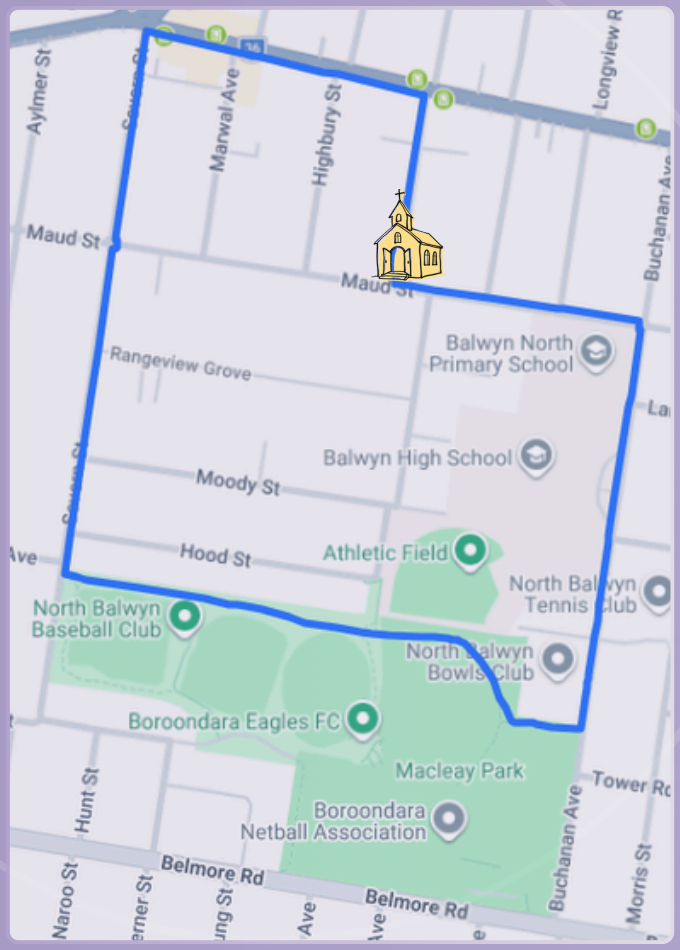


St Hilary's has prepared three prayer walking trails to use during the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer 2026.

Use the map, Scriptures and prayer prompts to guide you as you walk the route, remaining open to the Holy Spirit's leading as you notice your surroundings.

The entire route takes 45-60 minutes, depending on your pace. Why not invite a friend to join you on the walk, or do it together as a family.

# North Balwyn Prayer walking trail

Starts and ends at
St Hilary's North Balwyn, Osburn Ave

Let us know you walked

'As we pray together, we want to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all of the earth. We're seeking to encounter this beauty and power, and carry Jesus into our towns, cities and nations.'

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Begin outside the church buildings on Osburn Avenue.
Take a moment to become aware of God's presence with you in this time and place. Reflect on Psalm 139:

> "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
> [2] You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
> [3] You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
> [4] Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely."
>
> Psalm 139:1-4

From Osburn Ave, turn left onto Maud St and walk towards the kindergarten and primary school.
As you walk, pray for the families with young children who gather in this area to attend the child centre, kindergarten and schools.

> But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. [17] Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
>
> Luke 15:16,17

Give thanks for programmes, such as Kids Hope, that run in schools. Pray for the mentors who meet regularly with children, and ask that God's transforming love would be shown though them.

Turn right onto Buchanan Avenue. Walk down the hill past North Balwyn High School.
Pray that God's peace would remain with high school students who face challenge and uncertainty. Ask him to sustain and strengthen young believers who live out their faith within the community, and assure them of their true identity in him.

> "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
>
> John 14:27

Continue down Buchanan Ave past the Men's Shed and Sports clubs.
Give thanks for these centres of local community activity. Pray for people for whom this is the main point of social connection. Praise God for the Christians in these groups, and ask that their life and witness would draw others to respond to Jesus' love.

Enter Macleay Park on your right.
Pause to notice the trees, plants and wildlife that live here. Thank God for the gifts of his creation.

> "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"
>
> Psalm 24:1



Give thanks for the wide range of community life that happens here – sports matches, exercise, dog walking, picnics and family leisure time. Pray for those who are isolated or lonely, that they would find welcome and connection.

> "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."
>
> Psalm 34:8

Follow the path across the top of the park and turn right up Severn St (towards N Balwyn shopping strip).
As you pass the construction sites, pray for the households that will live in these new homes, asking that they would be places of sanctuary, where God's protection and love are known.

**Pause at St Bede's Church,** to give thanks for the worship and witness of all churches in the North Balwyn area. Pray for renewed joy, vision and wisdom to navigate their call. Ask God for a unity that celebrates the rich heritage of each community, and points towards his love for all humanity.

> "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, [21] that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. ... Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
>
> John 17:20-23



**Turn right onto Doncaster Rd,** praying for retail and hospitality businesses in the shopping strip, and the multicultural communities represented.

**Return down Osburn Ave to the church.**
Give thanks for the ministries that operate throughout the week and on Sundays. Pray that they would be well connected to their contexts, and faithful in sharing Jesus' love.




> "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."
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> 1 John 5:14