



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18 June 2023

First Reading Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his
flock (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the

death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

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

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Weekday Mass Times @ Hamilton: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 10am .
Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 5.30pm & after weekday Mass

We are a Child Safe Parish. Child Safe Officer: John Hockey 0439 319 823
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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 June	
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass	Lector	Don Adamson
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service	Mass	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)	Prayers	Laine Kelly
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)	Gifts	
Macarthur - 1st Sunday of each Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am.						Special Minister	Helen Brown
Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri. @ 10am. Confession after all weekday Masses & 5.30 Sat. evenings.						Leader	
						Communion to Hospital	

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

	17 & 18 June Ministers of Communion	24 & 25 June Ministers of Communion
6:00pm	Jacinta Ryan	Peter Fitzgerald
10:30am	Terry Hurley & Frank Soulsby	U Murphy & T Irving.
The Grange	John Hockey	Pat & Michael Mason

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
17/06	Pauline Kelly	Trish & Kylie Anne Shanahan	Pauline Kelly	Terrielynn Groves	Karen Brewis	Kerry Stevens
18/06	Frank Soulsby	Maria Patience	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Jack Bell	Volunteer
24/06	Karen Brewis	Trish Soawyer	Jacinta Ryan	Fiona- Marie	John Duyvestyn	Noreen McLeish
25/06	John Hockey	A & D Slattery	Richard Murphy	Sherrie Hockey	Ursula Murphy	Carmel Schlaghecke

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

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: Priests' Support

Stewardship (2nd Collection)

Electronic Funds Transfer

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

Reference: Your Name

Credit Card or Direct Debit

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

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priests' Support: \$1791. (2wks)

2nd Collection: Stewardship Given YTD: \$134,090

2022 FY Full Year Pledged: \$131,856

Western Border Parish Mission Outreach

Mission Donations made this financial year to date.

Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$ 3,000

Sr Stella's—India Mission \$3,000

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ena McIntyre, Claude Benbow, Fr. Patrick Downes,
Fr Tom Russell, Graham Torbett, Maeve Glenn,
Kevin Doyle, Gordon McDonald, Joyce Griffin,
Marie Granziera, Peter Phyland, Victor Annett,
Eileen Finnegan, Stanley Stewart, Ernest Trotter.

SICK:

Lynda Freeman.

NATSICC launches new website on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament - June 5, 2023

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations.



Pope's intention for June – *For the abolition of torture*

"We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families."



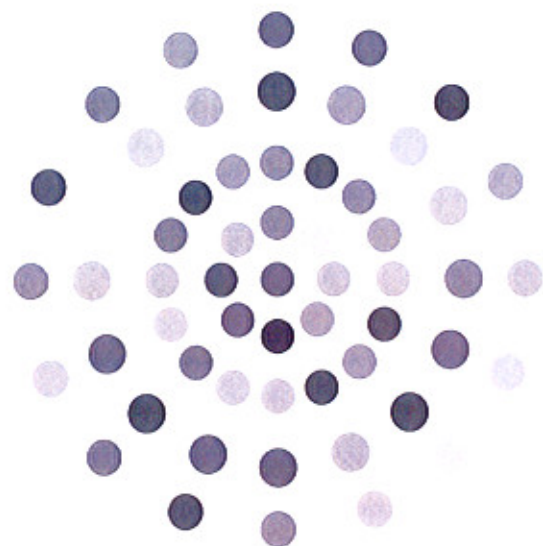
THE POPE VIDEO

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



PRAYER

To us, sinners
and yet disciples,
O Lord of the harvest,
you entrust a share
in the mission of Jesus,
who sent the twelve
to cast out the spirit of evil
and to cure disease
and sickness.
Place in our hearts
the compassion of Jesus
and on our lips the good news
of your kingdom, that,
with our every word
and deed,
we may give as a gift
what we have received as a gift,
your grace.
AMEN.



Refugee Week

Coordinated by
Refugee Council of Australia

Sunday 18 June to Saturday 24 June,
which includes 20 June
(World Refugee Day).

Finding Freedom

What does it mean to be free?

To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution are just some of the examples of what freedom can entail. Every day millions of people across the world embark on dangerous journeys for the sole purpose of finding safety and freedom. From Australia to nations across the globe, settling into a new environment after experiencing the perils of a refugee's journey can **also provide the opportunity to live, to love and to dream.**

In 2023, we encourage organisations and individuals to utilise our website for Refugee Week resources and events that will showcase the journey of finding freedom, whether it be through a new home, a new career, finding love or friendships. Let us show compassion and celebrate the resilience that makes up parts of our wider community.

For freedom should not be an ask, it should be a way of life.



Watandar is presented by HARAR as part of Refugee Week and proudly supported by Southern Grampians Shire Council.

All proceeds from the screening will go to support HARAR's activities in supporting refugees.

Monday 19 June

7:15 pm Hamilton Cinema

All tickets \$15.00

(Please see printed flyer in the Gathering Space for more details.)