



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

11 April 2021

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

or

(R.) Alleluia.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities - thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake - in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

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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

St Joseph's Penshurst

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun	Sunday 18th April	
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service (To Hamilton)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass	Lector	Brendan Kelly
						Prayers	Don Adamson
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service (Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC	Gifts	
						Special Minister	Helen Brown
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC	Leader	Catherine Loria
						Communion to Hospital	Catherine Loria

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$

2nd Collection: Stewardship 2020 FY

Full Year Pledged: Given YTD: \$79,929

Western Border Parish Mission Outreach

Mission Donations made financial year to date.

Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$5,020

Sr Stella's—India Mission \$2,510

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

	10/ 04 Ministers of Communion	11 / 04 Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Peter & Maureen Dunn.	K Stevens.
10.30am	Nola Joseph & P Fitzgerald.	Necola J, T Hurley.

Date	Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Offertory
10/04	Trish Soawyer	Kylie-Anne Shanahan	Pauline Murphy	Fiona- Marie Lindsay	Karen Brewis	John Duyvestyn	Francis & Rosemary
11/04	Sherrie Hockey	Maree Bell	Richard Murphy	Frank Soulsby	Helen Tripovich	Ursula Murphy	Baptism Family
17/04	Sandra McCaskill	Volunteer	Volunteer	Pauline Kelly	Jacinta Ryan	Chris Jansen	Sue Wilson
18/04	Frank & Di Soulsby	Des & Anne Slattery	Glenn Howell	Bryan Roberts	Carmel Schlaghecke	John Houlihan	Baptism Family.

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

TUESDAY: Weekday Mass 10am Day Chapel.

WEDNESDAY:

Weekday Mass @ 5.15pm Day Chapel.

Men's day out MacKillop Centre 1.30-4.30pm

THURSDAY:

Weekday Mass 10am Day Chapel

Stations of the Cross, 7pm during lent.

Craft group MacKillop Centre 10am -3pm

FRIDAY:

Weekday Mass 10am Day Chapel.

All Welcome.

First Collection - Priests Support



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\$5 Set Amount**

(At the rear of St Mary's Church)

Last weeks
donate giving
total. \$85

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deaths:

John Kaspers. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

Anniversary:

Allan Underwood, Darrell Fry, Michael Bowden, Mary Pedrina, Leonard Marks, Val Mills, Cornelius Onderwater, Joyce Walsh, Mignon Kinnane.

SICK: Please notify Parish Office of Names .

*Welcome to
Fr. Peter Hudson.*

DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

11th April

10.30am Mass & Blessing of Divine Mercy Image.

12.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

2.00pm Rosary.

2.30pm Litany of the Divine Mercy.

3.00pm The 3 o'clock Prayer & Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

3.15pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reconciliation available



Prayer

One in mind and heart,
O God of glory,
your people gather to proclaim
your steadfast love,
to proclaim the risen Christ
in whom we are baptized.
Let the peace that Christ
bestowed
on the first disciples
reign now over this assembly.
Let the Spirit breathed on them
fill our hearts anew.

Amen.

Be calm and full of hope.

St Mary MacKillop





Baptisms

We welcome in Baptism at
St Mary's Parish, Hamilton.



Reuben George Davy



Son of Ben & Kate.

Saturday, 10th April 2021.

Billy Bede Fitzpatrick



Son of
Michael
& Melonie.

Sunday, 11th April 2021.

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BE MORE


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Thank you!




Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

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