



St Mary MacKillop

WESTERN BORDER PARISH, DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August, 2026 | Year A

WELCOME, FR VUONG!

This weekend, we welcome Fr Vuong Nguyen CSsR, who begins a year-long pastoral placement in the Western Border Parish. His official appointment begins and ends on the feast of St Mary MacKillop, our parish patron.

Fr Vuong was ordained to the priesthood by our Bishop Emeritus, Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR, on Saturday 23rd May and celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving the following day, on Pentecost Sunday. We are privileged that the first year of his priestly ministry will be spent here among us.

Fr Cay and I are both delighted that Fr Vuong will be joining us in Hamilton. Fr Vuong brings an enthusiasm, generosity, and love for the Gospel that will be a rich blessing to our parish communities. As a longtime friend of Fr Cay, he is warmly welcomed, and we look forward to supporting him as he begins this new season in life.

There is a special joy in welcoming a newly ordained priest. Both Fr Cay and I spent our first year as a priest in this parish, and we remain deeply grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and hospitality we received. A priest never forgets his first parish, and I have no doubt Fr Vuong will receive the same gracious welcome that made our own first years of ministry such a happy and formative experience.

On behalf of all parishioners: Fr Vuong, welcome to the Western Border parish. May God abundantly bless your ministry among us.

Fr John



LET US PRAY

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Pat Annett.

FOR THE SICK:

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Casterton: Clem Heenan, Tilley Patterson, Kath Gurry, Pat Pevitt, Rene Neylon, Pat McGuinness.

Coleraine: Verna Heenan, Rene Murtagh, Norma Casey, Alice Kinnane, Kevin Mahoney.

Edenhope: Ron Tansey, Patrick Ryan, Hugh Donnelly, Leah McCaul, Arthur Kealy, Clare Ryan, Robert Clarke, Peter Forster, Nell White, Dorothy Kealy.

Hamilton: Vonda Healy, Peter Bunney, Kath Healy, Roger Gill, Catherine Ryan, Reg Cullinane, John Healy, Kit Crawford, Mary Torbet, Tina Schryver.

PARISH TEAM

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

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral - No Liturgy

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart (10am Lay-Led Assembly)

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

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- Reader: Shane Whelan

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- Reader: Riccardo F
- Intercessions: M Payne

St Joseph's, Penshurst (8.30am Mass)

- Reader: Rob Coates
- Prayers: Terry Pezzutti
- Gifts: Rob & Helen

St Michael's, Harrow (9am Mass)

Grange - Margaret Roberts

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 16th Aug

St Patrick's, Balmoral (9am Mass)

- Reader: Caryl
- Intercessions: Heather

Sacred Heart, Casterton (4pm Mass)

- Reader: Riya
- Commentator: Shane Kelly
- Communion: Renji, M Baulch
- Counters: J Donegan, H Gorman

St Joseph's, Coleraine

- Readers: John Kane

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- Reader: R Rokebrand
- Intercessions: C McCann

St Joseph's, Penshurst - (8.30am Lay-Led Assembly)

- Leader: Catherine Loria
- Reader: Brendan Kelly
- Prayers: Theresa Fitzgerald

Grange - Frank Soulsby

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 08/08	Pauline Kelly	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Maureen Dunn	Jet Storan	P&M Dunn
Sun 09/08	Frank Soulsby	Ursula & Richard	Peter Christopher	Frank Soulsby	Helen Tripovich	Trish Irving	F Soulsby T Irving T Hurley
Sat 15/08	Chris Jansen	Ophiya & Sairah	Chris Janen	Vanessa Storan	Angelina Juby	Sairah Joeman	T Groves K Barker
Sun 16/08	Carolyn Stanhope	Geetha & Bridget	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Carmel Schlaghecke	Sherrie Hockey	P Wheaton M Roberts M Cook

PRAYER

Strong and faithful God, your outstretched arm governs the mighty forces of creation. and your gentle hand cradles even the smallest of creatures.

Strengthen our "little faith,"
and open our eyes to your presence
at every moment of history
and in every circumstance of life,
that we may face with serenity
times of testing and turmoil,
and walk with Christ through every storm
toward safe haven and true peace. 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

AUGUST 2026: FOR CITIES

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

MONDAY 10 th AUGUST St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr	TUESDAY 11 th AUGUST St Clare of Assisi	WEDNESDAY 12 th AUGUST Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	2pm Bereavement team meeting, Hamilton 4pm Adoration, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Rosary & Litany, Casterton 1:30pm Anointing, Edgarley 5pm Rosary, Hamilton



FROM FR VUONG

My name is **Van Vuong Nguyen**. I prefer to be called **"Vuong."** I was born in 1992, in the northern part of central Vietnam. I come from a family of five: my parents, myself, my younger sister, and my younger brother. My parents are fishermen. They own a fishing boat and go fishing every day. Above all, they are people of faith. They instilled in us the importance of prayer, encouraging us to pray the Rosary and other prayers together as a family. Attending morning Mass was a non-negotiable part of our childhood.

I studied Marine Engineering and graduated in 2014. During those years, I felt a growing call to religious life. It began when I attended my uncle's profession as a Cistercian monk in 2011. That marked the beginning of my search for a deeper relationship with God. Despite doing well at university, I felt an emptiness in my heart. By chance, a friend introduced me to the Redemptorists. She told me, *"Redemptorist priests are friendly, active, they always have good homilies and are loved by many people."* I felt God was speaking through her, and after prayerful discernment I decided to get to know the Redemptorists in Saigon.

On 4th May 2018, I took my first profession as a Redemptorist, and my final profession on 22nd February 2025. I was ordained a deacon on 16th August 2025, and a priest on 23rd May 2026. I am deeply grateful to my family, parish community and the Redemptorists whose prayers, love and guidance led me to where I am today.

As I begin my first year of priesthood, I look forward to this new chapter with excitement and hope. I desire to live out my priestly ministry with humility, compassion and availability. I hope to grow in my relationship with Christ the Redeemer under the guidance of Fr John Corrigan, Fr Cay Trinh and the parishioners of the Western Border Mission, learning to walk with God's people by listening to your stories and accompanying you. I trust that your witness of faith and life will enrich and deepen my own priesthood.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. The honour that God has granted to Our Lady will one day be ours too, when we are raised body and soul on the day of resurrection. To celebrate this significant feast, additional Masses have been scheduled:

- 6pm Friday Vigil Mass, Hamilton
- 9:30am Saturday Mass, Hamilton
- 10am Saturday Mass, Casterton

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: Margaret Meagher
33 Learmonth Street
Rosary daily at 4 pm (Mon to Fri)
All Welcome.



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



EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

Caritas Australia are supporting the current situation in Venezuela where two powerful earthquakes have struck. Communities are shaken, homes destroyed, and families devastated. Your donations are welcome and needed. To donate, please visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/venezuela>

THURSDAY 13 th AUGUST Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 14 th AUGUST St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	SATURDAY 15 th AUGUST The Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary
7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 2pm Anointing, Grange 4pm Adoration, Hamilton 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 9:30am Mass, Penshurst 12pm Hamilton team meeting, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 6pm Mass (Vigil of the Assumption), Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 10am Reconciliation, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 6pm Mass, Hamilton

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

A reading from the First Book of Kings

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 144(145):8-9,15-18

*R/. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union

with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

SUNDAY 16 th AUGUST Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
8:30am Mass, Dunkeld 8:30am Lay-Led Assembly, Penshurst 9am Mass, Balmoral 9am Mass, Coleraine 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11:15 Mass, Edenhope 4pm Mass, Casterton	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 .  A safe Church for everyone	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.