

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**

ALL SAINTS

Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November, 2026 | Year A

COMMUNION WITH THE SAINTS



Today's First Reading turns our gaze toward "a huge number, impossible to count." Alongside the canonised saints whom the Church names, the Feast of All Saints celebrates a magnificent, quiet panorama: ordinary men and women who faithfully lived out their baptismal calling without making headlines.

These saints include health workers, farmers, teachers, and homemakers who faced the same temptations, anxieties, and fatigue that we face. Their holiness did not depend on extraordinary achievements, but on daily fidelity to Christ. They sowed joy and peace, drew strength from the Eucharist, and when they fell, they began again humbly, cheerfully, and patiently.

Among these saints are people we have known. Perhaps we loved and admired them, or perhaps they passed through our lives without attracting much notice. Now they behold the face of God. These saints in Heaven and the holy souls in Purgatory are not distant figures. They are close to God, and because of that, they're close to us too. Pope Benedict put it this way:

"We know that the souls of those who have died are alive in the Resurrected Body of the Lord. The Lord's body shelters them and carries them towards the common Resurrection. In this body which we are permitted to receive, we remain close to one another, and we touch each other."

Today we celebrate the saints. For the rest of the month we offer prayers and sacrifices for the holy souls. This is a service we can render with affection and hope. It reminds us that life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for us in Heaven.

LET US PRAY

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Michael Stewart

FOR THE SICK:

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Balmoral: Roma LeNay, Jessie Donahoe, James Lithgow, Cliff Sinclair and Frank Watt.

Casterton: Paul Smith, Eva McCalman, Joan Doyle, Ellen Smith, John McCarthy, James Devoy, Alan Thompson, Bernie Baker, Max Rigby, Christine Egger, Florrie George, Dawn Richardson, Ester Rogers.

Coleraine: Irene Clarke, Kathleen Fox, Ina Heron, Keith Spong.

Edenhope: Aileen Parker, Barney Clarke, Keith Rowe, Colin Mulraney, Pat Tansey, Finn Kirby.

Hamilton: Keith Cullinan, Alois Kathriner, Terry Walsh, Ron Moon, Bernie Mahoney, Marjorie Kearns, Don McPhee, Frank Healy, Kevin Dunbar, Bill McDonnell, Peter Tew.

PARISH TEAM

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IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR YOUR MINISTRY, PLEASE ARRANGE A SWAP AND ADVISE THE OFFICE ASAP

THIS 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 Durbridge

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Lay-led Assembly)
Leaders: 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, Penshurst - No Service**
- **Lector:**
- ***Prayers***:
- **Gifts**:

Grange - Frank Soulsby

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral - No Service
- ***Reader*:**
- ***Intercessions*:**

Sacred Heart, Casterton (10.30am Lay-led Assembly)
- **Leaders**: K Brody & R McInnerey
- ***Commentator***: S Kelly
- **Reader:** P Gorman
- ***Communion***: K Mitchell & Riya
- ***Counters***: J Donegan & P Durbidge

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)
- **Readers**: Kevin Myers

St Malachy's, Edenhope (11.15am
- ***Reader*:** Riccardo
- ***Intercessions:*** *M Payne*

St Joseph's, Penshurst (8.30 Mass)
- **Lector**: Don Adamson
- **Prayers** :Terry Pezzutti
- **Gifts:** Eileen & Helen

Grange - Maria Patience

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 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
Sat 7/11	Fr John	Ophiya & Sairah	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Fiona-Marie	Sairah Joeman	Angelina Juby	T Groves P Oliver-Snell
Sun 8/11	Carolyn Stanhope	Anne & Des	Carolyn Stanhope	Richard Murphy	Helen Tripovich	Della Gogoll	U Murphy M Roberts R Fitzgerald

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.



Jordan & Girlie Hill
27 Moore St, Hamilton
Rosary daily @ 7pm
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**

NOVEMBER 2026: FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that we do not succumb to the temptation of selfishness, but instead use it in the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER All Souls	**TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER** Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time	**WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER** St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
~~9.30am Mass, Hamilton~~ ~~5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton~~ **5:30pm Mass**, Hamilton Cemetery	**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 some of our cemeteries:

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.



PRIESTS' JUBILEE MASS

5pm, Tuesday 10 November at St Patrick's Cathedral
***Celebrants:* Bishop Mark Freeman & Jubiliarians**
***Homilist:* Fr Damien Heath**

Celebrating Fr Dan Arundell and Fr 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!

FAMILY FUN DAY



The Tins in the Bin project, based in Coleraine, collects food from supermarkets to be distributed through St Vinnies and the Salvos. The project is holding a Family Fun Day & Money Raiser on **Saturday 21st November, from 11am to 4pm at the Coleraine Tourist Centre** (The Old Railway Station). There will be lots of activities, entertainment and food available. This is a small, community based project and very worthy of our support. Thank You, Frank McInerney.

PRAYER

God of all holiness,
as we celebrate the witness of all the saints whose lives were shaped by the Beatitudes,
form us according to Christ's teaching and their example, that, having shared in the communion of the saints on earth, we might take our place among them in the joy of your kingdom.

Praying as always
through Jesus the Christ.

AMEN

CLERGY APPOINTMENT



Fr Michael McKinnon, recently returned from mission work in Peru, is appointed Administrator of the Cathedral Parish, effective next weekend (14th November).

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



CHRIST THE KING
Feast of Nations Tasting Festival

Our parish will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King (21st/22nd November) with a *Feast of Nations Tasting Festival* after the 6pm and 10:30am Masses in Hamilton.

Parish families are invited to share a favourite national dish by preparing a batch of bite-sized portions. More info: **www.westernborder.church/feast-of-nations**

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time	**FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER** First Friday (Sacred Heart)	**SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER** First Saturday (Immaculate Heart)
7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton **10am Mass & Rosary**, Casterton **2pm Anointing**, Grange **5pm Reconciliation**, Hamilton **5:30pm Mass**, Hamilton	**9:30am Mass**, Hamilton **9:30am Mass**, Penshurst ~~10am Mass, Casterton~~ **5pm Reconciliation**, Hamilton **5:30pm Mass**, Casterton Cemetery **5:30pm Mass**, Edenhope Cemetery	**9:30am Mass**, Hamilton **5pm Reconciliation**, Hamilton **6pm Mass**, Hamilton

FIRST READING

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

A reading from the Book of Apocalypse

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL

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

R/. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Blessed are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit:
because the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
Blessed are the gentle:
because they shall have the earth as inheritance.
Blessed are those who mourn:
because they shall be comforted.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness:
because they shall have their fill.
Blessed are the merciful:
because they shall have mercy shown them.
Blessed are the pure in heart:
because they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers:
because they shall be recognised as children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness: because the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
'Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
8:30am Mass, Glenthompson **8:30am Mass**, Penshurst **9am Lay-led Assembly**, Coleraine **9am Mass**, Harrow **10:30am 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**. ACSL AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING LTD *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.