



St Mary MacKillop Parish

*"Come, Share Fullness
Of Life For All!"*



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2022 – 2025

"Be a gift of love and compassion for one another"

Saint Mary MacKillop

These famous words of Saint Mary MacKillop highlight that we are stewards of the Catholic faith in our communities and across our parish during our lifetimes. We care for our parish during this time and endeavour to inspire the next generations to embrace the gospel message, which offers the fullness of life for all.

APSLEY · BALMORAL · CASTERTON · COLERAINE · DUNKELD · EDENHOPE · GLENTHOMPSON
GOROKE · HAMILTON · HARROW · MACARTHUR · MINIMAY · PENSHURST · TARRAYOUKYAN

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Over the next few weeks, we invite you to prayerfully discern and make a financial pledge to your parish for the next three years. We invite all those currently giving, as well as new givers, to complete the pledge form at the end of this brochure or online.

OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

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

Our parish is the largest geographically in the Diocese of Ballarat and made up of 11 main communities, each with its own unique identity, which the wider parish honours and supports. We recognise the strong connection each of you have with your own local Catholic community and ask you to nominate which community you belong to.

Your financial support for your community is essential to ensure viability into the future. Each community needs to at least cover its operational costs such as maintaining buildings, providing supplies and paying for utilities such as power, water and insurance, as well as contributing to the administrative costs of the parish.



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our parish places a strong focus on pastoral and spiritual care to school principals, teachers, students and their families.

Fr Paddy and Fr George regularly visit our schools to provide this support.

- St Malachy's Edenhope
- Sacred Heart Casterton
- St Joseph's Coleraine
- St Mary's Hamilton
- St Joseph's Penshurst
- Monivae College (MSC School)



OUR PARISH FINANCES

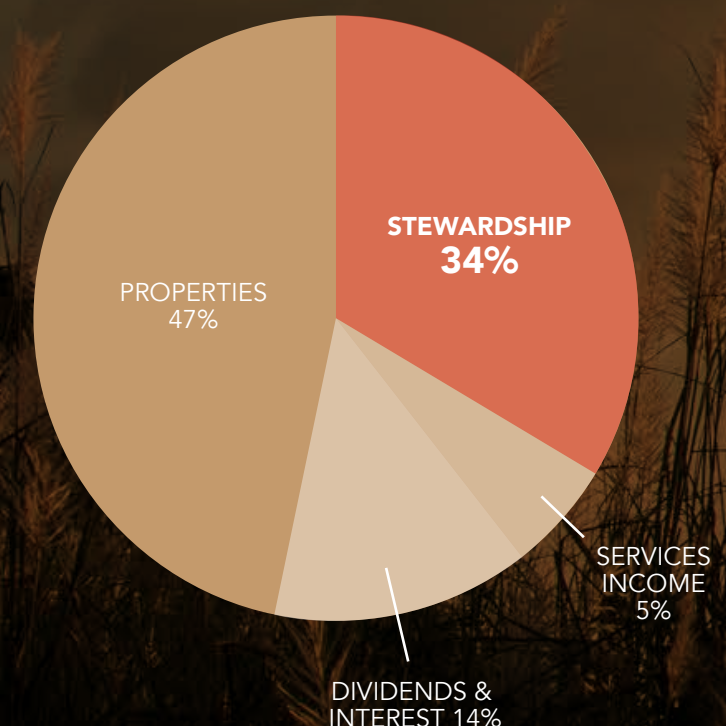
Finance Committee

Our parish finances are managed by a committee made up of parishioners from across the parish. This includes Kevin Myers, John O'Sullivan, Kathy Brody, Ursula Murphy, Fr George Kuruvila, Fr Paddy Mugavin, Bryan Roberts, Paul Kuilbour, John Hockey (Parish Manager) & Ian Patience.

Sources of Income

Income to operate the parish comes from two main sources. Stewardship giving by our parishioners along with fees for services provided (funerals, hall hire, etc.) provide 39% of the income. Investments including the Maryknoll Centre, rental properties, shares and cash investments provide the remaining 61% of the income required to operate the parish. The remaining funds come from

OUR PARISH INCOME SOURCES



Q: HOW WILL STEWARDSHIP FUNDS BE SPENT OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS?

Stewardship funds contribute to the operating costs of the parish, which includes maintaining 14 church buildings, utilities, supplies, pastoral care, administration support, liturgical resources, diocesan levies, etc. We also dedicate 10% of our stewardship income to supporting a range of charitable works, at present supporting missionary causes in Kenya and India, where Fr Paddy has personal connections. This links our parish into our global missionary church, ever looking beyond our own local needs.

Q: I ALREADY HAVE GIVING ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE. DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A NEW PLEDGE?

All existing pledges and giving arrangements expire on June 30, 2022. We ask all parishioners to complete a new pledge for the next three years. New envelopes will only be provided if you complete a new pledge.

Q: HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

There is no simple answer. However, as a starting point, remember how much God has

given to you, and in turn, our desire is to give of ourselves back to God. We endeavour to give of an hour to prayer at Eucharist each week and an hour to ministry in our parish each week. We might also endeavour to give an hour of our income to the mission of God's church. In the end, all we ask is for your support to be meaningful and reflect the importance of our parish community in your life. We have provided a table below for you to select from or alternatively just insert another amount.

Q: WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT OPTIONS?

There are four different payment options below however the most efficient options for the parish are either direct debit or credit card.

- Direct Debit (bank account)
- Credit Card
- Envelopes
- Electronic Fund Transfer

Once you submit your pledge, we will be in contact to set up your preferred payment arrangements.

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH - STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE 2022-2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

My Stewardship Pledge is for the Community of: _____

MY PLEDGE

BEGINNING 01/07/2022 FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS, EXPIRING 30/06/2025

Please circle your pledge or enter Other Amount below.

Week	Month	Qtr	Yr
30	130	390	1,560
25	108	325	1,300
20	87	260	1,040
15	65	195	780
10	43	130	520
5	22	65	260

or Other Amount _____ Per _____

MY CHOSEN PAYMENT METHOD

☐ DIRECT DEBIT (We will send you a form to complete)

☐ ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (Bank Details Supplied)

☐ ENVELOPES (We will send them to you)

☐ CREDIT CARD (Enter Below)

PLEASE ONLY TICK ONE ☐  ☐  EXPIRY DATE: / /

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AUTHORITY MAY BE CANCELLED IN WRITING AT MY OPTION

PARISH BANK DETAILS FOR EFT

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH
BSB: 083-663
ACC: 017157303
REF: SURNAME - COMMUNITY

Complete Pledge Online



Q: When Should I Return My Pledge?

A: No later than 31st May 2022 please.

Post To: St Mary MacKillop Parish
Att: John Hockey
23 Dinwoodie St,
HAMILTON VIC 3300

Email To: manager@westernborder.church
or Deliver to your local Church