



St Mary MacKillop

WESTERN BORDER PARISH, DIOCESE OF BALLARAT



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St Patrick's **Dunkeld**
St Malachy's **Edenhope**
St Thomas' **Glenhompson**
St Mary's **Hamilton**
St Michael's **Harrow**
St Joseph's **Penshurst**
St Joseph's **Tarrayoukyan**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June, 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds – including us – with deep compassion, seeing us as “**sheep without a shepherd.**” He recognises our daily anxieties and invites us to bring our troubles to him for true healing.

Yet Jesus also highlights a profound pastoral need: “**The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.**” In the Lord's harvest, there is no unemployment. While modern job markets are unpredictable and constantly changing, God's harvest is always there – every generation a new one – and the work offers an unparalleled return: a hundred per cent here and eternal life afterwards. You cannot find a better return in any other business.

Jesus insists he needs people to give him a hand, to make this world better. He does it in a subtle way: “**ask the Lord to send labourers to his harvest.**” He doesn't need us – he can do everything by himself – but he wants us to cooperate with his work of salvation. It is like a father allowing his little children to help him in the garden. They might be more nuisance than help, but the real difference they make is in their father's heart, who loves them and enjoys their company. That's what we do when we correspond generously with the inspirations the Holy Spirit stirs in our hearts.

Let's pray for our young parishioners who will be confirmed this weekend. God will accomplish great things through them, if they simply offer Him open hearts and willing hands.

Fr John

PARISH TEAM

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

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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LET US PRAY

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

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Veronica Harris, Mary Gaynor.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Balmoral: Mary Maguire, John White

Casterton: Alan Edwards, Mena Nolte, Ian McCallum, James Guthrie, Leslie Taylor, Carmel Neeson.

Coleraine: Christine Crupi, Dianne Creasey, Jeff Shaw, Jenny Fitzgerald, Mary Shaw

Edenhope: Jack Buckley, Win Buckley, Mary Donadlson, Keith Fagg, William Walsh, Alice Murray, John Murray, John Kirby, Iona Oliver, poly Tansey, Elizabeth Dwyer, William Griffin.

Hamilton: Marjorie Watson, Jennifer Bohemann, Pat Gustus, Bill Walsh, Laurie Stevens, Patricia Cullinane, Claude Benbow, Graham Torbett, Ena McIntyre, Kevin Doyle, Gordon McDonald, Joyce Griffin, Marie Granziera, Peter Phyland.

Harrow: John Kirby.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral (No Mass)

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart, Casterton (10am lay-led Assembly)

- Leader: K Brody, H Gorman
- Reader: C Condon
- Commentator: S Kelly
- Communion: M Davis Riya
- Counters: H Gorman, P Durbidge

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- Reader: Kevin Myers

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- Reader: c Heenan
- Intercessions: R Rokebrand

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8.30am)

- Reader: Rob Coates
- Gifts: Don Adamson
- Prayers: Rob & Helen

Grange - Margaret Roberts

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 21st JUNE

St Patrick's, Balmoral (9am Mass)

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart, Casterton (4pm Mass)

- Reader: Charlie Koch
- Commentator: John Donegan
- Communion: C Condon, K Mitchell
- Counters: Michael O'Connell, Pauline Durbidge

St Joseph's, Coleraine: (9am Mass)

- Reader: John Kane

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- Reader: M Payne
- Intercessions: A Kealy

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

- Leader: Catherine Loria
- Lector: Brendan Kelly
- Prayers: Terry Pezzutti

Grange - Maria Patience

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 13/06	Chris Jansen	Annette & Peter	Chris Jansen	Terri Lynn Groves	Confirmation Mass	Confirmation Mass	SMS K Barker
Sun 14/06	Frank Soulsby	Geetha	Peter Christopher	Frank Soulsby	Carmel Schlaghecke	Wendy Collins	F Soulsby U Murphy M Cook
Sat 20/06	Karen Brewis	Chris & Kathie	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Annette Mason	Angelina Jubly	Sairah Joeman	T Goves K Brewis
Sun 21/06	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Carolyn Stanhope	Sherrie Hockey	Helen Tripovich	Della Gogoll	R Fitzgerald M Robers T Irving

PRAYER

To us, sinners and yet disciples,
you entrust a share in the mission of Jesus,
who sent the twelve to cast out the spirit of evil
and to cure disease and sickness.

Place in our hearts the compassion of Jesus
and on our lips the good news of your kingdom,
that, with our every word and deed,
we may give as a gift
what we have received as a gift,
your grace.

Praying as always,
through Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

PRAY WITH THE POPE

Each month, Pope Leo produces a short video and invites the faithful to pray with him. To view this month's video, visit www.popesprayer.va

June 2026: For the values of sportsmanship

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values like respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



MONDAY 15 th JUNE Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	TUESDAY 16 th JUNE Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time	WEDNESDAY 17 th JUNE Eleventh week of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Funeral Mass, Veronica Harris RIP, Hamilton 5pm Confessions, Hamilton	4pm Adoration & Confessions, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10.00am Rosary & Litany, Casterton 1:30pm Mass, Edgarley 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

The Casterton Presbytery will become available to rent in upcoming weeks. For more information or details on how to apply, contact John Hockey:



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WESTERN BORDER PIETY SHOP

Our parish piety shop is taking orders! The shop in Hamilton stocks a beautiful range of faith-filled items, including rosary beads, saints' medals, Bibles, missals, spiritual books, and small gifts. Perfect for sacramental milestones or personal devotion. Please contact Bridget Campbell: 0409 492 943 or bridgetgidget@bigpond.com.

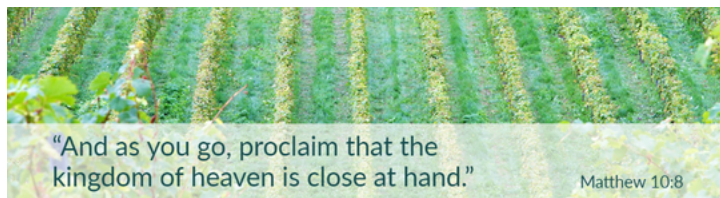
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Congratulations to the following young people, who this weekend receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, sealing the grace of their Baptism and strengthening the gifts of the Holy Spirit within them for their mission in the world.

- Clancy Dawson
- Emma Dunn
- Ruby Dunn
- Elijah Holyoak
- Evie McInnes
- Banjo Outtram
- Isabella Njoroge



Please keep these candidates, their sponsors, and their families in your prayers as they take this beautiful next step in their faith journey.



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: Chris & Kathie Jansen
24 Carmichael Street, Hamilton
Rosary Tue to Fri 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 Jansen: 0407 719 530

ST MARY'S, HAMILTON COMMUNION MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone who attended last week's meeting for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It was a wonderful opportunity not only for spiritual formation, but also for open dialogue, debriefing, and discerning best practice. The spirit of service that motivates our volunteers was palpable.

To ensure our volunteers feel continually supported and to open doors for new members to join our rosters, these gatherings will now become a regular fixture.

Frequency: *Approximately every two to three months.*

Timing: *Held immediately after weekend Masses.*

In alignment with the recommendations from last year's Parish Assembly, we will roll out similar regular meetings for our other liturgical ministries: Readers; Altar Servers; Communion to the Homebound.

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 18 th JUNE Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 19 th JUNE Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	SATURDAY 20 th JUNE Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
<p>7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton</p> <p>9:30am Mass, Penshurst</p> <p>10am Mass, Casterton</p> <p>2pm Mass, Glenelg House</p> <p>4pm Adoration & Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>5:15pm Mass, Hamilton</p>	<p>9am Sacred Heart Mass, Monivae</p> <p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton</p> <p>12pm Team Meeting, Hamilton</p> <p>5pm Confessions, Hamilton</p>	<p>9:30am Mass, Hamilton</p> <p>10am Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>5pm Confessions, Hamilton</p> <p>6pm Mass, Hamilton</p>

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the Book of Exodus

I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

RESPONSORIAL

Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

R/. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Now we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

<p>SUNDAY 21st JUNE Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</p>
<p>8:30am Lay-led Assembly, Penshurst 8:30am Mass, Dunkeld 9am Mass, Balmoral 9am Mass, Coleraine 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11:15am Mass, Edenhope 4pm Mass, Casterton</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 Gunditjmara 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>