



# St Mary MacKillop

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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**

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers a radical challenge: if we love anyone – even our own family! – more than Him, we are not worthy of Him. Jesus demands first place in our loyalties and affection, but this is as much for our sake as for his own.

If God comes first, our hearts are better able to love others, without placing impossible expectations on them. No human relationship can carry the full weight of our hopes and needs. People, even those who love us most, will sometimes disappoint us. When we expect perfection from them, we can be hurt, frustrated, or even embittered. When God is at the centre of our lives, we are freed from that burden. We can love others gently, patiently, and with ready forgiveness. We can accept their limits – and our own – with humility.

History is full of martyrs who literally lost their lives for following Christ, but "losing our life for His sake" also has meaning for us today. It means detaching from whatever gives us security. For someone who needs to always be right, admitting fault and apologising feels like torture. For someone who needs to be liked, calmly sustaining disapproval is deadly. But these small acts of "dying to self" bring new life. They free our hearts and heal our relationships.

Both Fr Cay and Fr Shane are on holidays at present, so we welcome Fr Paddy and Fr Ted who will celebrate some of our weekend Masses. Please note that clergy meetings and in-services in Ballarat mean that Fr Damien and I will also be absent this week. Weekday Masses resume on Friday, when everyone is back on deck. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

*Fr John*

### PARISH TEAM

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### COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Casterton: **Brenda Bath** - 0427 701 327

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### LET US PRAY

#### FOR THE SICK:

Michael Callaway, Enzo Diano, Roma Doherty, Ian Ferguson, Quirinus Onderwater, Bernadette Rees, Loui Brown, Andy Gordon.

#### FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

**Francis Ryan** (Father of Jacinta Ryan).  
Elizabeth Fletcher.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Balmoral:** Ronald Ryan, Harry Klein.

**Casterton:** Anne Kelly, Mary & Matt Flynn, Marian Gartlan, Mary Murphy, Thomas O'Dowd, Bill Elijah, Richkie Smith, Lloyd Craig, Annie Ryan, Annie Homfray, Kevan Povey, Helen Roberts, Elizabeth O'Connell.

**Coleraine:** Bollinda Myers, Louise Milne.

**Edenhope:** Jimmy Munn.

**Hamilton:** Sheila Harrington, Anthony Dalton, Joan Walsh, Tom Kearney, Mary Kearney, Anne Stevens, Frank Kranz, Jim Eveston, Michael Rhook, Phil Walsh, Tristan & Chantelle Dominik.

**Harrow:**

## THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

### 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

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 5<sup>th</sup> July

### St Patrick's, Balmoral (9am Mass)

- *Reader:* Bernie
- *Intercessions:* Sabrina

### Sacred Heart, Casterton (9am Mass)

- *Reader:*
- *Commentator:*
- *Communion:*
- *Counters:*

### St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Lay-led)

- *Leaders:* Kevin Myers

### St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- *Reader:* E Musser
- *Intercessions:* H Surman

### St Joseph's, Peshurst (No liturgy)

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Grange - Frank Soulsby

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 27/06	Chris Jansen	Vanessa Storan	Chris Jansen	Fiona-Marie	Volunteer	Maureen Dunn	N & N Joseph
Sun 28/06	Carolyn Stanhope	Anne & Des	Peter Christopher	Ursula Murphy	Jacob Nenke	Carmel Schlaghecke	T Hurley U Murphy R Murphy
Sat 04/07	Pauline Kelly	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Kelly	Chris Jansen	Fion-Marie	Jett Storan	A Mason P Fitzgerald
Sun 05/07	Frank Soulsby	Geetha & Bridget	Peter Christopher	Frank Soulsby	Wendy Collins	Trish Irving	R Fitzgerald F Soulsby T Irving

## 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 take up the cross and to lose their lives for his sake.

Let no earthly affection dissuade us, no inner fear deter us from taking up the cross and following Jesus, that by losing ourselves in sacrifice and service, we may find life and the reward promised to the righteous.

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](http://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 29 <sup>th</sup> JUNE Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles	TUESDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> JUNE The First Martyrs of the See of Rome	WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> JULY Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	4pm Adoration, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Rosary & Litany, Casterton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

**We Welcome in  
Baptism  
at St Mary's, Hamilton:**

**Olivia Ellise  
Tan  
Ga**



Daughter of Laurence & Jestoni

**We Welcome in  
Baptism  
at Sacred Heart, Casterton:**



**Lainey  
Isabel  
Rogers**

Daughter of Kane & Meg

**River  
James  
O'Connell**



Son of Alex & Katherine

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Council of Priests – Fr John and Fr Cay away**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Casterton Leadership Team Meeting**  
Date TBA.

**Fr Damien's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**  
Celebrations after 11am Casterton Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**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: Peter & Liz Hinchey**  
1 Wills Street, Dunkeld  
Rosary Daily at 4 pm  
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



**ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP  
CONTRIBUTION**

As we approach the end of the financial year, a reminder that our parish relies on your donations via our stewardship program to continue operating. If you have not yet contributed for this year, and are able to do so, EFT details are **St Mary MacKillop Parish**  
BSB: **083-663** Acc: **01 715 7303**  
or to **23 Dinwoodie Street, Hamilton, VIC 3300.**

With Thanks! John Hockey Parish Manager.

**PETER'S PENCE NEXT WEEK**

Every year on or around the feast of Sts Peter and Paul (29<sup>th</sup> June), the faithful around the world are asked to donate to the Annual Collection for the Pope. Our parish will conduct this special collection next weekend: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY</b> <b>Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY</b> <b>St Thomas, Apostle</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY</b> <b>Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>7:30am Men's Prayer Group,</b> St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton 9:30am Mass, Penshurst <b>10am Rosary &amp; Litany,</b> Casterton 4pm Adoration, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton <b>10am First Friday Mass,</b> Casterton 2pm Mass, Wannon Hostel, Coleraine <b>5pm Reconciliation,</b> Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton <b>10am Reconciliation,</b> Hamilton <b>5pm Reconciliation,</b> Hamilton <b>6pm Mass,</b> Hamilton
<p><u>ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART:</u>                      Make a good confession (on the day, or in the week prior or week following);                      Receive Holy Communion;                      Pray five decades of the Holy Rosary;                      Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on her Son.</p>		

# FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

# RESPONSORIAL

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

**R/.** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.



Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Matthew 10:42

# SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

*Buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.  
Praise God who called you out of darkness  
and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

# GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY</b> <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH</b>	<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</b>
<p><b>8:30am Mass, Dunkeld</b>  <b>9am Mass, Casterton</b>  <b>9am Mass, Balmoral</b>  <b>9am Lay-led, Coleraine</b>  <b>10:30am Mass, Hamilton</b>  <b>11:15 Mass, Edenhope</b></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 <b>John Hockey - 0439 319 823.</b></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>