



# Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

**The Most Holy Trinity, Year B**

**26 May 2024**

## First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

*(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 8:14-17

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

## Gospel Acclamation See Rv 1:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:*

*to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 28:16-20

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'.

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

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**Country Mass Schedule**

	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>Penshurst</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 (To Dunkeld)	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)

**St Joseph's Penshurst**

*Sunday 2nd June No Mass  
welcome to attend Mass in Hamilton  
Sat 6pm or Sun 10.30am.*

**9 June Sunday**

Lector	Rob Coates
Prayers	Don Adamson
Gifts	Rob & Helen
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.*

	25 & 26 May Ministers of Communion	1 & 2 June Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Peter Dunn	Peter Fitzgerald
10.30am	F Soulsby & P Stanhope	U Murphy & T Irving
The Grange	John Hockey	Frank Soulsby

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
25/05	Karen Brewis	Noreen McLeish	Chris Jansen	Karen Brewis	Jacinta Ryan	Maureen Dunn
26/05	Frank Soulsby	T Irving & M Patience	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Richard Murphy	Ursula Murphy
01/06	Margaret Meagher	Trish Shanahan	Jacinta Ryan	Annette Mason	Margaret Meagher	Fiona-Marie
02/06	Carolyn Stanhope	A & D Slattery	Richard Murphy	Carolyn Stanhope	Jack Bell	Sherrie Hockey

# Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

## Annual Stewardship Giving

As we come to the end of another financially year, a gentle reminder that you can pay your annual stewardship payment by Electronic Funds Transfer.

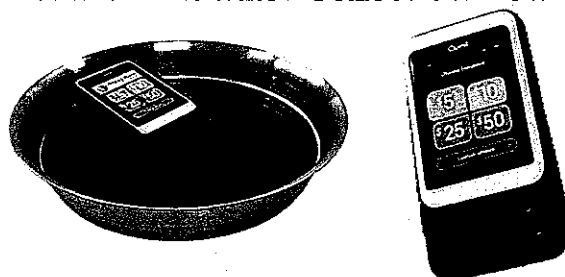
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Thanks for your generosity!

## 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!

### Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: \$1,689.

2nd Collection: Stewardship

Given YTD: \$99,977. Pledged FY: \$131,856.

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### 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:

Peggy Hussey, Sandra McCaskill, Helen Maree Brown, Joan Jones, Fr Laurie Gallagher, Joshua Elmes, Jean Riddle, Glennis Ryan, Evelyn Storer, Fr Michael Grady Mary Doyle, Ellen Smith, Stanley Dalton.

SICK: Lynda Freeman.



### Fatima Statue This Week

Marg Callaway  
29 McPherson Street, Hamilton  
Rosary Daily at 3.30 pm  
All Welcome.

## Prayer

Lord our God,  
Whose voice we have heard in our midst,  
whose face we have seen in Christ Jesus,  
and whose Spirit dwells within us:

Baptized in your name,  
we embrace what Jesus has commanded us.

Remembering that Jesus is with us always,  
We pray that our worship be acceptable  
and our witness effective,  
In the power of the Spirit  
who makes us your children.

Praying as always  
through Jesus the Christ.

AMEN.

## Rotary

Hamilton



We are inviting you to continue the conversation  
over a complimentary breakfast

June 19, 2024  
The Speckled Frog  
106 Gray St Hamilton  
7:15 am - 8:30 am

Guest speaker  
Danielle Lavithis Emma House (SAFV)  
Services available to support women and children  
impacted by family violence in our community.  
Together we can make a difference

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Breakfast is free but numbers required for catering



**WORLD  
CHILDREN'S DAY  
ROME 2024**

"I am glad to announce  
that on May 25-26  
we will celebrate  
the first World children's day.

"Dear Children! Your first World Day, which will be held in Rome on 25-26 May this year, is fast approaching. That is why I thought of sending you a Message. I am happy that you will be able to read it and I thank all those responsible for passing it on to you.

Scan QR code to  
**READ THE MESSAGE  
OF THE HOLY FATHER.**



I want to speak to each of you, dear children, because, as the Bible teaches us, and as Jesus showed so often, "you are precious" in God's eyes (Is 43:4)."

POPE FRANCIS

**Prayer for World Children's Day**  
*(taken from Pope Francis' Message)*  
**Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always. Amen**

**NOW MORE  
THAN EVER**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024 27 MAY - 3 JUNE #NRW2024 RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

**27 May - 3 June  
Now More Than Ever  
#NRW2024**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, "Now More Than Ever", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must—continue.

The National Reconciliation Week 2024 design and artwork represent the momentum of the theme *Now More Than Ever*.

*The chevron, a universal symbol for pointing the way, signifies advancing as one as we look towards a reconciled future; and the vibrant artwork of Gubbi Gubbi artist Maggie Douglas encourages connecting with one another, understanding and continuing to move forward.*

