

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Robert Moran, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowiedjaja, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Jean Graham, Fr Colin Mason, Fr Anthony Simari, Joseph Sultana, Philip Witheriff and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Mary Schembri, Elena Cortes, Mario De Angelis, Margaret Devlin, Catherine Hardie, George Kains, Jennifer Baker, Ray Roberts, Frances Jvancich, George Faulkner, Charles Ellul, Shirley Barlow, Guiseppa Zamai, Elfie Walser, Stacey Keyzer, Ross Wignell, Porzia Fania, Maria Nguyen Thi Mong Diep, Catherine Kleinman, Georgette Layoun

Keeping in touch



If you can drop the bulletin into other parishioners' letter boxes when going for some exercise, please pick up some bulletins from the front of the church. We will print extra ones if needed, just let us know.
Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.

Supporting our Parish -

During these weeks of lockdown, our parish is suffering from lack of social/spiritual interaction.

Please make a genuine effort to connect with others and offer support.

Share with others some of the beautiful prayers you come across.

Encourage each other to read the scriptures that are on the bulletin every week.

The parish is also incurring financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid.

Special donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office for information re making a donation



Tax Receipts

If you require receipts for tax deductible donations, please contact:

Michael Anderson: 0414 889 731 or email: mikeand11@optusnet.com.au



Support for the house of Welcome (HoW)

HoW works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance.

HoW's Emergency Living Package program rose by 216%.

If you can assist, please contact HoW: office@houseofwelcome.com.au or Ph: 02 9727 9290.



Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

St Mary's Safeguarding Officer: Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262



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Check out what is happening in St Mary's Primary School, visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmgeorghall/>



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm

Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am

Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross

08 August 2021

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross and pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for the children of colonial families. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children.



Never see a need without doing something about it.

(One of her sayings)

Prayer resources are available on the website: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>

Covid Restrictions

Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time.

The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission.

Please listen carefully to the news on TV or radio for updates.

Let us all give a good example in following Government advice.

Please think of those who may be very lonely.

Keep in touch with them through phone, text messages or emails.

(They may appreciate some human contact or need some shopping etc)

For more information see our parish [website](#).



Feast of St Lawrence (Deacon and Martyr) this Tues 10 August

Fr Laurie asks for your prayers on his Feast Day



This week's online addition of the Catholic Weekly is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)

Praying the Word

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross, Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and
looked after him.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!



Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry,

add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields;

they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that

not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field

which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,

will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice,

and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This Gospel *does not* say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25).

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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