



St Mary MacKillop

WESTERN BORDER PARISH, DIOCESE OF BALLARAT



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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**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September, 2026 | Year A

"Caring for those who cared for us"

This Father's Day, we give thanks for the gift of all fathers, grandfathers, and fatherly figures in our parish family. May God bless you abundantly for your sacrificial love, guidance, and wisdom.

Reflecting on our theme, "Caring for those who cared for us," we hold a special place in our hearts for our retired priests/spiritual fathers, especially Fathers Damien Heath, Paddy Mugavin, John McKinnon and Ted McCormack, MSC. For decades, they have poured out endless love, care, and spiritual fatherhood for our community. Even in their retirement, their continuous prayers, quiet/active presence, and lifelong dedication remain a profound blessing to us all.

As they once nurtured us, it is now our community's responsibility to care for them in their later years.



There will be a special collection for retired priests next weekend, on **12th & 13th Sept**, in all our communities. Please consider supporting this important collection next weekend as a tangible gesture of gratitude for their years of selfless ministry.

We wish all our fathers a deeply peaceful, happy, and blessed Father's Day!

Frs John, Vuong & Cay

PARISH TEAM

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

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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

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LET US PRAY

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Ian Ferguson –
Funeral Mon 14 Sept. @ 2.30pm.
St Mary's Hamilton.

FOR THE SICK:

Loui Brown, Michael Callaway, Quirinus Onderwater, Jaibu Philip, Bernadette Rees.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Balmoral: Kathleen Watt, Tim Gaussen.

Casterton: Tom O'Connell, Audry Millstead, Trish Winch, Mary Mullane, William Hore, Des Wombwell, Thomas Neylon, Doug Payne, Nell Peart, Frank & Eunice Preece, Eileen Heenan, Doug Lamb, Irene Pierce, Joc Hurley, Norah Simkin, Richie Doyle, Kevin Newman & Barry Martin.

Coleraine: Tom Hay, Len Paterson.

Edenhope: Jack Kealy, Mavis Kealy, Jack Cass, Peter Campbell, Gerard Gibbs, Frank Mahney, Tom Kealy, William Howlett.

Hamilton: Tony Ryan, Brian Napier, Peter Dickie, Grace Meagher, Ellen McIntosh, Anthony Mooney, Maureen Wood, Robert Tierney, Ruby Mahoney, Allan Johnson, Grame Templeton, Joyce Brooker, Lorna Schultz, Rosemary Chisolm, Hugh Munro, Ursula Carmody, Bob Strachan, Dorothy Ross, Isobel Hutchins.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral (9am Mass)

- Reader: Gerard
- Intercessions: Bernie

Sacred Heart (10.30am Mass)

- Reader: Rita McInerney
- Commentator: S Kelly
- Communion:
- Counters:

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

- Leader: Marge Ferguson & Kevin Myers
- Reader: Dot Norris
- Special Minister: Aileen Utber

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15 Mass)

- Reader: C McCann
- Intercessions: C McFarlane

St Joseph's, Peshurst

- Reader:
- Prayers:
- Gifts:

Grange - Frank Soulsby

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER (13TH Sept)

St Patrick's, Balmoral - No Service

- Reader:
- Intercessions:

Sacred Heart, Casterton (10.00 Lay-led Assembly)

- Leader: M Davis & C Condon
- Commentator: K Brody
- Communion: H Gorman & M Baulch
- Counters: H Gorman & M Murphy

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- Readers: Shane Whelan

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- Reader: G Clarke
- Intercessions: Ricardo F

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8.30 Mass)

- Leader: Brendan Kelly
- Reader: Catherine Loria
- Prayers :Rob Coats

Grange - Margaret Roberts

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 05/09	Chris Jansen	Trish Soawyer	Chris Jansen	Fion-Marie	Terrielynn	Jack Bell	P & M Dunn
Sun 06/09	John Hockey	Sherrie & John	Carolyn Stanhope	Frank Soulsby	Ursula Murphy	Selena Perera	R Murphy J Nenke M Cook
Sat 12/09	Fr John	Chris & Kathie	Jacinta Ryan	Terrielynn	First Communion	First Communion	Terrielynn Tania Stevens
Sun 13/09	Carolyn Stanhope	Richard & Ursula	Peter Christopher	Sherrie Hockey	Helen Tripovich	Carmel Schlaghecke	T Hurley R Fitzgerald M Roberts

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.



Margaret and Bryan Roberts
30 Gray Street, Hamilton
Rosary Daily at 4 pm. 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

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



SEPTEMBER 2026: FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water -- a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

MONDAY 7 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-third Week, Ordinary Time	TUESDAY 8 th SEPTEMBER Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary	WEDNESDAY 9 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-third Week, Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 11am Funeral Mass, Brendan O'Connell, Casterton 4pm Adoration, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 1:30pm Anointing, Edgarley 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS NEXT WEEKEND 12th & 13th SEP IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES



CARING FOR THOSE WHO
CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH
COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Nineteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat, Geelong and Warrnambool, and others live in supported accommodation.

Donation options:

Special envelopes are available for this collection, which can be returned next week. **Credit card** contributions can be made using this envelope.

OR

QR code for **CDF Pay, Western Border:**

Select *My Giving is for ...*
"Retired Priests Collection"



EMMAUS PASTORAL RETREAT

The Diocese of Ballarat invites parishioners to **Emmaus 2026**, bringing together people from across the Diocese to share what is life-giving in their Catholic communities.

Participants are invited to share the projects, ministries and initiatives that are bearing fruit in their own parishes, with time for prayer, Mass, Conversation in the Spirit, shared meals and fellowship.

Starts: 4pm Sunday 25th October

Ends: 12 midday Tuesday 27th October

MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGES, HALLS GAP

Cost: \$100 for two nights' accommodation

Registrations close Friday 25 September

All are welcome, including those who would like to become more involved in parish life. If you would like more information, please call the parish office.

PRAYER

God our Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.

May they find courage
and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith.

We pray for our own fathers
and for men
who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

AMEN.



**Vinnies Appeal
Total \$1,914.70**

Money raised will be used
to assist people locally.

T H A N K Y O U !

**What's married life
actually like for you?**

We'd love to hear your honest reflections



EARLY MARRIAGE SURVEY

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are invited to participate in an anonymous, confidential survey funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. Your insights will directly shape future pastoral care and marriage resources.

Take the survey: <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

THURSDAY 10 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-second Week, Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 11 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-third Week, Ordinary Time	SATURDAY 12 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-third Week, Ordinary Time
7:30am Men's Prayer Group , St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton 10am Mass , Casterton 12:30pm Anointing , The Birches 4pm Adoration , Hamilton 5:15pm Mass , Hamilton	9:30am Mass , Hamilton 9:30am Mass , Penshurst 10am First Communion Workshop , Hamilton 12pm Pastoral Team Meeting , St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation , Hamilton	9:30am Mass , Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation , Hamilton 6pm First Communion Mass , Hamilton

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you do not speak to the wicked man,
I will hold you responsible for his death*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 62(63):2-6,8-9

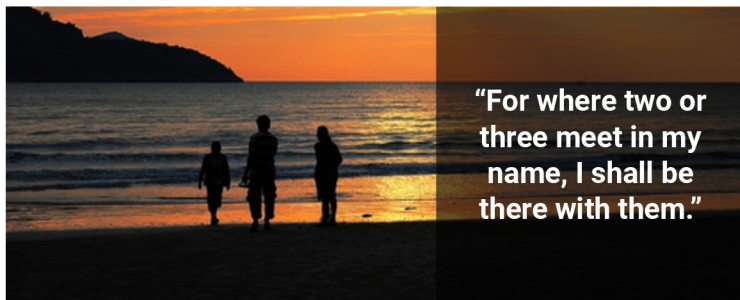
R/. O that today you would listen to
his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'



**"For where two or
three meet in my
name, I shall be
there with them."**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother listens to you,
you have won back your brother*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

SUNDAY 13 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
8:30am Mass , Glenthompson 8:30am Mass , Penshurst 9am Mass , Coleraine 9am Mass , Harrow 10am Lay-led Assembly , Casterton 10:30am Mass , Hamilton 11:15am Mass , Edenhope	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 . 	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.