

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

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Weekend Mass Times @ Hamilton: 6pm Sat & 10:30am Sun

Weekday Mass Times @ Hamilton: Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 10am . Wed 5pm.

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	No Service	Mass 5pm	SAWC 8.30am	Mass 5pm.	No Service (To Hamilton)
Dunkeld 8:30am Mass 9am SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)
Glenthompson 8:30am	No Service	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)

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

WEEKDAY Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton:

Tues @ 10am & Wed @ 5pm.

Lay led liturgies Thurs & Friday 10am.

St Joseph's Penshurst

Sunday 12 October @ 5pm

Lector - Rob Coates

Prayers - Theresa Fitzgerald

Gifts - Theresa & Helen

Leader -

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday afternoons at
St Mary's Church at 5pm.

All welcome.

Enquiries: Chris Jansen



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

	27 & 28 Sept Ministers of Communion	4 & 5 Oct Ministers of Communion
6 pm	P & M Dunn	J Ryan & P Kelly
10.30am	T Irving, T Hurley, M Roberts & Channa	P Stanhope, T Irving & R Fitzgerald
The Grange	Channa	Channa

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
27/09	Margaret Meagher	Annette Mason	Pauline Murphy	Margaret Meagher	Jacinta Ryan	Pauline Kelly
28/09	Carolyn	Della & Glenn	Glenn Howell	Carolyn	Bryan Roberts	Carmel Schlaghecke
04/10	Karen Brewis	Jisha & Ophiya	Jacinta Ryan	Karen Brewis	Channa	Sairah Joeman
05/10	John Hockey	Geetha & Frank	Peter Christopher	Trish Irving	Wendy Collins	Della Gogoll

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

FEAST DAYS

29th Sept. - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,
Archangels.
30th Sept. - St Jerome.
1st Oct. - St Therese of the Child Jesus.
2nd Oct. - The Holy Guardian Angels.
4th Oct. - St Francis of Assisi.



Sunday Gospel Reflections.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

Mackenzie Mason

(Daughter of Tim & Sophia sister of Morgan,
Bailey & Jasper. Granddaughter of Michael & Pat
Mason). We offer our prayers
& deepest sympathy to Mackenzie's family
& friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Evelyn Peach, Lillian Cass, Bev Lyons,
Rex Cameron.

SICK:

Enzo Diano, Frank Torpy, Ian Ferguson,
Margaret Norris, Julie Gustus, Ted Perkins,
Roma Doherty, Quirinus Onderwater,
Geraldine McDonald.

Fatima Statue This Week

Dan McOwan
165 Hensley Park Road
Rosary daily at 4 pm
All welcome

Prayer

You are not far from us,
God of the poor and powerless,
But here at our doorstep,
before our very eyes.
For you reach out to us,
In every empty hand,
In every hungry person.
Teach us to understand sin
not only as doing evil
but also as failing to do good.
Open our eyes to see you,
and our hands to serve you
in everyone we meet.
Praying as always
through Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

Parish Appointments from January 2026

Hello Everyone,

Last month I shared the news that Fr Paddy Mugavin would be concluding his appointment as Parish Priest of the Western Border Parish on December 31 this year.

I express my gratitude to Fr Paddy for his 51 years of priestly service, many of those years among the communities in the Hamilton and Western Border region.

In view of Fr Paddy's coming retirement as Parish Priest, there is need to make new provision for the care of the communities in the Western Border area.

I am pleased to announce that **from January 1, 2026, Fr John Corrigan**, currently Assistant Priest in the Sunraysia Parish, **will become Parish Priest of the Western Border Parish.**

Also from January 1, 2026, **Fr Francis Kureeckal MST**, currently Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish, will become Assistant Priest in the Sunraysia Parish.

Fr Cay Xuan Trinh will continue as Assistant Priest in the Western Border Parish.

I am very grateful for the ministries that all these priests are exercising in their present appointments, and I pray for continued blessings on their ministries in the new year.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



Synodality Parish Assembly

Sunday Oct 19

@

Monivae College.

Volunteers called
to facilitate group conversations.

Contact Parish office if interested
55711161.

Facilitators' Formation

Sunday October 5,
12 noon @
MacKillop Centre.

111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees & Jubilee of Migrants – Sunday, 5 October 2025

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is

"MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE."

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has created online resources—including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews—to help celebrate this special day.

