



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**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September, 2026 | Year A

GOOD WINE

We are in the middle of a trinity of Sundays which relate the vineyard parables. Jesus often speaks of vines and vineyards and wine. He became a winemaker himself at Cana when he turned water into wine. And he chose wine to be the substance which becomes his Blood in the Eucharist.

God invites each of us to collaborate with him. To become co-workers in His vineyard, and help him produce the finest wine. When God sets us to work, sometimes we say yes, sometimes we say no. We are sinners and many times our first reaction is negative. But afterwards we change our minds. What matters most is not our initial reluctance, but whether we ultimately change our hearts and conform our will to His.

St Teresa of Avila spent nearly twenty years giving God a lukewarm "no." In her autobiography, she confessed to two decades in the convent, resisting complete surrender: "I was trying to reconcile two opposites — the life of God and my own worldly desires." It took twenty years of hesitation before a gaze at an image of the wounded Christ finally broke her resistance. She changed her heart, stepped fully into the vineyard, and produced an extraordinary harvest.

God never tires of inviting us to step into His vineyard and offer Him the rich vintage of our definitive "yes."



LET US PRAY

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Br Greg McCann MSC
Graeme McGaffin
Brian O'Rorke

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: Mick Little, Mark Watt, Ted Gower.

Casterton: Mary Upton, Austin Neeson,
Laurie Hayden, Graham & Kathlen
Millard, Bill Turner, Molly Carey, Mary
Mullane, Christina Hetherington, Karl
Frankensteiner, Margaret Gartlan, Arthur
Garratt, Barry McDonald.

Coleraine: Tom Bunney, Kathleen
McDonnell, Maurice Fitzgerald, Orma
Mahoney.

Edenhope: Pat Mahney, Naomi Taylor,
Pauline Bell, Peter Mahney, Patrick
Mahney, Patrick Mahney, Gerard Crange,
Doreen Welsh, Jack West, Leslie Frances
Butler, Kevin Forster, Joyce Heffernan,
Fritz Albers, Laurence Robertson.

Hamilton: Taylah Kenny, Jeffrey Rhook,
Patrick Crawford, Robert Rhook, Evelyn
Peach, Lillian Cass, Bev Lyons, Rex
Cameron.

PARISH TEAM

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

St Patrick's, Balmoral - No Service

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

Sacred Heart, Casterton (10.30am Mass)

- **Leader:** K Hausler
- **Commentator:** K Brody
- **Communion:** C Condon & M Davis
- **Counters:** P Durbidge & M O'Connell

St Joseph's, Coleraine (9am Mass)

- **Readers:** John Kane

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

- **Leader:** C Heenan
- **Reader:** C McFarlane
- **Intercessions:**

St Joseph's, Penshurst (8.30 Mass)

- **Lector:** Catherine Loria
- **Prayers:** Don Adamson
- **Gifts:** Theresa & Rob
- **Leader:**

Grange - John Hockey

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 4TH Oct

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 O'Connell & 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

St Mary's Hamilton	Opening & Welcome	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	First Reading	Second Reading	Communion
Sat 26/09	Pauline Kelly	Ophiya & Sairah	Pauline Kelly	Maureen Dunn	Jacinta Ryan	Sairah Joeman	K Brewis K Barker
Sun 27/09	John Hockey	Geetha & Maria	Carolyn Stanhope	Rohan Fitzgerald	Sherrie & John Hockey	Richard Murphy	R Murphy Volunteer M Cook
Sat 03/10	Fr John	Trish Soawyer	Pauline Oliver-Snell	Pauline Kelly	Fiona-Marie	Karen Brewis	P & M Dunn
Sun 04/10	Carolyn Stanhope	Dell & Glenn	Carolyn Stanhope	Ursula Murphy	Carmel Schlaghecke	Richard Murphy	P Wheaton M Roberts 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.



*Jordan and Girlie Hill
27 Moore St, Hamilton
Rosary Daily at 7 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 28th SEPTEMBER Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time	TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels	WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER St Jerome, Priest, Doctor
9.30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	10am Police Remembrance Service, Hamilton PAC 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 5pm Rosary, Hamilton

POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY



On 29th September each year, Australia honours police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This date is the feast day of the Archangel Michael, patron saint of law enforcement, and the anniversary of the world's first professional police force, established in London on 29th September 1829.

National Police Remembrance Day pays tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of those who protect our communities. May St Michael's intercession bless and protect all officers as they serve justice and peace.



BAPTISM

St Mary MacKillop Parish welcomes with great joy

Sophia Lourdes Blake

Her parents present her for Baptism this Sunday at St Marv's Church in Hamilton.



PRAYER

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.
Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.
Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

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:

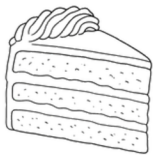
After 8:30 Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays

AT GLENTHOMPSON:

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

AT HAMILTON:

After 6pm and 10:30 Mass every weekend



THURSDAY 1 st OCTOBER St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Doctor	FRIDAY 2 nd OCTOBER The Holy Guardian Angels	SATURDAY 3 rd OCTOBER Twenty-sixth Week, Ordinary Time
7:30am Men's Prayer Group, St Mary's Presbytery, Hamilton 10am Mass, Casterton 1pm Funeral, Brian O'Rorke RIP, Lake Bolac 5:15pm Mass, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 9:30am Mass, Penshurst 10am Mass, Casterton 2pm Mass, Wannon Hostel 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton	9:30am Mass, Hamilton 5pm Reconciliation, Hamilton 6pm Mass, Hamilton

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL

Psalm 24(25):4-9

R/. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of

other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

*His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering
the kingdom of God before you*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

SUNDAY 4 th OCTOBER Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
Don't be late! 8:30am Mass, Dunkeld 9am Mass, Balmoral 9am Lay-Led Assembly, 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. 	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.