

*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 <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> 5pm Mass 8.30 am SAWC	No Service	Mass	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am Mass 9am SAWC	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)

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

**WEEKDAY Masses & Lay led @ St Mary's Hamilton:**

Masses - Tues, Friday @ 10am & Wed @ 5pm.

Lay led - Thursday 10am

Confession after all weekday Masses & 5.30 Sat evenings.

**St Joseph's Penshurst**

**Sunday 16 March**

Lector - Catherine Loria

Prayers - Terry Pezzutti

Gifts -

Leader - Brendan Kelly

**Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Thursday afternoons at 5pm.

All welcome.

Enquiries:  
Chris Jansen  
0407 719 530



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

	15 & 16 March Ministers of Communion	22 & 23 March Ministers of Communion
6 pm	K Barker & Volunteer	M & P Dunn
10.30am	P Stanhope, M Cook, R & U Murphy.	T Irving, R Fitzgerald, M Roberts, F Soulsby
The Grange	Maria Patience.	John Hockey

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
15/03	Margaret Meagher	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Annette Mason	Margaret Meagher	Fiona-Marie
16/03	John Hockey	Geetha & Frank	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Wendy Collins	Jack Bell
22/03	Chris Jansen	Jisha & Ophiya	Chris Jansen	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Jacinta Ryan
23/03	Frank Soulsby	Richard & Ursula	Glenn Howell	Frank Soulsby	Bryan Roberts	Helen Tripovich

# Saint Mary MacKillop Parish



**LENTEN GROUP**  
**Tuesday evenings**  
**at 7 pm.**

Lenten *Metanoia* booklet will be provided.

Hosts: Chris & Kathie Jansen,  
24 Carmichael Street, Hamilton Phone or text 0407 719 530 to  
register please.

## Tap n Go

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### Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: \$1,135.

2nd Collection: Stewardship—2025Y

Given : \$86,106. 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:** Kaye Rowett, Funeral Mon.17th @ 2.30pm.

**Jennifer Templeton.**

Our prayers and sympathies are with these families.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan Brownlee, Jim Reed, Aimee Callaway,  
Gerald Hicks, Shirley McNamara, Ellen Malcolm,  
Kathleen Franklin, Cathy Fitzgerald, Lily Hickey,  
Brian McKay, Trevor Lampard, Peter Ferrier,  
Tracey Plunkett.

#### SICK:

Frank Torpy, Ian Ferguson, Joan Cass, Margaret Norris.  
Graeme (Grub) Templeton.



**THE POPE VIDEO**  
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

**MARCH | For  
families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might  
discover the cure for their  
wounds through forgiveness,  
rediscovering each other's gifts,  
even in their differences.



God calls us to commit to "ecological conversion," the ongoing transformation of our hearts toward greater love with our Creator and creation. We take time to listen to God's message in creation "with awe and wonder" (LS11). We reflect on our words and actions, humbly acknowledge where we are falling short and practice new ways of living simply and in solidarity with creation.

## Prayer

O Lord,  
great and faithful God,  
to those who seek you with a sincere heart  
you reveal the splendor of your face.  
Strengthen our faith in the mystery of the cross;  
and grant us hearts attuned to discipleship,  
so that we may follow,  
as faithful disciples,  
your Son, your chosen One,  
Jesus the Christ.

**AMEN.**

### Stations of The Cross

**Thursdays at 5pm** during Lent  
(followed by the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet)  
Please come along and pray with us  
for God's Mercy and Forgiveness.

**All welcome.**

# Second Sunday of Lent

## Toefuata'iga story, Samoa



Toefuata'iga, a 13-year-old student in Samoa, faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity. After Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Samoa installed a 10,000 litre water tank at her school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved health and more consistent class attendance.

Toefuata'iga and her classmates faced frequent early school dismissals and missed lessons due to a lack of clean water. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, adding strain to the staff and local community. The absence of a reliable water source also led to compromised hygiene, increasing the risk of dehydration and waterborne diseases, which affected students' health.

Despite being surrounded by water, many Samoans struggle with consistent access to clean drinking water, and resort to relying on rainwater or neighbours who have access to a water pipeline.

Climate change is leading to longer, drier periods. The Samoan Water Authority pipeline frequently needs to be shut down due to natural disasters and maintenance.



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