

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

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Weekend Mass Times @ Hamilton: 6pm Sat & 10:30am Sun

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

<http://westernborder.church/child-safe-policy-and-protocol/>

ST MARY'S PRIMARY, HAMILTON

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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 17th December | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Penshurst 8:30am | No Service | Mass | SAWC | Mass | Mass | Lector | Catherine Loria |
| Dunkeld 8:30am | Mass | No Service | Mass is at 11am on Sunday 17 December. | SAWC | No Service (To Hamilton) | Prayers | Don Adamson |
| 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 | Catherine Loria |
| Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri. @ 10am. Confession after all weekday Masses & 5.30 Sat. evenings. | | | | | | Leader | Brendan Kelly |
| | | | | | | Communion to Hospital | Anita Holmes |

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

| | 9 & 10 Dec Ministers of Communion | 16 & 17 Dec Ministers of Communion |
|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 6:00pm | Peter Fitzgerald | Terrielynn Groves |
| 10:30am | F Soulsby, T Irving | F Soulsby & M Cook |
| The Grange | John Hockey | Frank Soulsby |

| Date | Open & Welcoming | Cuppa | Computer | Commentator | 1 nd Reading | 2 nd Reading |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 09/12 | Pauline Kelly | Noreen McLeish | Pauline Kelly | Fiona-Marie Lindsay | Annette Mason | Kerry Stevens |
| 10/12 | Frank Soulsby | Anne & Des | Carolyn | SMS | SMS | SMS |
| 16/12 | Chris Jansen | Trish Soawyer | Chris Jansen | Jianna Reji | Fiona-Marie | Irene McGrath |
| 17/12 | Frank Soulsby | T Irving & M Patience | Richard | Frank Soulsby | Helen Tripovich | Jack Bell |

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

Cay Trinh Ordination to the Diaconate

Our Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

Expressions of interest to travel by bus with other parishioners are invited to the Parish office please.

Phone 5571 1161 or email; admin@westernborder.church

Pray The Rosary

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Every Thursday at **6.45pm**
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

All welcome.

Advent Booklet "With Expectant Hearts"

Is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture, and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer.

Available from the Piety Stall or Parish Office.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS: Rosie Woods & Dot Ryan.

We offer our deepest sympathy & prayers to Dot's family. Funeral on Wednesday, 13th December at 10am.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Grenfell, Margaret Schultz, Maurice Sullivan, Ron Schryver, Joan Hiscock, Harold Torney, Joan Turner, Sam March, Dale Hutchins & Francis Heaton.

SICK: Fay Rhook, & Lynda Freeman.

St Vincent de Paul

Donations of Christmas puddings, cakes & pavlova bases are gratefully requested during Advent until Sun 17 Dec.

These will be distributed with grocery vouchers to families in need this Christmas.

Please leave donations under the Christmas tree in coming weeks.



PRAYER

O God,
whose word is comfort
and whose promise is a new creation,
prepare the way
in the wilderness of our world.
Open our eyes to the One
who comes into our midst,
that by lives of holiness
and service
we may hasten the coming of that day
and be found at peace
when at last it dawns.

AMEN.

St Mary's Parish Christmas Lunch

Our Parish's Outreach Lunch on
Christmas Day.

Sign-up sheets are up in the gathering space, if you are able to offer assistance by way of a donation of hot/cold food, beverages etc.

Thank you for your generosity.

Enquiries:
Chris & Kathie Jansen



Christmas Masses 2023.

Christmas Eve

Glenthompson - 8.30am

Dunkeld - 6pm

Penshurst - 7pm

Hamilton - 6pm (Children's focus).
& 8pm.

Christmas Day

Hamilton - 9am.



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ADVENT 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 10th December
St Mary's Primary School
End of year Mass.



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 17th December
Blessing of the newly
baptised.



Communal Service of
Reconciliation

Wed. 20th Dec. @ 7pm

@St Mary's Church, Hamilton.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 24th Dec @ 10.30am.
Blessing of expectant
parents.

