

Welcome to  
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### St Mary of the Cross



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. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of

religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

*“Mary MacKillop met the great challenges of her time with vision, passion and creativity. She challenged the status quo and envisioned new ways of living and sharing the Good News. May she intercede for us to do the same as we face the challenges of our time. May we also follow her example of making the missionary journey to our brothers and sisters in need and by our active discipleship, witness and engagement be the leaven for the Kingdom.”*  
 Catholic Outlook

#### MASS THIS WEEKEND

Sat 7 Aug 6pm Garry Bouwhuis St Dom  
 Sun 8 Aug 8am OLG  
 Sun 8 Aug 10am St Dom

#### MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 10 Aug 7pm St Dom  
 Wed 11 Aug 9am **adoration 9.15am** St Dom  
 Thurs 12 Aug 9am OLG  
 Fri 13 Aug 9am St Dom  
 Sat 14 Aug 9am OLG

#### MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 14 Aug 6pm St Dom  
 Sun 15 Aug 8am OLG  
 Sun 15 Aug 10am Paolo Lombardo St Dom

***Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass.***  
*Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

#### **Australian census 10 August 2021**

Within the census there is an optional question on religious affiliation. It is important that those who are practicing Catholics or those who identify as Catholic answer this question. Parishioners and their extended families are encouraged to answer this question by stating their religious affiliation as Catholic. The census is a key tool that government uses to determine how organisations, schools, church ministries and community groups are prioritised, funded and empowered to best operate in our State. The information collected has implications for the planning and future placing of parishes, schools and church agencies.

#### **Saturday Soup Nights**

Please join us each Saturday night during the winter months after the St Dominic's 6pm mass for soup and bread. If you can help with soup preparation, please let Fr Bernard know.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**8 August: This Sunday, Feast of St Dominic/ St Mary of the Cross**, 10am mass celebrated by Fr Charles Waddell at Dominic's. Sausage sizzle to follow. All welcome.

**4 September** - Youth group 4pm and youth mass 6pm

**19 August:** 6pm, OLG, First Reconciliation

**4 September:** 6pm, St Dominic's, Confirmation

Rosters this weekend	7 Aug 6pm St Dom	8 Aug 8am OLG	8 Aug 10am St Dom
Readers	R Ledger	E Gomm	M Rodriguez
Acolyte	P Wall		P Riney
Altar Society	Group 2	C Hall M Farmer R Furphy	

Rosters next weekend	14 Aug 6pm St Dom	15 Aug 8am OLG	15 Aug 10am St Dom
Readers	R Maugeri	B & L Croxford	J Deib
Acolyte	S Menezes		I Baviah
Altar Society		M Webb I Rodriguez	

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society**

Thank you to those who have generously contributed to our *Winter Appeal*. So far this year we have made 187 visits to families in need in our local community. The Vinnies' baskets remain in the rear of both churches and food donations can be left at any time throughout the year.

#### **Safeguarding Officers**

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045  
 OLG - Dr Rina Cercarelli (PhD) 0413 835 852

**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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*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 how you are to clothe it. Surely life means 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, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his 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 regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown in the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and his righteousness, 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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



## POVERTY AND TRUST

Two themes, 'poverty' and 'trust' leap out from the readings for St Mary MacKillop's feast day, both befitting Australia's first saint.

Poverty in itself is a lack, a harsh suffering, even a death sentence for those like the widow of Zarephath mentioned in today's first reading, as well as many families that Mary MacKillop served in 19th century Australia. From another perspective, poverty can be embraced as a gospel path, as a way to draw close to the poor and to God who loves the poor.

This path refers not only to the vocations of people like Mary MacKillop, but to an attitude to life itself: the willingness to trust not in material possessions but in the steadfast love of God (Gospel), the decision to let go of personal security in order to reach out to others (second reading).

Mary MacKillop lived life on all these fronts. She knew the bitterness of material impoverishment, she embraced God's love for the poor, and she boldly trusted in God to use her life and gifts in the service of the gospel.

As she assured her family, and the sisters in her congregation, on many occasions, and often in the face of material impoverishment, 'God will take care of us all'.

Teresa Pirola



# THE SAVING WORD

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP), VIRGIN / B

08 AUGUST 2021

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

*The jar of meal shall not be spent . . .*

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63: 1-8. R. v. B

**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. / So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. **R.**

2. For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. / 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.**

3. 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. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Col 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

*Bear with one another, forgive each other.*

As the chosen of God, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another.

The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,

because it is for this that you were called together in one body.

Always be thankful.

Let the Word 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 whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**