

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/>

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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	Sunday 21st April	
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service	Mass <i>10.30am</i>	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)		
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)		
Macarthur - 1st Sunday of each Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am.						Lector	Brendan Kelly
Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri. @ 10am. Confession after all weekday Masses & 5.30 Sat. evenings.						Prayers	Theresa Fitzgerald
						Gifts	
						Leader	Catherine Loria

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

	13 & 14 April Ministers of Communion	20 & 21 April Ministers of Communion
6 pm	P Fitzgerald	Karen Barker
10.30am	T Irving & F Soulsby	T Irving & R Murphy
The Grange	Frank Soulsby	Maria Patience

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 nd Reading	2 nd Reading
13/04	Margaret Meagher	Kylie-Anne & T Shanahan	Pauline Kelly	Margaret Meagher	Chris Jansen	Annette Mason
14/04	Frank Soulsby	Richard & Ursula	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Trish Irving	Carmel Schlaghecke
20/04	Pauline Kelly	Noreen McLeish	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Jacinta Ryan	Charlotte Stanhope
21/04	Chris Jansen	Geetha & Frank	Chris Jansen	Ursula Murphy	Wendy Collins	Helen Tripovich

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

Dunkeld:

6:30am Dawn Service at Memorial Park.

Glenthompson:

10:30am March and Commemorative Service.

Hamilton: *Weekday Mass St Mary's @ 9am.*

6:30am Dawn Service at Cenotaph

10am March and Commemorative Service.

Macarthur:

11am Commemorative Service and Wreath laying

Thursday 25 April 2024



Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priests' Support: \$3,548

2nd Collection: Stewardship Given YTD:

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:

Charlie Franc (Father of Danny Franc, Monivae.)

Fay Rhook. Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with these families.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Pedrina, Leonard Marks, Val Mills, Marshall Macklin, Kees Onderwater, Joyce Walsh, Mignon Kinnane, Elise Hryckow, Pat McNamara, Jayden O'Breeza, Mary Guy, Theresa Tuppen, Tess McDonnell

SICK: Lynda Freeman.

Pope's prayer intention:

APRIL | For the role of women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



PRAYER

God of Jesus Christ, the holy and righteous One, by that suffering graciously borne and that victory gloriously bestowed, you extend to us all what you promised through the prophets.

Renew in this assembly the wonders of your power:

Open our minds to understand the scriptures, make Jesus known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Praying as always through Jesus the Christ.

AMEN.

Be faithful and lose not one opportunity of merit that presents itself to you. –

Mary MacKillop

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!



We welcome in Baptism at St Mary's Church, Hamilton.



Penelope
Rose
Stewart.

Daughter of Tamzin & Liam.

Knox Gregor Eagle
Daemen.



Son of
Stijn & Claire.

Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday: The 'fullness of life' is 'realized in Jesus'

"To have life," the Pope said, "it is enough to fix one's eyes on the crucified and risen Jesus, encountering him in the sacraments and in prayer, recognising that he is present, believing in him, letting oneself be touched by his grace and guided by his example, experiencing the joy of loving like him. Every living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life."

Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by St John Paul II during the Jubilee Year of 2000, is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter.

The Pope drew upon the disciples, despondent and secluded in the upper room, who "are going through the most tragic moment in life" to showcase how Christ's coming to them was a deeply transformative moment, one that not only reveals his mercy but also promises a new life.

Pope Francis presented this message in contrast with today's prevalent narratives of what constitutes a good life and the pursuit of happiness, observing that it is "a frenetic race to enjoy and possess many things."

Cautioning against this materialistic and myopic view, he stressed that "by following the path of pleasure and power one does not find happiness".

"Indeed, many aspects of existence remain unanswered, such as love, the inevitable experiences of pain, of limitations, and of death.

And then the dream we all have in common remains unfulfilled," the Pope continued.

At the end of praying the Regina Caeli, the Pope reiterated his long-standing call for a "lasting peace" in "the tormented Ukraine" as well as in Palestine and Israel by imploring leaders to find a way to de-escalate tensions and to negotiate.

The Pope's plea comes six months after the start of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7, 2023, which to date has left over 33,000 civilians dead in the Gaza Strip.



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