

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

*Sunday 5th May, No Mass in Penshurst.
Welcome to attend Mass in Hamilton
Sat 6pm or Sun 10.30am.*

Sunday 12 May

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Theresa Fitzgerald
Gifts	Helen & Theresa
Leader	

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.**

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

	27 & 28 April Ministers of Communion	4 & 5 May Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Volunteer	Peter Dunn
10.30am	F Soulsby & U Murphy	F Soulsby & T Irving
The Grange	John Hockey	Frank Soulsby

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 nd Reading	2 nd Reading
27/04	Karen Brewis	Trish Soawyer	Jacinta Ryan	Terrielynn Groves	Fiona-Marie	Irene McGrath
28/04	Carolyn Stanhope	Trish Irving & Maria Patience	Richard Murphy	Frank Soulsby	Angelina Juby	Jack Bell
04/05	Karen Brewis	Kylie Anne Shanahan	Pauline Oliver -Snell	Karen Brewis	Maureen Dunn	Kerry Stevens
05/05	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Richard Murphy	Sherrie Hockey	Ursula Murphy	Carmel Schlaghecke

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

Fr Paddy Mugavin

Golden Jubilee

50th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood.

Celebration Mass

Sunday, 19th May @ 10:30am

St Mary's Church, Hamilton

Morning Tea / Light Lunch Provided

Tap n Go

Now on the First Collection Bowl.



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

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Our Parish Collections

1st Collection:

\$ YTD (\$77,147 Last YTD)

2nd Collection: Stewardship

Given YTD: \$90,340. Pledged FY: \$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

Sacramental Program Parent Meeting

Wednesday 8th MAY @ 7pm.

MacKillop Centre.

Children's liturgy sessions start 11 & 12th May.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Leslie Cordy, Vera McNeil, David Sharrock, Helen Boyle, John Brabham, Maureen Blake, Trevor Stevens, Harry Brownlee, Maisie Goldstraw, Nola Trigger, Ronald Priddle, Elvira Morganti, Margaret Allen, Tilly Eales, Doug Scott, Kerrin Hurley, Patricia Pierce, Bernice Turner, Irene Donne & Mary Tedesco

SICK: Lynda Freeman.

PRAYER

Your love for us, O God,
surpasses our poor hearts,
and your command is only this:
that we should become true disciples
by believing in Jesus
and loving one another.
Grafted now as living branches
of Christ the true Vine,
may we be pruned and cultivated
by your care
and so glorify you
by bearing much fruit
in the midst of the church.
Praying as always
through Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Urgent Appeal: Help Eman Tabaza Escape Gaza

Former Monivae College student, Eman Tabaza, (2015) is currently trapped in the dire circumstances of Gaza, facing escalating conflict and hardship.

In response to Eman's plight, Samantha Loria (Penshurst community member) has launched a fundraising campaign on GoFundMe to aid Eman in escaping Gaza and finding safety across the Egyptian border.

Please consider donating to this appeal, and together, we can extend a helping hand to Eman in her time of need.

GoFundMe link:

<https://gofund.me/24af672e>



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

The Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150 on March 30, 2024.

It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius the Ninth issued a decree that marked the beginning of the Ballarat Diocese. Bishop Paul, in his message about the anniversary, said, "Our 150th anniversary will be an opportunity for each community throughout our diocese to remember those who have gone before us, those who have laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and the social services and health care that are provided in our diocese today. The anniversary will be an opportunity to review our history, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. It will be a chance to take stock of where we are now and look ahead to how we can live as a truly Christian community, sharing the good news of Christ, in the years to come." (ODC July 2023)

A DIOCESE IS BORN

Sr Berenice Kerr rsm has written about the events leading up to the establishment of the diocese.

Historical journals hold accounts of the formation of Ballarat Diocese, and the issues which provided the background to this event have been explored in other publications by students of Church History. A continuous, detailed narrative is, however, difficult to come by. Hence this attempt to provide an outline of the process by which the vast territory of the diocese of Melbourne was divided into three separate dioceses in 1874, noting that subsequently a fourth diocese, Sale, was created in 1887.

One hundred and fifty years have passed since Rome issued the decree which stated:

We [Pope Pius IX] by Our Apostolic Authority ... erect and constitute ... two new dioceses, one in the City of Sandhurst and one in the City of Ballarat ...

As the anniversary approaches, it is opportune to revisit the story ... our story, and in doing so certain questions spring to mind. Why was the diocese formed? Who made the decision? How was it arrived at? and possibly, the most fundamental question: What is a diocese, anyway?

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Anniversary Prayer



Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have received all the gifts we enjoy.
As we mark the 150th anniversary of our Diocese of Ballarat, we give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us.
We recognise the communities who have lived on this land from ancient times. We honour the Aboriginal peoples, here for tens of thousands of years. We honour those who came from overseas and settled here before our diocese began. Yet our anniversary shines a special light on our years as the Diocese of Ballarat, a community of communities from the Murray to the sea.
We remember those who have gone before us, those who laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and our social services and health care.
We acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history. We celebrate the achievements and we ask pardon for the failures to live our Christian faith to the full.
May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese. Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, may we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May we reach out in humble service, welcoming all and caring for all creation.
May we grow in love day by day.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.