



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

5 May 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;

I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you
is to love one another.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people - even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

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

No Country Masses on the weekend of 19th May.
All are invited to St Mary's Hamilton to celebrate Fr Paddy Mugavin Jubilee Mass.

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

	4 & 5 May Ministers of Communion	11 & 12 May Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Peter Dunn	Peter Fitzgerald
10.30am	F Soulsby & T Irving	F Soulsby & M Cook
The Grange	Frank Soulsby	Margaret Roberts

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 nd Reading	2 nd Reading
04/05	Karen Brewis	Kylie Anne Shanahan	Pauline Oliver -Snell	Karen Brewis	Maureen Dunn	Volunteer
05/05	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Frank & John	Sherrie Hockey	Trish Irving	Carmel Schlaghecke
11/05	Margaret Meagher	Annette Mason	Jacinta Ryan	Fiona-Marie	Noreen McLeish	Margaret Meagher
12/05	Frank Soulsby	Geetha & Frank	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soslby	Helen Tripovich	Wendy Collins

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

Fr Paddy Mugavin

Golden Jubilee

50th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood.

Celebration Mass

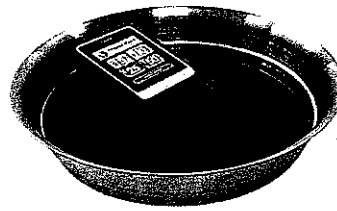
Sunday, 19th May @ 10:30am

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.

It's as Simple as That!

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection:

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

2nd Collection: Stewardship

Given YTD: \$ 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

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to celebrate Fr Paddy Mugavin's Jubilee Mass.

Eventide Mass - Wednesday 8th @ 2pm.

Grange Mass - Thursday 9th @ 2pm.

PRAYER

In this is love, O god:
not that we have loved you
but that you have first loved us
and sent your only Son into the world
so that we might live through Christ.

Teach us, by your Spirit,
to live as the Lord's true friends.

and to love one another
as Jesus has loved us,
even to the point of sacrificial love,

knowing that there can be
no greater love
than to lay down one's life
for one's friends.

Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS: Fr Tom Brophy.

Mark Mugavin (Fr Paddy's cousin).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernadette Blohm, Cath Howman,
Lucielle Selman, Margaret Ely, Troy Wareham,
Mary Ross, Fr Vin Sproules, Shane Rhook,
Fr Denis McCarthy, Kathleen Lyons.

SICK: Lynda Freeman.

Sacramental Program Parent Meeting

Wednesday 8th MAY @ 7pm.

MacKillop Centre.

Children's liturgy sessions start 11 & 12th

**Pope's intention for May –
for the formation of men and women
religious and seminarians:**

Let us pray that men and women religious,
and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey
through human, pastoral, spiritual and community
formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of
the Gospel. Lord, hear us.



**LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2024**

**Seeds
of Hope**

May 19-26, 2024

The theme for Laudato Si' Week this year is
Seeds of Hope – inspired by the symbol for
Season of Creation 2024, “first fruits.”

***Let us be seeds of hope in our lives
and our world, rooted in faith and love.***



Laudato Si'

Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. (Laudato Si' 25).

*reduce reuse recycle
rethink repurpose*

“There are no lasting changes
without cultural changes ...
and there are no cultural
changes without personal
changes”
(LD, 70)

PRAYER

God of all creation,
Thank you for the gift of our lives
and for the world in which we live.
We thank you for the warmth of the sun in winter,
and a cool breeze in summer.
We thank you for the great diversity of life,
which fills us with wonder and reminds us that we
too are creatures.
We pray that we will grow in respect for all life,
and for the Earth itself.
That we will use your gifts with gentleness and
wisdom,
not with greed and selfishness.
We pray that our minds and hearts will lead us to
an active hope,
as we respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of
the poor in our time.
May our hope transform humanity,
to take bold action to protect our world.
At this time of Pentecost
may we call on the Holy Spirit to kindle in us the
fire of God's love
and renew the face of the Earth.
May we all be part of that renewal.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

