victim has been heard and believed, even though the accused was a powerful public and church figure.

Over the last 20 years I have heard and walked with many victims and their families and know well the devastating lifelong consequences of sexual abuse. That their stories be heard and believed and that their offender be brought to justice is but the beginning of their journey to healing.

Our Catholic community has been torn apart by this terrible affliction of clergy sexual abuse, with so many formerly faithful parishioners walking away from the church, disillusioned with its inadequate facing the problem, cover up of its own, and sparse attention to pastoral care of the victims. The absence of young people in our parish communities is further evidence of their loss of faith in the church institution.

However, I have faith that, led by the Holy Spirit, through this crisis our church can be purified and renewed, called back to the basic message of Jesus: humble service, inclusion of the marginalised, the foregoing of power, concrete witness to the love of God through love of neighbour, summed up in the commandment: "love one another as I have loved you."