



St Mary MacKillop

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Sacred Heart **Casterton**
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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October, 2026 | Year A

ELIMINATING POVERTY & PROCLAIMING CHRIST

This Sunday 11th October marks the beginning of Anti-Poverty Week in Australia. This campaign culminates next Sunday: the UN's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

You might recall our Lord's remarks in the Gospel of John, when Judas criticises Mary for "wasting" expensive perfume. Jesus responds, "You will always have the poor among you" (John 12:8). These words are not a call to resignation or indifference. Rather, Jesus echoes the Book of Deuteronomy's reminder of our enduring responsibility to care for those in need.

This responsibility lies at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching. It calls us to a "preferential option for the poor" – measuring the moral health of society by how we treat its most vulnerable members. We are called to recognise Christ in those who are marginalised and to defend their inherent dignity.

This week of local and national reflection coincides with the historic 100th World Mission Sunday. The Church's mission has always been expressed through both proclamation and service – through hospitals, schools, and works of charity and justice. By healing the sick, educating the young, and working to overcome poverty, the Church continues to make the Gospel visible.

May God strengthen us to be people of mercy, solidarity, and hope.



LET US PRAY

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Anne Nunan, Mary Hicks.

FOR THE SICK:

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

**FOR THOSE WHOSE
ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AT THIS TIME:**

Balmoral:

Casterton: Mary O'Connell, Jim McGrath,
Robert Tait, Beverley McLoughlin, Moir
O'Connell, Murray Slater, Sister Eupharsis,
Bill Davis, Fred Tait, Jim McDonnell, Doris
O'Connell, Eileen McGowan, Ethel Hurley,
Ray McCombe, Toby Lynch, Betty Brown,
Joy Cleary.

Coleraine: Rosealeen Fitzgerald, Patricia
McDonnell.

Edenhope: Nancy Gibbs, William
Thurgood, Tom Mahney, Barry Edgar,
Marjorie McDougall, Francis Mahney, Alex
Pahl, Colin White, Harold Munn, Mona
Nolan, Ellen Merrett, Robert Shepherd.

Hamilton: Ivy Steel, Ludovicus Piels, David
Ryan, Mary Riddle, Joe Shepherd, Dulcie
Parfrey, Jack Lynch.

PARISH TEAM

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

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)

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

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8.30 Mass)

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

Grange - John Hockey

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 18th Oct

St Patrick's, Balmoral (9am Mass)

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

Sacred Heart (10.30am Mass)

- **Reader:** Charlie Koch
- **Commentator:** J Donegan
- **Communion:** M Baulch & M Davis
- **Counters:** H Gorman & C Thompson

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- **Reader:** Kaye Wraith

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15 Mass)

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

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

- **Lector:** Brendan Kelly
- **Prayers:** Rob Coates
- **Gifts:**
- **Leader:** Catherine Loria

Grange - Frank Soulsby

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 11/10	Chris Jansen	Vanessa Storan Maria Patience	Chris Jansen	Karen Brewis	Maureen Dunn	Jacinta Ryan	P Oliver-Snell Volunteer
Sun 12/10	Frank Soulsby	Sherrie & John	Glenn Howell	Frank Soulsby	Jacob Nenke	Felicity Jones	F Soulsby T Irving Volunteer
Sat 17/10	Fr John	Jisha & Angelina	Jacinta Ryan	Terrielynn	Angelina Juby	Sairah Joeman	N & N Joseph
Sun 18/10	John Hockey	Richard & Ursula	Peter Christopher	Rohan Fitzgerald	Helen Tripovich	Sherrie Hocke	P Wheaton R Fitzgerald T Hurley

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 12 th OCTOBER Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time	TUESDAY 13 th OCTOBER Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time	WEDNESDAY 14 th OCTOBER Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Funeral Mass, Anne Nunan RIP, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	10am Southern Zone meeting, Terang 2pm Bereavement Team meeting, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5:30pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 1:30pm Mass, Edgarley 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

WORLD MISSION DAY

October is World Mission Month. This year marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday. Bishop Mark has recorded a message addressed to the faithful in our diocese: tinyurl.com/world-mission-2026

Envelopes are available this week and next, to commemorate World Mission Sunday.



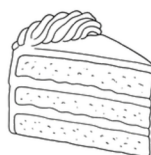
Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

PRAYER

O good and gracious God,
you have invited all the people
of the world
to the wedding feast of your son.
Open our community to all
who seek you,
and adorn it with that rich diversity
which is your Spirit's special gift.
Let our assembly on each Lord's Day
bear witness as a living sign
to the banquet of eternal life
where all will be welcome.
Praying as always through Jesus the 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



ALL WELCOME
Entrance: \$20

Heather McIntyre: 0409 749 242
Helen Lyon: 0427 701 361

VIGIL ROSARY



Anne Nunan
Sunday 11th October
@ 7.30pm
St Mary's, Hamilton

THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER

St Teresa of Avila, Doctor

7:30am Men's Prayer Group,
St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton

10am Mass, Casterton

2pm Mass, Glenelg House

2pm Anointing, The Grange

5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton

5:30pm Mass, Hamilton

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

9:30am Mass, Hamilton

9:30am Mass, Penshurst

10am Rosary & Litany, Casterton

5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

9:30am Mass, Hamilton

5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton

6pm Mass, Hamilton

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek
On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL

Psalm 22. R. v.6

*R/. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for

anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
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 elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

SUNDAY 18 th OCTOBER Twenty-ninth 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, 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 .  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.