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

Co-Pastor : Fr Patrick Mugavin

patrick.mugavin@ballarat.catholic.org.a

Co-Pastor: Fr George Kuruvila

george.kuruvila@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Manager: John Hockey

manager@westernborder.church

Parish Secretaries: Carolyn Stanhope & Kymhan Watson

admin@westernborder.church

Priest in residence: John Mckinnon

john.mckinnon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Contact Details:

Phone: 03 5571 1161 **SMS to Email:** 0437 194 523

Office Open Hours: 9am—4pm Tues to Fri Email: admin@westernborder.church Website: www.westernborder.church

Office Address: 23 Dinwoodie St, HAMILTON

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 Principal: Mrs Terrielynn Groves Phone: (03) 5551 9000 ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY, PENSHURST Principal: Darren Lloyd

Phone: (03) 5576 5438

MONIVAE COLLEGE, HAMILTON Principal: Jonathan Rowe Phone: (03) 5551 1200

www.westernborder.church

Country Mass Schedule St Joseph's Penshurst 2nd Sun 3rd Sun 1st Sun 4th Sun 5th Sun Sunday 24th December **Penshurst** Nο Mass SAWC Mass Mass 8:30am Service Lector Don Adamson Mass is at No Service Dunkeld 11am on Nο (To Hamilton) Mass **Prayers** Catherine Loria **SAWC** Service 8:30am Sunday 17 December. Gifts Aileen & Therese Glenthompson No Service **SAWC** Mass Mass No Service (To Hamilton) 8:30am Special Minister Helen Brown Macarthur - 1st Sunday of each Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am. Leader Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri. @ 10am. Confession after all weekday Masses Communion to Hospital & 5.30 Sat. evenings.

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

	16 & 17 Dec Ministers of Communion	23 & 24 Dec Ministers of Communion		
6:00pm	Terrielynn Groves	Peter Dunn		
10.30am	F Soulsby & M Cook	P Stanhope & Volunteer		
The Grange	Frank Soulsby	Margaret Roberts		

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 nd Reading	2 nd Reading
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
23/12	Pauline Kelly	Trish & Kylie-Anne	Pauline Kelly	Terrielynn Groves	Maureen Dunn	John Duyvestyn
24/12 10.30am	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Carolyn Stanhope	Sherrie Hockey	Volunteer	Volunteer

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

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. Only \$5

Pray The Rosary

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

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priests' Support: \$1,805 (2wks)

2nd Collection: Stewardship Given YTD \$49,140.

2024 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 \$3000

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

Dot Ryan. We offer our deepest sympathy & prayers to Dot's family.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Muriel Kinnealy, Sauro Georg, Desmond Fahey, Jan Merrett, Margaret Hatcher, Joan Dunbar, John Randall, Edward Brown, Timothy Neeson.

SICK:

Lynda Freeman.

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

PRAYER

O God,
protector of the oppressed,
healer of the brokenhearted,
you invite all people to share the joy
and Peace of your reign.
Show us your loving kindness.
Sanctify our hearts,
and keep them blameless
that we may generously prepare the way
for the Savior who is coming:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Pope's prayer intention: December | For people with disabilities.

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation.



Christmas Masses 2023.

Christmas Eve

Glenthompson - 8.30am

Dunkeld - 6pm

Penshurst - 7pm

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

Christmas Day

Hamilton - 9am.



Enquiries: 5571 1161 www.westernborder.church

ADVENT 2023

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 17th December
Blessing of the newly
baptised.



Communal Service of Reconciliation



Tuesday 19 Dec @ 7pm

@St Mary's Church, Hamilton.

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



