



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**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October, 2026 | Year A

ST FRANCIS: MAN OF PEACE

Sunday 4th is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, and Saturday 3rd is the 800th anniversary of his death. St Francis is one of the most influential people in Christian history, so Pope Leo has honoured his octocentenary by declaring 2026 a special Jubilee 'Year of St Francis.' The prayer in this weekend's bulletin was written by the pope, who invites us to pray it throughout the week.

In a letter which accompanied the prayer, Pope Leo focuses on St Francis' iconic greeting: *May the Lord give you peace*. St Francis shows us that true peace is not merely a human achievement or a political compromise, but a divine gift from above: **"Peace be with you; my peace I give you. A peace the world cannot give, that is my gift to you."** (Jn 14:27) This is the peace which in today's Second Reading St Paul tells us we will always obtain, if we only ask for it.

St Francis, who called the sun "brother" and the moon "sister," reminds us that peace with God, peace between people, and peace with our common home are inseparable. As we honour St Francis this weekend, we take up the Holy Father's prayer that we might be "unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ."

A new parish priest of Sunraysia will be announced soon, and he will begin 1st November. In the meantime, the priests of our parish have been asked to continue lending a hand in Mildura each weekend, which we can only do thanks to the generosity of Fr Shane Carr. I thank him, and all parishioners for your patience and understanding.

Fr John



LET US PRAY

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

John Lyons
Anne Nunan

FOR THE SICK:

Rosemary Schurmann, Loui Brown, Michael Callaway, Jaibu Philip, Quirinus Onderwater, Bernadette Rees, Mandy Malseed, Massa Richardson.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Balmoral: Colin Cantwell, Hazel Norris.

Casterton: Ethel Hurley, Esma Hume, Rhonda Adams, Claude Kelly, John McArlein, Charlie Koch, Patricia Tuohy, John Quinn, Rita Walscott, Ethel Hurley, Graeme Gurry, Joy Cleary, Anthony Gartlan, Harry Galpin, Eileen Harvey, Kaitlyn Smith.

Coleraine: Marjorie Davis, Kevin Shaw, Eileen Fitzgerald, Patricia Hutchins, Kate Hughes.

Edenhope: Laurence Robertson, Cameron McCann, Ellen Mulraney, Jim Cass, Sr Bernadette Ryan, Joan Oliver.

Hamilton: Stuart Aylmer, Di Barker, Eileen Fallon, Olive Pedrina, Betty Myers, Kelly Symons.

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 (9am Mass)

- **Reader:** Heather
- **Intercessions:** Bernie

Sacred Heart (10.30am Mass)

- **Reader:** K Brody
- **Commentator:** S Kelly
- **Communion:** C Condon & Renji
- **Counters:** M OConnell & H Gorman

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

- **Leader:** Dot Norris & John Kane
- **Special Minister:** Shane Whelan

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15 Mass)

- **Reader:** R Rokebrand
- **Intercessions:** H Surman

St Joseph's, Penshurst - No Service

- **Lector:**
- **Prayers:**
- **Gifts:**
- **Leader:**

Grange - Margaret Roberts

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 11th Oct

St Patrick's, Balmoral - No Service

- **Reader:**
- **Intercessions:**

Sacred Heart, Casterton (10.30am Lay-led Assembly)

- **Leader:** C Condon & Rita
- **Commentator:** S Kelly
- **Reader:** M OConnell
- **Communion:** M Davis & M Baulch
- **Counters:** H Gorman & P Durbridge

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- **Readers:** Shane Whelan

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Mass)

- **Leader:**
- **Reader:**
- **Intercessions:**

St Joseph's, Penshurst (8.30 Mass)

- **Lector:** Rob Coates
- **Prayers:** Theresa Fitzgerald
- **Gifts:** Theresa & Helen

Grange - John Hockey

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 03/10	Fr John	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Karen Brewis	P & M Dunn
Sun 04/10	Carolyn Stanhope	Anne & Des Slattery	Carolyn Stanhope	Ursula Murphy	Carmel Schlaghecke	Richard Murphy	P Wheaton M Roberts T Hurley
Sat 10/10	Chris Jansen	Vanessa Storan Maria Patience	Chris Jansen	Karen Brewis	Maureen Dunn	Jacinta Ryan	T Groves Oliver-Snell
Sun 11/10	Frank Soulsby	Sherrie & John	Glenn Howell	Frank Soulsby	Jacob Nenke	Felicity Jones	F Soulsby M Cook J Nenke

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.



St Mary's Primary School
49 Hiller Lane,
Hamilton

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

OCTOBER 2026: FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that mental health ministries be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

MONDAY 5 th OCTOBER St Faustina Kowalska	TUESDAY 6 th OCTOBER Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time	WEDNESDAY 7 th OCTOBER Our Lady of the Rosary
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5:30pm Mass, Hamilton * Please note new Mass time *	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

SHORT TERM RENTAL SOUGHT

Room to rent required for Veterinary student who has a work placement in Hamilton from 3rd December to 18th December.

Would prepare her own meals. Only needs a bedroom and use of bathroom. Applicant is in her 20s and a non-smoker.

Phone Sophia: **0414 146 858**.



Thank You

With Grateful Hearts

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your presence, prayers, encouragement, kindness and support on the occasion of our Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders.

Thank you for sharing this special day with us and for accompanying us on our journey of formation. Your presence and prayers mean a great deal to us as we continue our journey towards the priesthood. May God bless you abundantly.

*With gratitude and prayers,
Channa & Simon*

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that with the shift to daylight saving time, the evening Masses on Tuesday and Thursday have moved to 5:30pm. This allows us to standardise Reconciliation times in Hamilton across the week:

5pm Reconciliation: Monday to Saturday

9:30am Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

5:30pm Mass: Tuesday and Thursday

THURSDAY 8 th OCTOBER Twenty-seventh Week, Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 9 th OCTOBER St John Henry Newman, Priest, Doctor	SATURDAY 10 th OCTOBER Twenty-seventh Week, Ordinary Time
7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5:30pm Mass, Hamilton * Please note new Mass time *	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 9:30am Mass, Penshurst 10am Rosary & Litany, Casterton 10am Funeral, John Lyons RIP, Hamilton 12pm Team Meeting, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 6pm Mass, Hamilton Happy birthday Fr Cay! 

PRAYER

Saint Francis, our brother,
you who eight hundred years ago,
went to meet Sister Death
as a man at peace,
intercede for us with the Lord.

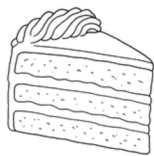
You recognised true peace
in the Crucifix of San Damiano.
Teach us to seek in Him
the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.

You, who, unarmed, crossed the lines
of war and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by
conflict and division,
intercede so that we
may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses
of the peace that comes from Christ.

AMEN

JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS



AT BALMORAL:
After 9am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays

AT CASTERTON:
After 10.30am Mass on 4th Sundays



AT COLERAINE:
After 9am Mass on 2nd Sundays

AT DUNKELD:
After 8:30 Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays



AT GLENTHOMPSON:
After 8:30am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays

AT HAMILTON:
After 6pm and 10:30 Mass every weekend

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

R/. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanks-

giving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord’s doing
and it is wonderful to see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

SUNDAY 11 th OCTOBER Twenty-eighth 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, Tarrayoukyan (<i>not Harrow</i>) 10:30am Lay-led Assembly, Casterton 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11:15am Mass, Edenhope 12:15pm Team Meeting, 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 .  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.