

**Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop),
(Year B) 8 August 2021**

First reading **1 Kings 17:8-16**

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 me 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

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 62(63):2-8**

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Second reading **Colossians 3:12-17**

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.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

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 **Matthew 6:25-34**

Jesus said to his disciples: '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 into 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 on 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Saint Mary MacKillop: Saint of the poorest and most neglected

Today, on the 8th of August, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. Mary MacKillop was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. She was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15, 1842 to Scottish immigrants Alexander and Flora MacKillop and died in North Sydney on August 8, 1901. After living what she described as "a most unhappy" early life, largely due to financial hardship, Mary moved to Penola, South Australia at age 18 to work as a governess for relatives. There she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods and they set up a school for underprivileged children before going on to establish the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart – the first religious institute established by an Australian. The Order grew and the Sisters travelled the countryside setting up schools, orphanages and other good works for those in need.

In 1871 Mary was excommunicated following a dispute with the Bishop of Adelaide, but the following year, the Bishop lifted the excommunication order and exonerated Mary of any wrongdoing. She travelled to Rome by sea in 1873/74 to have the rule of her Order approved by the Pope himself. Today, there are about 800 Sisters of St Joseph, still working with the poor and marginalized in Australia, New Zealand, Timor Leste, Scotland, Ireland and Peru.

The process of her sainthood took a long time. Many, who knew her and her extraordinary work, had spoken openly of her holiness soon after her death. However, the official Cause for her Canonization was begun only 24 years later (1925). In January 1995, Mary MacKillop beatified by Pope John Paul II during a Mass at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney. This followed official recognition of a woman being miraculously cured of cancer after praying for Mary's intercession. The recognition in December 2009 of a second miracle, also a woman being cured of cancer, ensured Mary's path to canonization. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square, Rome on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

The life of Saint Mary MacKillop, I believe, is a great inspiration to many Christians. She was just an ordinary woman but she was called by God to make a difference in the life the poor, underprivileged and neglected. Like her, we too are called to make a difference in the

life of others, especially the least brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus. Surely, our good works help those in need experience God's loving care.

https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/articles/features/2019/saint-mary-mackillop-feast-day?gclid=EAIaIObChMIII_z-qSX8gIVGTErCh30ZQlyE-AAYASAAEglb0PD_BwE

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**No public
Masses until
further notice**

10:30am Sunday Mass
is live streamed.

For the live stream link
please visit:

www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am



**Prayer through
St. Mary MacKillop**

Bountiful and loving God,
You have filled the heart of
Mary MacKillop with
compassionate love for
those who are in need
at the margins of our society.
Deepen that love within us
that we may embrace
the mystery of the Cross
which leads us through
death to life.
We ask this in the Spirit of
Jesus who having broken
the bonds of death leads us
to everlasting life.
Amen.

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Sister Chiese, Sydney, April 1916
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Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021



Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.

Feast Days of the week:

- Monday 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
- Tuesday 10th August St Lawrence
- Wednesday 11th August St Clare of Assisi
- Thursday 12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal
- Friday 13th August St Pontian, pope and St Hippolytus, priest
- Saturday 14th August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please collect yours. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 25/7/21

1st Collection for our Church: 797\$
2nd Collection for support of clergy: 464\$



Joke Corner

A senior Catholic priest was dying in hospital. At his death bed he asked to see the local MP and the State Premier. Within hours they had arrived. The priest asked them to sit on either side of the bed. The priest held their hands and stayed silent. The politicians were touched, and at the same time felt very important for being summoned by a well-respected priest in his dying hours. The Premier finally asked, "Father I'm honoured, but why did you ask for us?" The priest gathered all his strength and held their hands even tighter. Then, with his eyes still closed, he mumbled, "Jesus died between two thieves. My only wish is to die the same way."

What does Homelessness look like?

Homelessness is more than just 'rooflessness'. Homelessness is the lack of a HOME and everything it provides - a sense of security, stability, privacy, safety, and the ability to control living space!
This week from 1-7 August 2021 is Homelessness Week, helping to bring awareness to the issue and to the 116,000 plus people experiencing homelessness on any given night across Australia?
There are many different types of homelessness, and many of which do not involve rooflessness.

So, what does homelessness really look like?
When a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives they are considered homeless if their current living arrangement: is in a dwelling that is inadequate; or has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable; or does not allow them to have control of, and access to space for social relations" - Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

Prayer For the Homeless

God of Compassion, your love for us is revealed in your beloved son Jesus, who was born into homelessness, lived with nowhere to lay his head, and died for us in agony on the cross. We commend to you in prayer this day all men, women and children who suffer because they have no shelter; those who sleep in our streets and public spaces, who have nowhere safe to lay their heads, and who wander from place to place as a way of life. Inspire us to act in justice to right the wrongs of peoples who are suffering the deprivations of homelessness, and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. Let us have the commitment, as people of the Gospel, to be ever mindful of our obligations we have to the poor and marginalized, to work in your name, O God, to turn sorrow into joy and to bring all those who live in darkness into your own wonderful light. Amen



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

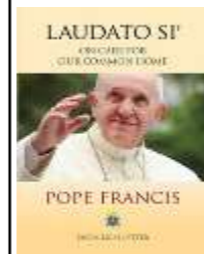
The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.
COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **NEW DATE: 4 September**, Saturday 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.
For more information: Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>
Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>
Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>
Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

"Heart of Life

Position Vacant - Part-time General Office Assistant, Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, located at Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890



LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



LS 128: We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development, and personal fulfilment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work. Yet the orientation of the economy has favoured a kind of technological progress in which the costs of production are reduced by laying off workers and replacing them with machines. This is yet another way in which we can end up working against ourselves. The loss of jobs also has a negative impact on the economy "through the progressive erosion of social capital: the network of relationships of trust, dependability, and respect for rules, all of which are indispensable for any form of civil coexistence". In other words, "human costs always include economic costs, and economic dysfunctions always involve human costs". To stop investing in people, in order to gain greater short-term financial gain, is bad business for society. *Jesus, Son of Joseph the Worker, we were created with a vocation to work. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development, and personal fulfilment. May businesses focus on people and invest in them, rather than on short-term financial gain, which is bad business for society. Amen.*

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum, and Bronislawa Slobodzian
That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect
Those who have died recently
We Commemorate
Mario David Santeco (RIP 8/7 - 1 month) Carol Sagert (5th Anniv)
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The Gospel is the Good News and the force that changes our lives and hearts for the better. For this I ask you to read the Gospel every day and meditate on a short passage to be nourished from this inexhaustible source of salvation.

Catholic Theological College
Series of short sessions: online via Zoom
Engaging Your Faith
Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 21st Aug to 16th Sept
Booking, payment and further information:
www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

Roster for weekend of 14/15 Aug 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Barbara Fitzgerald
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Marilene Fortuna	Pauline Veamatahau
Sun 6.00pm	Robert Dullard Ylenia Useli	Damian Casamento

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 14 August 2021
Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work

