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Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop

8 August 2023



Saint Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop

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 MacKillop 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.

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Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1842. She died in Sydney on this day 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. 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, of the Cross is Australia's First patron saint.

Prayer

Mary MacKillop

join us in our gratitude

on this anniversary of your canonisation.

Be with us in this time of crisis in our world

as we gather fresh courage around us

for working in God's healing mission.

Keep us participating as a people of the Gospel

engaging with our neighbours for the good of all

and serving with Christ in our common home.

Holy Spirit strengthen us.

Amen

Mary's canonisation shows us and the world how her life continues to influence all those who encounter her story. As we remember her life and death at this anniversary time, let's notice what arises in us.



Mary's message for us today is clear – to cheerfully accept the unexpected kindness of others, to reciprocate and, above all, to nurture our relationship with God, to be full of hope and joy so that, like the Easter women, we too can meet the Risen Jesus and recognise him in our neighbour.

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Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart

Saint Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:34,36,40

(R.) Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you:
whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading

1 Kgs 17:7-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Do not worry about your life.

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 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.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

"So great is the strength we possess in our unity"

Saint Mary MacKillop 1874

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Saint Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: With steadfast hearts let us turn to the Lord, trusting in God's mercy and power.

Reader: Let us pray that the Church, inspired by the lives of the saints, will be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty.

(pause). Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that through word and example, parents and teachers continue to pass on their faith to the children entrusted to their care.

(pause). Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that the Sisters of St Joseph may be richly blessed as they continue the work begun by Mary MacKillop.

(pause). Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that the sick and housebound will know the love of Christ through our care and support.

(pause). Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that those who have died, including deceased members of the Josephite community, may be received into eternal light, happiness and peace.

(pause). Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, with the promise of eternal life you invite us to the table you have prepared. Hear our prayers that we who taste the bread of heaven will work for the coming of your kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 13:35

(R.) This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Solemn Blessing

Through the example of Saint Mary of the Cross, may you learn to recognise God's will for you and trust in his providence.

(R.) Amen.

May her life of service awaken in you a deep respect for the poor and a strong will for justice.

(R.) Amen.

May you share in her courage, see with the eyes of Christian love, and learn from her holy deeds.

(R.) Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

(R.) Amen.



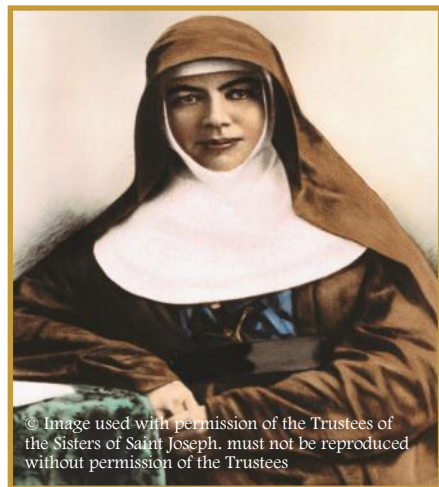
Gospel Reflection:

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don't worry, be happy?

Historical Context – Mary MacKillop:

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

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Masks are recommended, thank you for social distancing, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



"Never see a need without doing something about it."

St Mary of the Cross



Feast of St Mary of the Cross

In 1867, Mary MacKillop became the first sister and Mother Superior of a newly established religious order. In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears three or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of that religious order.

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THE MARY MAC QUIZ

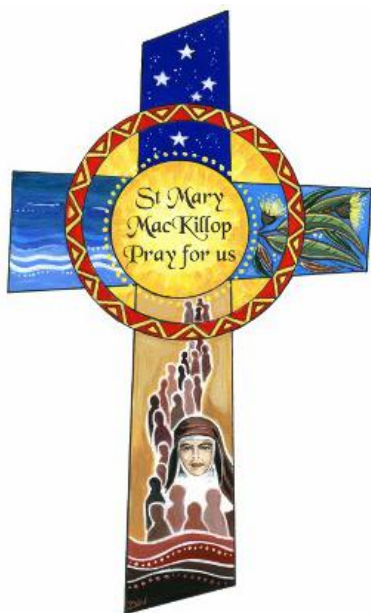
Have a family or class room trivia match on Mary's life. Prizes could be the boiled sweets that Mary used to reward her students or something similar.

- Unscramble the word TLAEESLRV to complete the quote: "Remember we are but T _ _ V _ _ _ _ here." (1866)
- Choose the correct answer to complete the quote: "We must teach more by _ _ _ _ _ than by word." (1867)
 - demand
 - example
 - courage
 - intelligence
- Mary MacKillop was born in which year?
 - 1810
 - 1942
 - 1860
 - 1842
- Mary MacKillop 's parents were:
 - Irish
 - English
 - Australian
 - Scottish
- Unscramble the words: earnestly with Pray confidence. and loving
_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
- In 1967, Mary became the first sister of St Joseph and Mother Superior. How old was Mary? _ _ _ _ _
- The first school was started in a:
 - town hall
 - stable
 - church
 - farmhouse
- In 1909, Mary died at:
 - Sydney
 - Penola
 - New Zealand
 - Melbourne
- Complete Mary's motto for life: "Never see a need without doing _ _ _ _ _ about it"
- Mary founded the Sisters of St Joseph with the help of:
 - Fr Tenison Woods
 - The Pope
 - Bishop Sheil
 - Fr Joseph
- What is the missing word in the quote: "God gives me _ _ _ _ _ for what is necessary"
 - love
 - help
 - food
 - strength
- Unscramble the sentence: God's choice. Spirit you in Let guide your
_ _ _ _ _
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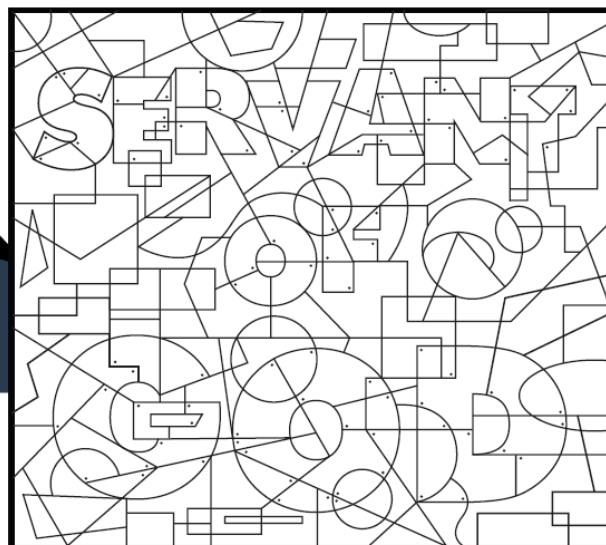
Words of Inspiration from Mary MacKillop

"Find happiness in making others happy."

Mary MacKillop 1899



In 2010, Mary MacKillop was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI to become the first Australian saint. Colour in the shapes that contain a dot to reveal one of the attributes of St Mary MacKillop



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Website:** Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection