

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP) 7TH & 8TH August 2021

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FIRST READING:

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 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, got 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. **R Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 63:1-8 R.v. 8

R: 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. **R.**

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.**

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.**

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:

Colossians 3:12-17

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. **R. Thanks be to God**

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:

Matthew 6:25-34

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? 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.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil
Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm

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In an Emergency only (anointing of the sick), when the Parish phone is unattended, please call the parish emergency number of 0478 456 079 or send a text to this number. Thank you!

MESSAGE

SOLEMNITY OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

“I am telling you not to worry.” (Matthew 6:25)

It would be a bit rich to hear someone who has never experienced much trouble telling us not to worry when we are in distress. Those words can be said easily and lightly, when we do not know the burden of a person.

Jesus was not in that position.

He had “no place to lay his head”, was constantly threatened with persecution and death, had no income, could claim no

social status, mustered no political influence or powerful acquaintances.

Yet, he did what he told us: he did not worry.

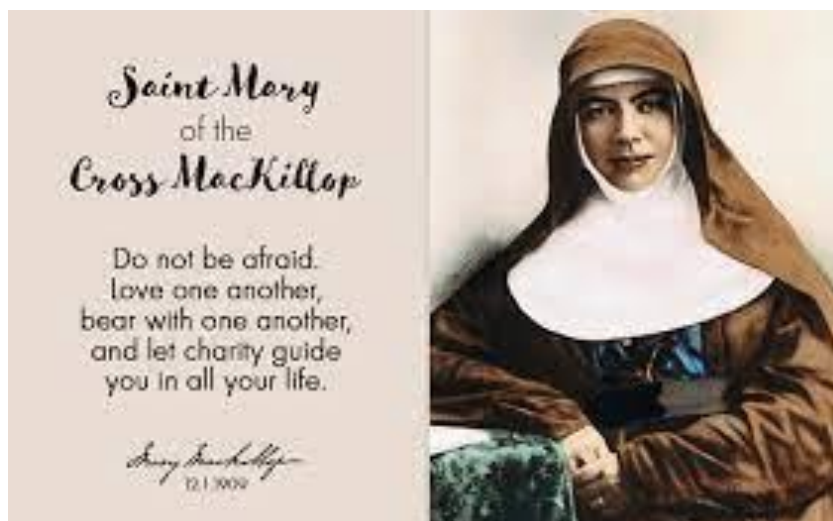
“I am telling you not to worry.” (Matthew 6:25)

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop was made of similar stuff.

She had no easy life, from the very start.

Even as she did what was right; she came to the point of being invalidly excommunicated - but the invalidity of it was acknowledged only later, and she had to suffer months when she was treated like an outcast, a public sinner.

She did as Jesus told us: she did not worry. She trusted and kept doing what was right.



CENSUS 2021

The Australian census will be held on **TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021**. The Census will provide a snapshot of who Australians are. The census is a key tool that the 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.

Within the census there is a question on religious affiliation. This question is optional. **IT IS IMPORTANT** that those who are practicing Catholics or those who identify as Catholic answer this question. I encourage all who call themselves Catholics and their extended families to answer this question by stating their religious affiliation as Catholic. Thank you!

The Whole School Mass will be celebrated on Friday 13th August at 9.00am.

Planned Giving Envelopes-

Please collect your planned giving box from the Church Foyer. Please make sure you are taking the correct box with your name and address on it. If you would like to change from envelopes to direct debit, please contact the Parish Office for details. Thank you!

48HR ROSARY BOUQUET FOR OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY 6pm SUNDAY 5th Sept to 6pm Tuesday 7th September 2021

Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the 12.10pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on WEDNESDAY 8th September 2021. All information can be found at www.legionofmarywa.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP SENIOR BOOKKEEPER - (PERMANENT, FULL TIME) (please see notice board for details.)

Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, Saturday, August 28 @ 10am, St Mary's Cathedral.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couple who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2021>.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY AND STATEMENT 2021-2022

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday **on the 29th of August**. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals.

The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Here is the beginning of the letter, which can be found under "Archbishop's latest" at perthcatholic.org.au.

On Thursday, 1 July 2021, legislation passed by the Western Australian State Parliament in relation to "Voluntary Assisted Dying" (VAD) will be enacted. Put simply this legislation will permit a person, under certain specified conditions, to access medication which is designed to cause that person's death. The legislation will also permit other people, again under certain specified conditions, to provide assistance to those who without such assistance would be unable to administer the medication to themselves.

At this important time for our society, and for the Catholic community which seeks to be a vibrant and engaged part of the wider community, I have decided to share with you some perspectives which I hope will help you to reflect on the significance of this moment.

AGENDA PUBLISHED FOR PLENARY COUNCIL

The Council agenda was published on June 18. It will shape the program of the Council's assemblies – the first of which opens on October 3 this year.

The agenda has been developed in the form of posing questions, with 16 questions falling under six themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions.

"The agenda asks us a number of difficult questions, but without asking those difficult questions, we won't be entering into the depth of our hearts to consider how we become that missionary, Christ-centred Church we need today."

(Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Council).

The agenda can be accessed here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Ellen Breen, Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Marina & Rita Papalia, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

Recently Deceased

Giovanni Sticca

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 07/08/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr

Soul of Lauretta Yon

Souls of Juan & Maria Canada

Soul of Manuel Canada

Soul of Gaetano Mangano

Soul of Carolina Scarvacci

Souls of Manuel & Laura Cerqueira

Soul of Marie Cranenburgh

Soul of Bill Barker

Tues 10/08/21 7am Special Int

Soul of Bill Barker

9am Soul of Delores Da Silva

Special Int. in hon of the Holy Family

Int. Jose Marciel

Wed 11/08/21 7am Special Int.

Soul of Bill Barker

9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families

Soul of Giuseppe Glidsca

Special Int. in hon of the Holy Family

B'Day Int. Marie Coelho

B'Day Int. Lily Flanagan

Thurs 12/08/21 7am Special Int.

Soul of Bill Barker

Soul of Librada Hamilton

Special Int. in hon of the Holy Family

B'Day Int. Rosalinda Lawton

9am

Sun 08/08/21 8am Special Int

For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory

10am Soul of Slavica Katic

Soul of Slavko Pisaric

Special Int. in hon of the Holy Family

6pm

Mon 09/08/21 7am Special Int

Soul of Bill Barker

Special Int. in hon of the Holy Family

9am For the souls in purgatory

Fri 13/08/21 7am Special Int

Soul of Bill Barker

Special Int. in hon of the Holy Family

9am Souls of Anton & Maria Zuvela

Sat 14/08/21 9am Special Int.

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