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9 August 2020

Feast of St Mary of the Cross

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:7-16

Psalm Response: Psalm 63:1-8

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 27:55

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**May 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

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Carmel CORKER John FOGARTY
Dale MAHER Mattie MCGUIRE Fr Bernard
O'BRIEN Lucy PERKOVIC Trevor SALTER
Ren WILSON

Recently Deceased: Fay BARNES

Anniversaries: Terry O'DWYER Gerard
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*Our Parish is committed to the
Safety, Wellbeing And Dignity
of all children and vulnerable
adults.*

**Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith,
valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all**

THE FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP 1842->1909->

Visiting her tomb in North Sydney in July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Mary MacKillop's perseverance in the face of adversity, her plea for justice on behalf of those unfairly treated and her practical example of holiness have become a source of inspiration for all Australians."

Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy in 1842, the first child of Scottish migrants. She was baptised in February 1842 in St Francis' Church, Lonsdale St, then the only Catholic Church in Melbourne. Her father lacked sound financial judgement and became very poor and unemployed. "My life as a child was one of sorrow, my home, when I had it, a most unhappy one." (1873)

As the eldest of eight children, Mary went to work at 15 years old, working in retail in Melbourne and later governess and teacher in Portland and Penola. Until she was 25, she was the main provider for her family.

Seeing the need for rural children to have education she began with Fr Julian Tenison Woods a group of religious women to teach and care for the vulnerable. In four years 100 sisters began teaching in 34 schools in South Australia.

In 1871, on untrue advice, the Bishop of Adelaide excommunicated Sr Mary for 5 months. In 1874, Mary sailed to Rome where her religious congregation of sisters was approved. She returned with 15 young recruits from Ireland.

Mary lost significant family members: her grandfather Donald, drowned in the Darebin Creek in 1847; her young brother, Alick in 1847; her brother, John in 1867, falling off a horse and her mother, Flora drowned at sea off Eden, NSW, in 1886. Mary wrote in 1874, "When I could not see my way God kept my heart full of trust." She often heard her mother Flora say in difficult times, "God will provide."

On the centenary of Mary's entry into eternal life in 2009, Sr Monica Cavanah RSJ the present Australian leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, wrote five challenges that Mary MacKillop's life calls for in each of us:

**1. "Seek first the poorest most neglected parts of God's vineyard"
(Mary MacKillop 1900)**

The opening prayer of the liturgy for her feast states that Mary pioneered new ways of living the Gospel which respect the dignity of all in this land. There is an ever urgent call to live the Gospel by welcoming the stranger, by breaking down racial prejudice, and by hearing the cries of the disadvantaged, marginalised and isolated in Australian society and across our world. Mary MacKillop confronted the trends that diminished the people of her time and she would urge us today to do the same.

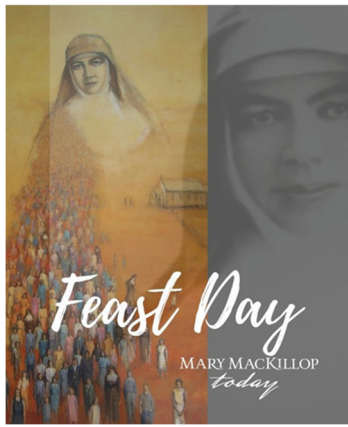
**2. "Never see a need without doing something about it"
(Original Rule 1867)**

Mary MacKillop cared for two Aboriginal boys at Penrith at the request of her brother Donald, a Jesuit priest working among the Aboriginal community at Daly River. Mary had hoped to send her Sisters to live there but this did not eventuate. Today Mary would undoubtedly be urging us to work alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters in honouring their rich heritage, culture and spirituality and in bringing about true and lasting reconciliation.

3. "May the spirit of unity and love reign among us." (Mary MacKillop 1884)

Mary MacKillop was a woman of the Church. She took the heart of the Church into the midst of the people, being for them "a sign and instrument" of God's love. Today she would be calling us to be a community of disciples where unity in diversity is respected, and where different vocations and gifts give voice to the Reign of God in a way that is both complementary and mutually enriching.

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4. **“Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage.” (Mary MacKillop 1893)**

In these times of crisis and uncertainty Mary MacKillop offers a sign of hope. She understands the joys and sorrows of family life, the courage required when facing illness and loss in one's life, the pain and suffering of being rejected, the strength required to speak out against injustice. She would urge us to go forward with trust in God, as she did to her Sisters in 1899” God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark.”

5. **“Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart: “(Mary MacKillop 1868)**

Above all Mary MacKillop invites all in the Church to listen attentively to the murmur of God in their own heart and in the hearts of the people. This requires that we take time to listen to the small quiet voice of God alive in so many ways and in so many places, amidst the ordinariness of everyday life. God is glorified wherever and whenever the sacred is recognised.

In conclusion, as a parish, we have been blessed to have the Sisters of St Joseph among us since Sr Francis, Sr Lambert and Sr Joseph came in 1916. In total 87 Sisters have served us, generally two or three residing in the Convent which Fr Gallivan PP donated.



We also give thanks to Sr Jose who currently looks after our parishioners so well. She has been with us since 2011 and serves our parishioners with joy and care for which we are very thankful.

SALESIAN COLLEGE ENROLMENTS: are now being received from students in Year 5 to commence at the College in 2022 in Year 7. Due to the popularity of the College and the rising population in our area, late applications may be unsuccessful. Please visit the College website www.salesiansunbury.vic.edu.au

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Sue Takacs as her mother Fay Barnes entered eternal life aged 92 years on 29 July. Fay Dolan grew up near Castlemaine. She was married to Val Barnes for 60 years after he returned from being a POW on the Thai-Burma Railway. They were active parishioners at St Francis de Sales Church, Oak Park for 59 years. In 2011, Fay moved to Sunbury. She was involved in Probud. Her funeral was celebrated on Friday.

Kevin McIntosh

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

RENEWAL GROUP: a group of Melbourne Catholics have formed a group to offer ideas for the Plenary Council now scheduled for 2021. Their website is senseofthefait.org.au

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 11 August	12.30pm	Sunbury Ministers
Wednesday 12 August	10am	Parish Education Board
Thursday 13 August	8pm	Missionary Parish-Zoom

SUNDAY MASSES: Masses will be recorded and available on line each week via the parish website olmcusunbury.com. We will update parishioners when changes will occur and any actions will be in accordance to Victorian Government restrictions and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Sunday Mass is telecast live from St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am on Channel 44.

MASS DISPENSATION: during this time of Covid 19, the Australian Catholic Bishops have dispensed all Catholics from the obligation to take part in Sunday Masses.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: with Stage 4 restrictions now in place the Parish office is now closed with staff working from home. Phone calls and emails are still being attended so please call or email if you need assistance during these challenging times.

CATHOLICARE: During these challenging times, there is help available. Contact CatholicCare on 03 9287 5555 if you're experiencing financial hardship, increased anxiety or depression, or you need a helping hand. CatholicCare has trained counsellors available for individual counselling or family counselling.

You don't have to suffer in silence when there is help at the other end of the phone line.



Prayer of Pope Francis Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. 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