



St Mary MacKillop

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St Patrick's **Balmoral**
Sacred Heart **Casterton**
St Joseph's **Coleraine**
St Patrick's **Dunkeld**
St Malachy's **Edenhope**
St Thomas' **Glenthompson**
St Mary's **Hamilton**
St Michael's **Harrow**
St Joseph's **Penshurst**
St Joseph's **Tarrayoukyan**

PENTECOST (Year A)

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May, 2026

Celebrating the Coming of the Holy Spirit

This weekend, we commemorate the arrival of the Holy Spirit, fifty days (a Pentecost) after the Resurrection of Jesus and nine days (a novena) after his Ascension. Until the 1960s, this day was often referred to as "Whitsunday" (White Sunday) due to the white robes worn by those baptised and confirmed on this great feast.

Congratulations to Felicity Jones

It is especially fitting then, that Pentecost is the occasion of Felicity Jones' Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We also welcome Felicity's family and friends who are celebrating this significant milestone with her. We hope that the hospitality you receive here reflects the warmth and love that the Holy Spirit brings to the whole world.



Children preparing for the sacraments

Pentecost is also an opportunity to pray for the children of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June and First Holy Communion in September. This weekend they are invited to reflect on St Thomas the Apostle, patron of our Glenthompson community and one of the disciples present at Pentecost. His doubt after the Resurrection became the occasion for a profound act of faith when he recognised Jesus as "My Lord and my God!" What enables us to "believe without seeing"? The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is part of the answer, but there are also "Holy Spirit" moments in our lives which confirm the Lord's presence among us.

May the Holy Spirit renew your faith this Pentecost.

Fr John

LET US PRAY

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

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Balmoral: Edna Duggan, Glennis Ryan.

Casterton: Patricia Jeffries, Cyril Gurry, Keith White, Marie Edwards, Bidy Stark, Mary McGrath, Bob Astbury, Eddie Hill, Frank Houlihan, Reece Murdoch, Frank Joyce, Martyn Lucas, Mary Minogue.

Coleraine: Lucy O'Brien, Manie Edwards, Thomas Fitzgerald.

Edenhope: Tom Clark, Gordon Burns, Phonse Moore, Ida Cass, Paddy Mc Donnell, Noel Mc Donnell, Pen Honner, Randall Mc Donnell, Paul Honner, Tom Martinich.

Hamilton: Arthur Turner, Dulcie Lovett, Margaret Quinn, Pearlie Rowe, Ian Roberts, Jack Fisher, Peggy Hussey, Sandra McCaskill, Helen Brown, Joan Jones, Joshua Elmes, Jean Riddle.

PARISH TEAM

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral (No Mass)

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart, Casterton (11am Mass)

- Reader: K Hauler
- Commentator: S McManus
- Communion: M Egger & M Baulch
- Counters: Monica Murphy & Helen Gorman

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- Reader: Dot Norris

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Lay-Led Assembly)

- Reader: A Kealy
- Intercessions: M Payne, Leader: C. Heenan

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8.30am Lay-led Assembly)

- Reader: Brendan Kelly
- Gifts: Anita & Rob
- Prayers: Terry Pezzutti

Grange -

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 31st May

St Patrick's, Balmoral (No Service)

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart, Casterton (9am Mass)

- Reader: M O'Connell
- Commentator: S Kelly
- Communion: C Condon & Riya
- Counters: J Donegan & H Gorman

Coleraine: ECUMENICAL SERVICE

9:00am St. Anthony's Uniting Church
Followed by morning tea.

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- Reader: C McCann
- Intercessions: E Musser

(St Joseph's, Peshurst (No service))

- Lector:
- Prayers:
- Gifts:

Grange - Frank Soulsby

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 23/05	Pauline Kelly	Vanessa Storan	Jacinta Ryan	Chris Jansen	Pauline Kelly	Jack Bell	A Mason P Fitzgerald
Sun 24/05	John Hockey	Anne & Des	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Helen Tripovich	Selina Perera	T Hurley J Nenke T Irving
Sat 30/05	Chris Jansen	Trish Soawyer	Chris Jansen	Annette Mason	Karen Brewis	Angelina Juby	T Groves R Ryan
Sun 31/05	Frank Soulsby	Geetha & Frank	Peter Christopher	Frank Soulsby	Wendy Collins	Carolyn Stanhope	F Soulsby R Fitzgerald T Irving



PRAYER

You open wide your hands,
O God, and satisfy with your
good gifts the needs of all.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit on
your Church, gathered in
prayer with the mother of
Jesus, and cause springs of
living water to well up within
it, so that all may quench their
thirst for justice and truth.
Praying as always through
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

MONDAY 25 th MAY Our Lady Help of Christians	TUESDAY 26 th MAY St Philip Neri, Priest	WEDNESDAY 27 th MAY Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Confessions, Hamilton	1:30pm Mass, Lakeside Living, Edenhope 4pm Holy Hour, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10.00am Rosary & Litany, Casterton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton



PARISH PILGRIM STATUE

Our parish pilgrim statue encourages parishioners to set aside a week to host a public Rosary and honour Our Lady's request at Fatima to pray for peace.

This week: Dan McOwan
165 Hensley Park Road, Hamilton
Rosary daily at **4pm**. All welcome.



If you would like to join the roster of hosts and bring the statue into your home for a week, please contact Chris Jensen: 0407 719 530

LAST MASS IN MACARTHUR

Next Sunday marks the last gathering of the Catholic community in Macarthur for Mass. St Malachy's Catholic Church was closed and sold in 2021, but Mass continued to be celebrated in Macarthur at the Uniting Church on "fifth Sundays."

After 150 years of continual worship, and 10 years of ecumenical gatherings of the local Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church congregations, the Macarthur Uniting Church is now closing. This news has been met with a blend of sadness and gratitude as parishioners reflect on the cherished memories, shared faith and unity these gatherings have nurtured. The church will close its doors for the last time following its final service on Sunday 21st June at 2pm.

Ahead of that final closure, the last Catholic Mass in Macarthur will be offered at **8:30am next Sunday**, followed by a generous morning tea. Fr Paddy Mugavin has kindly agreed to return for this special celebration, to which all are warmly invited.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "We cannot direct where the Spirit blows, but we can adjust our sails."



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The task in front of us is never as great as the Power behind us."

HAMILTON LADIES LUNCH & BOOK EXCHANGE



Looking for good food and great company? Join a small group of parish ladies who meet at the Botanical Motel on the first Thursday of each month. We enjoy a shared meal, a friendly chat about life, and a casual book exchange. Whether you're a lifelong reader or just looking for a chat, new members are warmly welcome!

Next meeting: **12:30pm, next Thursday 4th June**
Contact Marie Cook: 0417 321 378



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The Lord doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called."

PETER MICHAEL RYMARZ

Congratulations to proud parents Joachim and Emma, and big brother Conrad, on the birth of Peter Michael Rymarz on 6th May! As Peter is baptised this Saturday, we pray that God richly blesses and sustains this family in faith, hope, and love.



REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Casterton:

After 11am Mass on 4th Sundays



Balmoral:

After 9am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays



Dunkeld:

After 8:30 Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays



Glenthompson:

After 8:30am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays



Hamilton:

After 6pm and 10:30 Mass every weekend



THURSDAY 28 th MAY Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 29 th MAY Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	SATURDAY 30 th MAY Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
<p>7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton</p> <p>2pm Anointing, Grange, Hamilton</p> <p>10am Mass, Casterton</p> <p>4pm Holy Hour, Hamilton</p> <p>5:15pm Mass, Hamilton</p>	<p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton</p> <p>10:30am Combined Schools Mass for Catholic Education Week, Coleraine</p> <p>5pm Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>6pm Catechism Study, 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>"The Holy Spirit is like a gardener cultivating our souls."</i> St Jean-Marie Vianney</p>



FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

R/. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be

done, but always to the Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures
which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's
delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds,
our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn
heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts
descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

'Go and make disciples of all nations'

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

<p>SUNDAY 31st MAY Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</p>
<p>8:30am Mass, Macarthur 9am Mass, Casterton 9am Ecumenical Service, Uniting Church, Coleraine 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11:15am Mass, Edenhope 4pm Mass, Harrow</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>