



St Mary MacKillop

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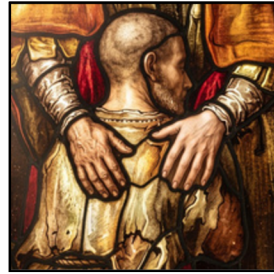
St Patrick's **Balmoral**
Sacred Heart **Casterton**
St Joseph's **Coleraine**
St Patrick's **Dunkeld**
St Malachy's **Edenhope**
St Thomas' **Glenthompson**
St Mary's **Hamilton**
St Michael's **Harrow**
St Joseph's **Penshurst**
St Joseph's **Tarrayoukyan**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October, 2026 | Year A

ONE HEART WITH WHICH TO LOVE

We often overcomplicate our spiritual lives, tallying up our duties and obsessing over our shortcomings. Too much focus on the small details can obscure the big picture. Jesus cuts through the complexity to reveal what matters most: **"Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself."**



There is little to gain from endless dwelling on past failures; it's much better to focus our energy on increasing our love for God and our love for our neighbours. For inspiration we need only consider great sinners who became great saints — people like St Mary of Egypt and St Augustine of Hippo. Compared to them we may be small sinners, but we can become small saints too. Holiness is not reserved for extraordinary people. The secret of the saints is that they allowed God to love through them. At the end of our lives, Jesus will ask us what we have done with the love he has given us.

So how do we put that love into practice? The five love languages provide a practical roadmap for the spiritual life. In the words of St Josemaría Escrivá: "We do not have one heart for loving God and another for loving people."

- *Words of Affirmation*: Praising God and worshipping him at Mass.
- *Quality Time*: Spending faithful, quiet moments with him in prayer.
- *Physical Touch*: Encountering Christ through the sacraments.
- *Acts of Service*: Serving our friends, family and neighbours. (The Works of Mercy are an excellent guide.)
- *Gift-giving*: Surrendering to God our plans, our choices, and our will. As some have put it, "letting go and letting God."

Through such ordinary acts, God's love is made visible in us and through us.

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Loui Brown,
Michael Callaway,
Helen Haines,
Mandy Malseed,
Quirinus Onderwater,
Bernadette Rees,
Rosemary Schurmann.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Balmoral: Russel Rosenau.

Casterton: Bob & Paul Mullen,
Ted Balkin (Snr), Bonnie Fraser,
John Murphy, Les Jarrad, Rob McKernan, Phillip Hughes,
Nancy Sealey, Don Alexander.

Coleraine: Michael Smyth,
Sharon Fitzgerald, Ken Ferguson.

Edenhope: Janet Dover, Leisa Cassidy, Tim Mahney, William Mahoney, Valma Bade.

Hamilton: Bill Schlaghecke,
Geraldine Parker, Maureen Borrodell, Anne Gurry, Nell O'Neil, Joan Holyoak, Eileen McGrath, Gerard McGrath, Mary Hanes, Gordon Penington, Jack Gower.

PARISH TEAM

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral - No Service

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

Sacred Heart, Casterton (10.30am Mass)

- **Commentator:** S Kelly
- **Reader:** Charlie Koch
- **Communion:** M Davies & C Condon
- **Counters:** M O'Connell & P Durbidge

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- **Readers:** Dot Norris

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am Lay-led Assembly)

- **Reader:** C McCann
- **Intercessions:** G Clarke

St Joseph's, Peshurst (8.30 Mass)

- **Lector:** Don Adamson
- **Prayers:** Terry Pezzutti
- **Gifts:** Anita & Rob

Grange - Margaret Roberts

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 1st Nov

St Patrick's, Balmoral (9am Mass)

- **Reader:** Caryl
- **Intercessions:** Heather

Sacred Heart (10.30am Mass)

- **Reader:** Riya
- **Commentator:** K Hausler
- **Communion:** C Condon & M Davies
- **Counters:** M O'Connell & P Durbidge

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

Leader: Kevin Myers & Aileen Utber
Reader: Aileen Utber
Special Minister: Dot N

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15 Mass)

- **Reader:** C McFarlane
- **Intercessions:** C McCann

• **St Joseph's, Peshurst - No Service**

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

Grange - Frank Soulsby

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 24/10	Pauline Kelly	Chris & Kathie	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Maureen Dunn	Jet Storan	J Ryan K Barker
Sun 25/10	John Hockey	Richard & Ursula	Peter Christoher	Frank Soulsby	Trish Irving	Sherrie Hockey	P Wheaton F Soulsby M Cook
Sun 31/10	Chris Jansen	Trish Soawyer	Chris Jansen	Maureen Dunn	Jacinta Ryan	Jack Bell	K Brewis P Kelly
Sun 1/11	Frank Soulsby	Geetha & Trish	Glenn Howell	Frank Soulsby	Ursula Murphy	Rohan Fitzgerald	F Soulsby R Murphy T Irving

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 & Bryan Roberts
 30 Gray Street, Hamilton
 Rosary daily @ 4pm
 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

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 26 th OCTOBER Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	TUESDAY 27 th OCTOBER Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	WEDNESDAY 28 th OCTOBER Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	1:30pm Mass, Lakeside Living 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5:30pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Mass & Rosary, Casterton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

NOVEMBER MASSES

Our prayers at the gravesides of our loved ones bring comfort and grace to the holy souls. Join us as we offer Mass at our cemeteries:

- Mon 2nd - 5:30pm Cemetery Mass, **Hamilton**
- Fri 6th - 5:30pm Cemetery Mass, **Casterton**
- Fri 6th - 5:30pm Cemetery Mass, **Edenhope**
- Sun 8th - Blessing of Graves after 8:30am Church Mass, **Penshurst**
- Sun 8th - 8:30am Cemetery Mass, **Glenthompson**
- Sun 8th - Blessing of Graves after 9am Church Mass, **Harrow**
- Sun 15th - 8:30am Cemetery Mass, **Dunkeld**
- Sun 15th - 9am Cemetery Mass, **Balmoral**
- Sun 15th - Blessing of Graves after 9am Church Mass, **Coleraine**
- Sun 22nd - 9am Cemetery Mass, **Tarrayoukyan**

In case of rain, a Cemetery Mass is transferred to the nearest church.



PRAYER

In love you created all things, O good and compassionatate God, and to those whom society most neglects or ignores, you extend your special protection.

Drive from our hearts the idols this world worships – money and power, privilege and prestige – that we may be free to serve you alone, and, by loving our neighbour as ourselves, may make your Sons’s new commandment of love the law that governs every aspect of our lives.

We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



BAPTISMS

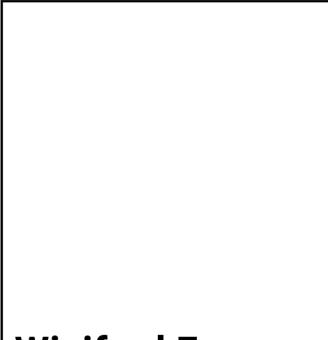
This Sunday at St Michael’s in Harrow, the Church welcomes with great joy:



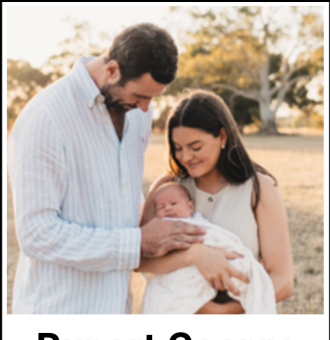
Ruby Anne & Eloise Kate
Daughters of Christopher & Kate Eats



Edward Francis
Son of Simon & Kathryn Close



Winifred Frances
Daughter of Anthony & Bridget Close



Rupert George
Son of Michael & Lauren Close

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF HAMILTON CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

8pm Friday 11th December
at the Botanical Gardens



JOIN THE COMBINED CHOIR

Come along, lend your voice, and spread the joy of the Christmas season.

- *When:* Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm
- *Where:* St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
- *Who:* All voices and experience levels welcome



JUBILARIANS MASS

5pm, Tuesday 10 November at St Patrick’s Cathedral
Celebrating Frs Dan Arundell and Damien Heath – 70 years; Fr Denis Ryan – 40 years; Fr Marcello Colasante – 25 years. Please advise the parish office if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

THURSDAY 29 th OCTOBER Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 30 th OCTOBER Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	SATURDAY 31 st OCTOBER Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time
7:30am Men’s Prayer Group, St Mary’s Presbytery, Hamilton 10am Mass & Rosary, Casterton 10:30am Anointing, Eventide 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 5:30pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 9:30am Mass, Penshurst 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 6pm Mass, Hamilton

A reading from the Book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow and orphan,
my anger will flare against you*

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:
“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.
Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.



A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of God;
you are now waiting for his Son*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The commandments of love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

SUNDAY 1 st NOVEMBER All Saints	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
8:30am Mass, Dunkeld 9am Mass, Balmoral 9am Mass, Coleraine 10:30am Mass, Casterton 10:30am Mass, Hamilton 11:15am Mass, Edenhope 12pm Leaders 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 . 	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.