



# Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**15 November 2020**

## First Reading Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have  
worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city  
gates.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
- Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. 'Sir', he said 'you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Next the man with the two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he said 'you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Last came forward the man who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he 'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

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## Country Mass Schedule

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

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

#### Deaths:

David May Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the family.

#### Anniversary:

Leonard Presser, Jackie Handley, Peter Hurley.

#### SICK:

Ian Mason, Diane Fry, Heather Healy, William Hockey, Adrian Lyon.

## PRAYER

Into the hands of each of us, O God,  
you have entrusted all the blessings of nature  
and grace.

Give us the will and wisdom to multiply  
the gifts your providence has bestowed,  
and make us industrious  
and vigilant

as we await your Son's return,  
so that we may rejoice to hear him call us  
"good and faithful servants"  
and be blest to enter into the joy  
of your Kingdom.

We make this and all our prayers through  
Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

**"We must teach more by example  
than by word".**

*Mary MacKillop*

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

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**We are a Child Safe Parish.**

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### **Our Collections 2020 Financial Year**

**1st—Priest Support: \$**

**2nd—Stewardship**

Pledged: \$133,702 (2021FY) Given YTD: \$36,581

**Western Border Parish Mission Outreach**

Mission Donations made last  
Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$5,750

Sr Stella's—India Mission \$9,180  
Total (Full Year) — \$14,930

### **Priests Support (1st Collection)**

*Credit or debit card online;*

<https://westernborder.breezechms.com/give>  
or by Telephoning the Parish Office on 5571 1161.

**Electronic Funds Transfer**

BSB: 083-663 ACC: 51-580-8981

**Reference: Priest Support**

### **Stewardship (2nd Collection)**

*Credit or debit card online;*

Telephoning the Parish Office on 5571 1161 or  
emailing to admin@westernborder.church

**Electronic Funds Transfer**

BSB: 083-663 Acc: 01-715-7303

**Reference: Your Name**

OR Post cheques to 23 Dinwoodie Street, Hamilton, Vic 3300.

### **November Month of Holy Souls**



**Parish Remembrance**

**Book**

Available in gathering space of  
Church. during November.

\*Please check  
alphabetical list before adding names.

PLEASE OFFER  
HOLY MASS



**Mass for Holy  
Souls**

**Envelopes available at**

Mass sign in table at Church or Parish  
**Office Porch. During November.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70<sup>TH</sup>**

**Paddy for 14th November.**

**St Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS 2020**



**Christmas donations needed  
this year of  
CHRISTMAS  
PUDDINGS & CAKES Please.**



Donations can be left in box @ back of  
church or at Parish Office.

**THANK YOU!**

## St Mary's Hamilton Masses.

### Weekdays

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
@ 10am.**

**& Wednesday 5.15pm.**

***\*No need to book, just come  
along, capped @ 20 people.***

### WEEKEND

**Saturday 6pm  
& Sunday 10.30am**

#### **Weekend only Masses**

***Parishioners will be contacted  
& invited.***

*If you are unable to attend weekday  
Masses please contact office and  
register your interest in attending  
weekend Mass.*

***Attendees need to comply with  
COVIDSAFE measures.***

***All Masses are capped @ 20 people.***

## November Liturgies in our Cemeteries

**Prayers for our deceased  
loved ones.**

**All Faiths Welcome**



**Dunkeld Cemetery  
Sunday, 15th Nov  
@ 8.30.**

**Macarthur Cemetery  
Sunday, 15th Nov  
@ 3pm.**

**Please bring own fold up chair.**

## Saint Mary MacKillop Parish



### Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://Palms Australia) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

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