

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

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**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

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**Country Mass Schedule**

**St Joseph's Penhurst**

	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
<b>Penhurst</b> 8:30am	No Service	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am	Mass	No Service	Mass	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)

Macarthur - 1st Sunday of each Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am.

**Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton:**  
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri. @ 10am.  
Confession after all weekday Masses  
& 5.30 Sat. evenings.

*3rd March—No Service  
@ Penhurst.  
Please join with Hamilton.*

**Sunday 10th March @ 8.30am.**

Lector	<b>Don Adamson</b>
Prayers	<b>Theresa Fitzgerald</b>
Gifts	<b>Anita &amp; Theresa</b>
Leader	

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

	24 & 25 February Ministers of Communion	2 & 3 March Ministers of Communion
6:00pm	Karen Brewis	Peter Fitzgerald
10.30am	F Soulsby & T Irving	P Stanhope & M Cook
The Grange	John Hockey	Frank Soulsby

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
24/02	Pauline Kelly	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Kelly	Terrielynn Groves	Noreen McLeish	Fiona-Marie
25/02	Frank Soulsby	Richard & Ursula	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Jack Bell	Carmel Schlaghecke
02/03	Karen Brewis	Kylie-Anne & Trish Shanahan	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Kerry Stevens	Karen Brewis	Annette Mason
03/03	Carolyn Stanhope	T Irving M Patience	Richard Murphy	Carolyn Stanhope	Ursula Murphy	Wendy Collins

# 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](mailto:admin@westernborder.church)

## Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priests' Support: \$NYC  
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:

Nancy Sparrow, Ernest Harris, Monica Murphy,  
Patricia Edge, Frank Waight, Elizabeth Davis,  
Evelyn Presser, Bernadette Ferguson.

SICK: Lynda Freeman.

## Parish Name Badges Available To Order.



A great way to make new Parishioners welcome  
is to let them know who you are!

Order your badge by scanning the

QR Code or contact the

Parish Office on

5571 1161.

*Badges are \$10 each.*



## 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!**

## PRAYER

Merciful God,  
during this Lenten season,  
may we listen compassionately  
to the cries of those who are wandering...  
especially the poor, the homeless,  
the rejected, the refugee,  
the lonely and the excluded.  
May we be a listening presence  
to our family and our community.  
May we listen attentively  
to the call of creation  
to care for, honour and treasure  
our common home.  
Praying as always  
through Jesus the Christ.  
**AMEN.**

## 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.

# Lent 2024



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25TH FEBRUARY.

**Ronita** is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

### **Please donate to Project Compassion.**

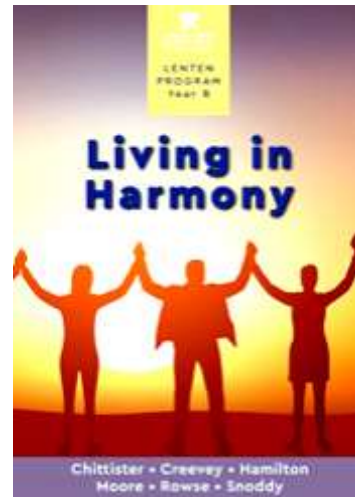
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**



## 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 throughout the weeks of Lent.

Available from the Parish office

**‘God wants us by every means  
in our power to lead others to life.’**

Mary MacKillop