

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

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 5 pm	No Service	Mass	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)
Dunkeld 8:30am Mass 9am SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)

Macarthur - 5th Sunday of the Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am.

Weekday Lay-led & Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton:
Lay-led services Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10am.
Masses Thursday & Friday @ 10am.
Confession after all weekday Masses & 5.30 Sat. evenings.

St Joseph's Penshurst - Mass 20/10

Lector - Brendan Kelly
Prayers - Rob Coates
Gifts -
Leader - Catherine Loria

Fatima Statue

**This Week
St Mary's Primary School.**

To host contact
Chris Jansen 0407719530.

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Thursdays @ 5pm St Mary's Church.



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

	12 & 13 Oct. Ministers of Communion	19 & 20 Oct. Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Pauline Kelly	Karen Barker
10.30am	John Hockey	Marie Cook
The Grange	John Hockey	Margaret Roberts

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 nd Reading	2 nd Reading
12/10	Margaret Meagher	Trish Soawyer	Jacinta Ryan	Margaret Meagher	Terrielynn Groves	Angelina Juby
13/10	John Hockey	Della & Glenn	Richard Murphy	Volunteer	Carmel Schlaghecke	Wendy Collins
19/10	Pauline Kelly	Ophiya & Jisha	Pauline Kelly	Karen Brewis	Maureen Dunn	Jacinta Ryan
20/10	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Carolyn	Richard Murphy	Ursula Murphy	Sherrie Hockey

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

Donation Point – Collection Bowls

Over the coming weeks, all our communities will have their first collections changed over to a Donation Point bowl. These bowls will allow you to make your offering using either card or cash.

These bowls have proven very successful in increasing the Priests Support collection in Hamilton over the last twelve months. They work most successfully when passed along the congregation.

I thank you for your patience as these are introduced and we all get used to this technology! *John Hockey (Parish Manager)*

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: \$897.

2nd Collection: Stewardship—2024FY

Given :\$ 41,004. Budget:\$125,092.

Western Border Parish

Mission Outreach

Mission Donations made last financial year to date.

Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$ 3,000

Sr Stella's—India Mission \$ 10,500

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

Maureen Wood. Memorial Service on Tuesday 15 Oct @ 10am St Mary's Church.

Dennis Monaghan (Brother of Fr John Monaghan).

Valerie Kelly, Beverley Lyons,

Our Prayers & condolences are with these families.

ANNIVERSARIES:

David Ryan, Joe shepherd, Dulcie Parfrey, Bernadette Hurley, Brian Shanahan, Jeremy Fleming, Gladys Ryan, Archie McIntyre.

SICK:

Mark Brown.

Carolyn Clifford (Mother of Brendan, teacher at St Joseph's Penshurst).

Mission Sunday
20th October— next weekend

**GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE**
to the banquet



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MISSION**

Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

No Lay-led services next week

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16th October.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to

Frank & Betty Balkin.

Feast / Memorial Days October

Tue. 15 - St Teresa of Avila.
Wed. 16 - St Margaret Mary Alacoque.
Thurs. 17 - St Ignatius of Antioch.
Fri. 18 - St Luke, Evangelist.
Sat. 19 - St Paul of the Cross.

Prayer

You judge, O God,
Our thoughts and intentions,
and from your gaze no creature can hide.
Pierce our inmost heart
with the two-edged sword of your Word.
Enlightened by your wisdom,
may we value aright the things of time
and of eternity
and, freed from preoccupation
with this world's wealth,
be poor enough to welcome the
incomparable treasure of your kingdom.
Praying as always
through Jesus the Christ.

AMEN.

My View On Growing Older

*by Father John McKinnon
[Formerly] St Mary's Catholic Faith Community*

I write today's "My View" article in the hope that it may speak particularly to some of those among you who, like myself, are growing older. I speak only from my own experience, but that experience may in some ways resonate with yours and serve either to complement or to challenge what you are already thinking or feeling.

After listening to the wise advice of others over recent weeks, and having prayed thoughtfully, I have decided that the time has come for me to move to an Aged-Care facility in Ballarat to live out peacefully whatever remains of my life.

Over my sixty-five years of priestly ministry I have experienced quite a number of different pastoral ministries in a variety of locations. I have become used to facing new situations. Already, however, I am beginning to feel just how different this one will be. I have no idea how long it will last. I feel a little, but only a little, like what Jesus told Peter to expect: *"when you were young, you girded yourself and went around wherever you wished; when you get old, ... another will gird you and lead you where you do not want to go."* In my case, this new situation will finish eventually with my dying. Without knowing its details, I have no problems with dying itself. Unless I am unconsciously deceiving myself, I am quietly looking forward to my eventual encounter with the God who is Love. Over most of my life, my prayer has been constantly energised by the desire *"to see the face of God"*.

It is the "in-between" experience from now until then that is unknown, and has me wondering. I know that my memory is clearly deteriorating; my worsening hearing is already affecting my ease when interacting with others; my heart and lungs are gradually functioning less predictably.

Along with these physical upsets and, perhaps, more disappointing still, I find increasing difficulty in concentrating on what I read. What before I processed easily, I now have to read again. Often enough, I simply fall asleep. In packing up what to take with me to my new residence, I have already had to decide how many and which books to take with me from my well-laden shelves; and that has at times felt like turning my back on, and saying "good-bye" to, what marked important stages on my life's journey. Deliberately leaving the rest of the books behind has proven to be a further source of indecision because I have never been all that interested in the usual alternative time-fillers such as watching television or sharing in social media.

I feel ambivalent about all this change. On the one hand, I worry whether I may become unbearably bored. On the other, I have consistently felt across my life an attraction simply to sit quietly and to pray. Even since I was a boy, due partly to other significant people in my life, God has been important to me and I have wanted to keep in contact. The taken-for-granted faith background of one or two of my respected relatives and other significant people no doubt nourished and stimulated what has become a life-long interest.

Added to all this is the fact that I am not naturally an extravert. Meeting new people has often been more likely to drain my energy than to stimulate it— although I appreciate real friendships. Over the years of priestly ministry I have had to learn deliberately to discipline myself in order to interest myself in the lives of others. Fortunately, as a balance to my introversion, I do feel ease in listening to people sharing with me their genuine joys and difficulties. This has proved to be a great starting point to work with those who, like myself, have felt drawn to prayer but are encountering unexpected and confusing problems along the way.

God has been faithful to me all my life; so I have no reason to doubt that our relationship will suddenly change. As I face the future, I do so with peace. And I hope that those of you who have persevered in reading these reflections will likewise experience something similar for yourselves.