

*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 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<i>Sunday 25 February Mass @ 8.30am.</i>	
<b>Penshurst</b> 8:30am	No Service	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass	Lector	<b>New</b>
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am	Mass	No Service	Mass	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)	Prayers	<b>Ministry Roster</b>
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)	Gifts	<b>starting</b>
<b>Macarthur - 1st Sunday of each Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am.</b>						Special Minister	<b>10 March.</b>
<b>Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton: Tues, Wed, Thurs &amp; Fri. @ 10am. Confession after all weekday Masses &amp; 5.30 Sat. evenings.</b>						Leader	
						Communion to Hospital	

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

	<b>17 &amp; 18 February Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>24 &amp; 25 February Ministers of Communion</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	Peter Dunn	Karen Brewis
<b>10.30am</b>	F Soulsby & M Cook	F Soulsby & T Irving
<b>The Grange</b>	Maria Patience	John Hockey

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
<b>17/02</b>	Chris Jansen	Noreen McLeish	Chris Jansen	Pauline Kelly	Maureen Dunn	Kerry Stevens
<b>18/02</b>	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Carolyn Stanhope	Ursula Murphy	Helen Tripovich	Wendy Collins
<b>24/02</b>	Pauline Kelly	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Kelly	Terrielynn Groves	Noreen McLeish	Fiona-Marie
<b>25/02</b>	Frank Soulsby	Richard & Ursula	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Jack Bell	Carmel Schlaghecke

# Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

## Tap n Go

Now on the First Collection Bowl.



Select the amount you wish to donate then tap your card.

**It's as Simple as That!**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parent & Child Information Night

**Wed. 21st Feb @7pm.**

MacKillop Centre

We invite all children Gr.3+ interested in receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion.

Scan QR code or contact the parish office 5571 1161.



### Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priests' Support: \$1,453.

2nd Collection: Stewardship Given YTD: 71,836.  
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 \$ 5,000

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Finnegan, Mary Patterson,  
George Wishart, Patricia Duckmanton,  
Cath Madin, Margaret Hardingham,  
Basil Lyon, Maureen Myers.

SICK: Lynda Freeman.

We welcome in Baptism  
at St Patrick's Church,  
Dunkeld.

**Ted**

**Douglas Andrew**

**Crook.**

Son of Sarah & Joshua.



We welcome in Baptism  
at St Patrick's Church, Dunkeld.

**Roy**

**Leonard**

**Gordon.**

Son of Elise & Laurence.



### Eventide Mass

Wednesday 21st February @ 2pm.  
*(Note change of date).*

### Pray The Rosary Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Thursday at 5pm  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.  
Followed by Station of the Cross  
at 5.30pm.

### PRAYER

Gracious God,  
In this season of Lent we wait patiently  
like Jesus in the wilderness.  
we ask you to bless us with your gifts  
of openness, flexibility and trust.  
Liberate us from all our fears  
and worries.  
May we always be the Body of Christ  
blessed, broken and given  
to a world hungry for your truth,  
compassion, mercy and justice.  
Praying as always  
through Jesus the Christ.

**AMEN.**

# Lent 2024

## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

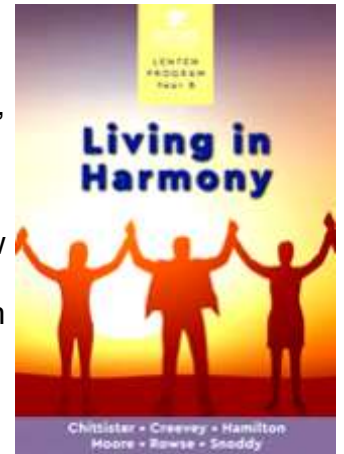
Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.



## Living in Harmony - Lenten Reflections for Groups or Individuals.

We are living in a period where political talk has become increasingly oppositional and polarising, setting the tone for public and private discussion. Despite our wealth and cohesion, we are somehow convinced that this is not the best of times. We seem reluctant to act to avoid what is pending to be the worst of times.

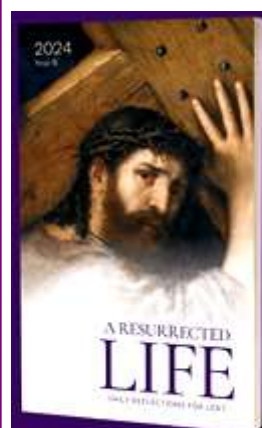


This is our Lenten fare, the stuff of our Lenten fast. One aspect is the need for harmony. It is a word reduced too much to wellbeing: we will pursue its faith dimensions. Harmony is a discipline. It has to be won, held, remade, revalued. At its best, it is built around the joyful play of difference, a mutual love and respect, and a treasuring of other voices and ways. It builds for a trust and consensus.

This year we are excited to offer not one but six authors for our Garratt Lenten program, featuring **Joan Chittister, Paul Creevey, Andy Hamilton, Gerard Moore, Paul Rowse and Debra Snoddy**. We invite you to enter into our Lenten resources. They open up the Sunday readings and provide us with probing questions – uniting these insights in 2024 to build a vital and dynamic response of Christian harmony. This is the best of Lent, and leads to the best of times.

You might like to form a small group to meet in Lent or just follow the program yourself through the weeks of Lent.

**Available from the Parish office for \$10 a copy.**



The pocket-sized companion guides readers through 5–10 minutes of daily reflection during the liturgical season of Lent, focusing on the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears. Each day includes contemplations inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by reflections on how to put the Word into practice and a prayer.

**Available for \$6 each from the Parish office.**