



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**

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June, 2026

"Be not afraid!" It is one of the Bible's most searched phrases because we fear the unknown and we turn to religion for comfort. Yet even as Jesus reassures us, he also gives us very sobering advice: *"fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell."*

When we read that, we think of the devil. But our spiritual tradition invites us to look closer to home. The Church identifies three enemies of the soul: the world, the devil, and the flesh. Of these, the flesh – not the body *per se*, but our conflicting desires and struggles – is most dangerous. We can resist the lures of the world and ignore Satan, but we cannot run away from ourselves. We are our greatest enemy!

That's actually encouraging: if the battle is internal, so is the victory. Through the sacraments, Christ dwells within us, meaning we never have to fight our weaknesses alone. Our good choices – choosing patience over anger, or prayer over panic – bring us healing and peace. And not just to us, but to those around us. Our flaws should not discourage us. We bring them to the Lord in prayer, and if necessary to confession. We receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and we ask him to transform us from the inside out. *"Be not afraid,"* he insists.

Fr Cay is away for the next few weeks, first attending his sister's wedding in Taiwan, and then attending his other sister's religious profession in Seoul. **Fr Paddy** has generously (and very happily!) stepped into the breach, and will celebrate Masses in Dunkeld, Hamilton and Glenthompson over the next couple of weekends.

A warm welcome to Fr Paddy!

Fr John

PARISH TEAM

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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:

Elizabeth Fletcher.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Balmoral: Anne Hogan, Laurie White.

Casterton: Leanne Kosch, Mary Lindsay, Fr Donald Hurley, Annie Farrell, Joe Lavery, Gerald Hickey.

Coleraine: Marie Gaffin, Kit Fitzgerald, Gerald Fitzgerald.

Edenhope: Michael Gibbs, Molly Flynn, Grace Egan, John Mulraney, Lesley Kealy, Maria Szeremenda, Thelma Burgess.

Hamilton: Ted Oliver, Victor Annett, Sr Eileen Monagle, Eileen Finnegan, Stanley Stewart, Ern Trotter, Lynda Freeman, Betty Payne, Edna Scullion, Mary Kinnealy, Valerie Carter, Marie McGaffin, Roy Brabham.

Harrow: Bernadette Close.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

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 (11.15 Mass)

- Reader: M Payne
- Intercessions: A Kealy

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

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

Grange - Maria Patience

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 28th June

St Patrick's, Balmoral

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart, Casterton (11am Mass)

- Reader: M O'Connell, P Durbridge
- Commentator: K Brody
- Communion: M Baulch, C Condon
- Counters: M O'Connell, P Durbridge

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- Reader: K Wraith.

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

- Leader: A Kealy
- Reader: G Clarke
- Intercessions: Ricardo F

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8.30am Mass)

- Lector: Don Adamson
- Gifts: Theresa & Eileen
- Prayers: Theresa Fitzgerald

Grange - John Hockey

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 20/06	Karen Brewis	Chris & Kathie	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Annette Mason	Angelina Juby	Sairah Joeman	T Goves K Brewis
Sun 21/06	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Peter Christopher	Sherrie Hockey	Helen Tripovich	Della Gogoll	R Fitzgerald M Robers T Irving
Sat 27/06	Pauline Kelly	Vanessa Storan	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Angelina Juby	Maureen Dunn	N & N Joseph
Sun 28/06	Carolyn Stanhope	Anne & Des	Peter Christopher	Ursula Murphy	Jacob Nenke	Trish Irving	P & A Wheaton T Hurley

PRAYER

To us, sinners and yet disciples,
O Lord of the harvest,
you entrust a share in the mission of Jesus,
who sent the twelve to proclaim the good news
and to be witness without fear.

With your love forever sheltering
and surrounding us,
may we proclaim from the housetops
the gospel we have heard
and acknowledge openly before all.

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 22 nd JUNE Sts John Fisher & Thomas More	TUESDAY 23 rd JUNE Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	WEDNESDAY 24 th JUNE Nativity of St John the Baptist
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Confessions, Hamilton	4pm Adoration & Confessions, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10.00am Rosary & Litany, Casterton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton 7pm Leadership Team, Casterton

MACARTHUR CHURCH CLOSURE

The historic Macarthur Uniting Church (established as the Presbyterian Church in 1874) will hold its final service this weekend: **2pm, Sunday 21st June**. It marks the end of an era, after 156 years of continuous Christian worship in the town.

The Anglican church closed in 2015, and the Catholic church closed in 2021, but locals continued to gather together in the Uniting Church for Sunday worship, led by each denomination's leaders. Instead of five in each church, Macarthur had 15 in one church pondering the Word of God and praying in and through Jesus. All comers are welcome to join the final Sunday service, followed by refreshments in the adjacent hall.



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Jobe and Charlotte Dickson, who will be baptised Sunday during the 10:30 Mass. Jobe and Charlotte, the children of Simon and Alicia, are students at St Mary's Primary School. Our Saturday evening Mass community will very likely recognise their friendly faces, as they often attend Saturday evening Mass with their grandparents, Brendan and Janine. Please keep the Dickson family in your prayers at this joyful milestone!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Council of Priests – Fr John and Fr Cay away
Monday 29th June to Thursday 2nd July

Casterton Leadership Team Meeting
Meeting on 24th June cancelled; will be rescheduled ASAP

Fr Damien's 70th Anniversary of Ordination
22nd July – Celebrations will be announced soon

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 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 Jansen: 0407 719 530



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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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 25th JUNE
Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am Men's Prayer Group,
St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton
9:30am Mass, Penshurst
~~10am Mass, Casterton~~
2:30pm Anointing, Grange
4pm Adoration & Confessions,
Hamilton
5:15pm Mass, Hamilton

FRIDAY 26th JUNE
St Josemaría Escrivá

9:30am Mass, Hamilton
12pm Team Meeting, Hamilton
5pm Confessions, Hamilton

SATURDAY 27th JUNE
Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass, Hamilton
10am Confessions, Hamilton
5pm Confessions, Hamilton
6pm Mass, Hamilton

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the Book of Exodus

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall. 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R/. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

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The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The gift considerably outweighed the fall

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole

whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

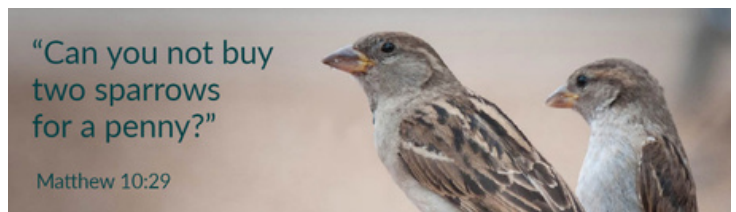
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



SUNDAY 28th JUNE Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
<p>8:30am Mass, Glenthompson 8:30am Mass, Penshurst 9am Mass, Coleraine 9am Lay-led Assembly, Dunkeld 9am Mass, Tarrayoukyan 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11am Mass, Casterton 11:15 Lay-led Assembly, Edenhope</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>