



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 November 2020

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will
quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as
they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long:
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,
about those who have died, to make sure
that you do not grieve about them, like the
other people who have no hope. We believe
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it
will be the same for those who have died in
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can
tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,

that any of us who are left alive until the
Lord's coming will not have any advantage
over those who have died. At the trumpet
of God, the voice of the archangel will call
out the command and the Lord himself will
come down from heaven; those who have
died in Christ will be the first to rise, and
then those of us who are still alive will be
taken up in the clouds, together with them,
to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts
as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42-44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

**you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five of them were sensible: the
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they
brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones
took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.
The bridegroom was late, and they all grew
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the
sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil:
our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for
you; you had better go to those who sell
it and buy some for yourselves." They had
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in with
him to the wedding hall and the door was
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for
us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do
not know you." So stay awake, because you
do not know either the day or the hour.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The three gospel accounts from the final
three weeks leading up to the season of
Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the
Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen
together as an extended treatise on living
life in response to Jesus' message and
preparing for the end of time. This week's
gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable
and becomes a bit more of a metaphor
for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten
bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise –
who are participating in a wedding ritual
that involves meeting the bridegroom
and escorting him the last part of his way
to the wedding reception. The foolish
bridesmaids have not brought sufficient
reserves of oil for their lamps and have to
leave at the critical time to try to obtain
more. When they eventually arrive at the
reception hall they are turned away
because they have shamed themselves
as well as the bride and groom by not
fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of
Matthew's gospel, along with many of the
early Christian followers, had an
expectation that Jesus was going to
return and usher in the end of the world
in their lifetime. The message of this
gospel is captured in Jesus' final words,
'So stay awake, because you do not know
either the day or the hour.' The timing of
Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and
so all Christian believers, like the
bridesmaids, need to continue to act with
hope and expectation; being prepared for
the fact that it may be further off than
anticipated. Many early Christians were
living their lives as though the world
would end at any time. The gospel warns
them, and us, to continue to follow the
example of Jesus and not to become
complacent – expecting that everything is
about to come to an end.

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To receive a email link to view our Online Mass
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admin@westernborder.church



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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	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:

Hazel Anthony Soarer (sister of Mabel Udarbe). Our prayers and deepest sympathy to Mabel.

Bill (William) Schlaghecke. Our prayers and deepest sympathy to Carmel, Christopher, Rachael, Timothy.

Anniversary:

Thelma McDonald, Shirley Thomas, Doreen Atkinson, Mary Pierce, William Kearney, Rita Taylor, Alexander McIntosh, Emma Mercadante Mayer.

SICK:

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

PRAYER

Your Wisdom, O God,
comes in search
of all who will listen to her voice.
Let us hear and heed the word that warns us
to increase the store of oil for our lamps,
that they may not flicker
and go out
while we await the Bridegroom's return.
but that they may be burning brightly
and we may be ready
to run out to meet Christ
and enter with him into the wedding feast.

Through Christ Our Lord.
AMEN.

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: \$ 656

2nd—Stewardship

Pledged: \$133,702 (2021FY) Given YTD: \$31,349

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.

Mass for Holy Souls

Envelopes available at
Mass sign in table at Church
or Parish Office Porch.

During November.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to
pray for the dead, that they may be freed
from their sins."

11 Machabees 12:46

PLEASE OFFER
HOLY MASS



St Mary's Hamilton Masses.

Weekdays

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
@ 10am.
& Wednesday 5.15pm.**

WEEKEND

**Saturday 6pm
& Sunday 10.30am**

*Weekend only Masses please
phone/email*

**Parish Office your
Name & preferred Mass Day
to be added to a roster.**

**Attendees need to comply with
COVIDSAFE measures.
All Masses are capped @
20 people.
Thank you.**

2021 Columban Art Calendar



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\$ 9.00

**Available
NOW
from Office.**

November Liturgies in our Cemeteries

*Prayers for our deceased
loved ones.*

All Faiths Welcome



**Hamilton Lawn Cemetery
Saturday, 7th Nov
@ 10am**

**Glenthompson
Sunday, 8th Nov
Blessings at Cemetery after
8.30am Mass .**

**Penshurst Cemetery
Sunday, 8th Nov
@ 2.30pm.**

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

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

Please bring own fold up chair.