



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3 March 2024

First Reading Ex 20:1-17 (or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

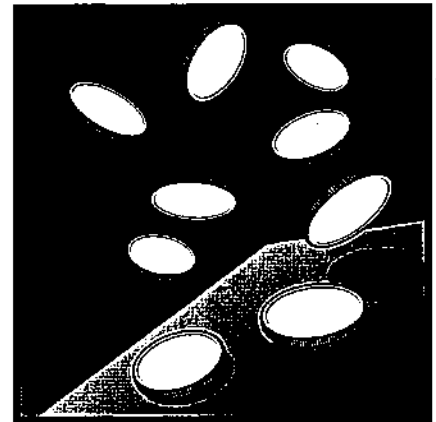
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Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. This was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

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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/>

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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
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service	Mass 10.30am	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)

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

Sunday 10th March @ 8.30am.

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.

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Theresa Fitzgerald
Gifts	Anita & Theresa
Leader	

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

	2 & 3 March Ministers of Communion	9/10 March Ministers of Communion
6:00pm	Peter Fitzgerald	Karen Barker
10.30am	P Stanhope & M Cook	F Soulsby & T Irving
The Grange	Frank Soulsby	Frank Soulsby

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
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
9/03	Margaret Meagher	Annette Mason	Jacinta Ryan	Noreen McLeish	Margaret Meagher	Pauline Kelly
10/03	Carolyn Stanhope	Anne & Des	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Trish Irving	Carmel Schlaghecke

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

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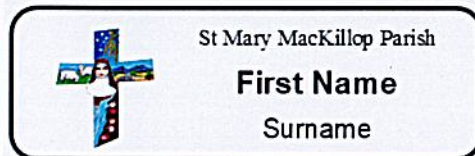
Now on the First Collection Bowl.



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

It's as Simple as That!

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.



Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priests' Support: \$1,944.

2nd Collection: Stewardship Given YTD: \$73,512

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

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH,
DUNKELD
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

ST PATRICK DAY SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

MASS @ 10.30AM
(PLEASE NOTE USUALLY 8.30AM)

FOLLOWED BY AN
IRISH MEAL
BYO DRINKS

\$10

ALL WELCOME.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY.

RSVP:

HELEN LYON: 0427 701 361
BY THURSDAY 14TH MARCH.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Winnell, Leighton Wraith,
Ted McGuane, Graeme Page, Skylah Stevens,
Elizabeth Mc Arthur, Iris Matuschka, Irene Brown,
John Wishart, Michael Reid, Clive Adamson,
Catharine Kaspers, Beatrice Trotter,
Konstantine Celewych.

SICK: Lynda Freeman.

'Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the
eternal life of happiness.'

Mary MacKillop

PRAYER

Merciful god,
we come before you
with hearts of contrition
and sorrow.

You call each one of us to turn away
from greed, domination
and oppression.

Free those who live with abuse -
physical, mental, sexual,
financial or spiritual -
so that they may be blest and healed.
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

AMEN.

Sacramental Program

Please remember to

BOOK your night to celebrate Reconciliation

Wed.20th, Thurs.21st or Frid. 22nd.

*Booking list available on
Sacramental photo board.*

*Reminder to please email through a
photo of your child for our
2024 Sacramental board.
admin@westernborder.church

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 3RD MARCH.

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so

they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier,"

Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Hello Everyone,

On December 6, following discussions with priests and parishioners, I announced that we would have four ministry districts in the Ballarat region.



After further consultations, I am now able to make appointments of priests to serve in these groups of parishes. The following appointments will take effect on April 10, 2024.

Ballarat Cathedral Parish, Ballarat North Parish and Beaufort Parish

Administrator: Fr Edward Moloney
Assistant Priests: Fr James McKay,
Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Ballarat East Parish, Bungaree Parish and Gordon Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll
Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Restall

Redan Parish, Sebastopol Parish and Linton Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagaoisan OSJ
Assistant Priest: Fr Eladio Lizada OSJ

Wendouree Parish, Creswick Parish and Daylesford Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

In view of Fr Matthew Restall's appointment to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, I have appointed Fr Sajan Mathew as Assistant Priest in the Paul VI Parish in the Wimmera-Mallee.

The priests who are currently serving in these parishes will continue in their current appointments until April 10, when the new appointments will take effect. I hope this advance planning will be helpful in allowing time to prepare for the transition to the new arrangements.

I thank everyone who has been involved in the consultations over the past few months. I thank the priests for their readiness to serve in the various parish communities.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul