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St Thomas' **Glenthompson**
St Mary's **Hamilton**
St Michael's **Harrow**
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St Joseph's **Tarrayoukyan**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April, 2026

GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE EVERY DAY

In today's Gospel, we join the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The Risen Lord comes to meet us. God comes down to our level, to follow us and to seek us out. We expect him to come with special effects and fireworks, or beautiful music and big miracles. But Jesus typically passes by unnoticed, in the normal circumstances of our lives. Saint Teresa of Avila used to say that "God is among the cooking pots!"

With the school holidays drawing to a close, let's pray for our school students, staff and families as they begin Term 2. May their coming weeks be filled with safety, growth, and a renewed spirit of discovery.

This weekend, we are very pleased to welcome Fr Ted McCormack to Hamilton. We thank him for his generosity in offering Mass for us and for his ministry among us. We also look forward to Fr Cay's return from his holidays later this week; again we can pray for him, that his time away was restful and that he returns refreshed and renewed.

On Saturday we celebrate Anzac Day. RSL Services will be held in Apsley at 11am; Balmoral at 10:15; Casterton at 10am; Cavendish at 9am; Coleraine at 6:30 and 10:30; Dergholm at 6am; Dunkeld at 6:30; Edenhope at 8am and 10:30am; Goroke at 10am; Glenthompson at 10:15; Hamilton at 6:30 and 11am; Harrow at 10:30; Macarthur at 11am; and Merino at 1:45pm. A Mass for the Fallen will be offered at St Mary's Hamilton at 9:30am.

God bless,

Fr John



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK: Michael Callaway, Enzo Diano, Roma Doherty, Ian Ferguson, Margaret Norris, Quirinus Onderwater, Ted Perkins, Bernadette Rees.

FOR THE FAITHFUL

DEPARTED:

Aileen Lampard, Alison Cleary, Anne Beuglehole, Sheila Joyce.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hamilton: Jayden O'Breeza, Mary Guy, Theresa Tuppen, Tess McDonnell, Lucy Causer, Fr Frank Madden, Marjorie Brundell, Margaret Van Kuyk, Dottie Lucas, Jim O'Neil, Arthur Turner, Alicia Dickson, Norma Garousse, William Scullion, Lilian Walker, Debra Jones.

Casterton: Josphine McCann, Joe Klein, Daniel Murphy, Ellis Fitzgerald, Brendan Mullane, Frances Gilmore, Edna Brooker, Russell Mangan, Lorna Davis, Merv Homfray, Jim Cleary, Barry Humphries, Mary Heath, John Hossack, Margaret Carrigg.

Coleraine: Tony Fitzgerald, Tim Mahoney, Frank Myers.

Edenhope: Malcolm Warner, Don Burns, Katie Kealy.

PARISH TEAM

Parish Secretaries: **Carolyn Stanhope** and **Kymhan Watson**

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

Sacred Heart, Casterton (4pm Mass)

- *Reader:* Charlie Koch
- *Commentator:* John Donegan
- *Communion:* Margaret Baulch & Margaret Davis
- *Counters:* Helen G. & C. Thompson

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- *Reader:* Kevin Myers

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11:15am Mass)

- *Reader:* R. Rokebrand
- *Intercessions:* H.Surman

Grange - This Sun: Margaret Roberts. **Next Sun:** John Hockey.

St Mary's, Hamilton (6pm Vigil Mass and 10:30am Sunday)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER (26th April)

Sacred Heart, Casterton (11am Mass)

- *Reader:* Charlie Koch.
- *Commentator:* Shane Kelly.
- *Communion:* Margaret Davis & Cecily Condon.
- *Counters:* Mick O'Connell & Pauline D.

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- *Reader:* John Kane.

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11:15am Lay-led Assembly)

- *Reader:* C. McKarlane.
- *Intercessions:* C. Heenan. **Leader:** C. McCann.

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8:30am Mass)

Reader: Rob Coates. *Prayers:* Don Adamson.

	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
This Sat	Chris Jansen	Vaness Storan	Chris Jansen	Terrielynn Groves	Jacinta Ryan	Karen Brewis	M & P Dunn
This Sun	Frank Soulsby	Trish Irving & Felicity.	Glenn Howell	Frank Soulsby	Helen Tripovich	Carolyn Stanhope	T Irving T Hurley F Soulsby
Next Sat	Pauline Kelly	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Chris Jansen	Jacinta Ryan	N & N Joseph
Next Sun	Caroly Stanhope	Bridget & Maria	Carolyn Stanhope	Wendy Collins	Trish Irving	Rohan Fitzgerald	J Nenke P Wheaton A Wheaton

On the first day of the week, O God of Easter glory, you gather your church, a pilgrim in this world, to celebrate the weekly memorial of the Passover of the Lord.

Pour out your Spirit on this assembly, that, in the celebration of the Eucharistic mystery, we may recognize Christ crucified and risen, who opens our hearts to understand the scriptures, and who is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

*Praying as always through Jesus the Christ. **AMEN.***

PRAY WITH THE POPE


Each month, Pope Leo produces a short video and invites us to pray with him: www.popesprayer.va

APRIL 2026: FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. We are invited to deepen our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

MONDAY 20 th APRIL Third Week of Easter	TUESDAY 21 st APRIL Third Week of Easter	WEDNESDAY 22 nd APRIL Third Week of Easter
<p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton 12pm Graveside Service, Dunkeld 5pm Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p><i>In the breaking of the bread, we find our life.</i></p> <p>St Ignatius of Antioch </p>	<p>9am School Mass, Monivae College 4pm Holy Hour, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton</p>	<p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10:30am Mass, Casterton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton 7pm Leadership Team Meeting, Casterton</p>

ANZAC DAY

As we remember all those that have died protecting our country as well as the men and women who risk their lives to serve, we thank you for your service. May our Lord protect our soldiers always and keep them safe.



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EASTER WATER

Every household is encouraged to take home a bottle of the holy water blessed at our Easter Vigil Masses in Casterton and Hamilton. Bottles will be transported to our other communities during the next few weeks.

Easter water be used to bless homes, family gatherings, or any moment that calls for grace and spiritual connection.



SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation will be celebrated on 13th/14th June.

First Communion will be celebrated on 12th/13th September.

It's not too late for families to join the program. Visit

www.westernborder.church/wots



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

The Bishops of Victoria have established an annual Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal and invite donations that will

support the education of Corpus Christi College seminarians at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne.




Corpus Christi College is the regional seminary of Victoria and Tasmania. It is a thriving community of domestic and international students, discerning their call to a life of mission and service as Catholic priests. To give, please complete the online donation form at tinyurl.com/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/. Donations are tax deductible.



HUMOUR

Never iron a four leaf clover. You don't want to press your luck.



THURSDAY 23 rd APRIL Third Week of Easter	FRIDAY 24 th APRIL Third Week of Easter	SATURDAY 25 th APRIL Anzac Day
<p>7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton</p> <p>10:30am Mass, Casterton</p> <p>2pm Anointing, Grange</p> <p>4pm Holy Hour, Hamilton</p> <p>5:15pm Mass, Hamilton</p>	<p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton</p> <p>10am Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>2pm Funeral, Anne Beaugehole, Casterton</p> <p>5pm Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>6pm Catholic Enquiry, Hamilton</p>	<p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton</p> <p>10am Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>5pm Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>6pm Mass, Hamilton</p>
		<p><i>Love is proved by sacrifice.</i></p> <p>St Maximilian Kolbe </p>

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

R/. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL Good Shepherd Sunday	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
<p>8:30am Mass, Glenthompson 8:30am Mass, Penshurst 9am Lay-led Assembly, Dunkeld 9am Mass, Coleraine 9am Mass, Tarrayoukyan 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11am Mass, Casterton 11:15am Lay-led Assembly, Edenhope 12pm Family Catechism, Hamilton</p>	<p>We adhere to Victoria's eleven Child Safe standards. Our policies are displayed in our churches and on our website. Our Parish Safety Officer is John Hockey - 0439 319 823.</p> 	<p>St Mary MacKillop Parish recognises the Traditional Custodians of parish lands: the Eastern Maar people, the Gunditjmarra people, and the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations. The parish acknowledges their deep and continuing connection to the land, water and community.</p>