



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.00 am & 9.30am

FEAST OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP): 08 AUGUST 2021

Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

On August 8, we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross, Australia's first Saint. Mary MacKillop was a pioneer and advocate for the poor, sick and those on the margins of our society. Today, we honour her in a special way, let us reflect on how she embodied characteristics that typify the best of the Australian spirit. There is that sense of "going into bat" for the battlers of life, to give a helping hand to the needy irrespective of colour, culture or creed; it is that sense of a 'fair go for everyone'.

It was the genius of Mary that in seeing Christ in every person, she was deeply appreciative of the dignity and worth of every person made in God's image and likeness. She saw the image of Christ in every person and saw that each had an eternal inheritance. We realise more and more the need for people to stand up for the lives and dignity of the needy and defenceless, the vulnerable and dependent and how the charism of Mary MacKillop stands as a blazing light of hope in our fractured and fractious world.

Today, her mission to the poor is very much alive in our world. Mary's love for Christ was so strong that she sought Him out in the poor, sick and suffering. St Mary MacKillop had a saying: *'Never see a need without doing something about it'*.

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.

From the pen of Mary MacKillop who wrote to the Sisters in March 1900:

If choice be given, seek the most neglected places to which He calls us. Let us never forget that, in the spirit of our Rule, it is to those we should desire to go.... Let us be true to the beautiful spirit of our Institute.... Let St Joseph's true children remember their mission and seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard.

Extracted in parts from:

<https://catholicoutlook.org/feast-day-of-st-mary-of-the-cross-mackillop-2/>

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/the-far-east-magazine/archive/2017/the->

Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop



- August 8 -

Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop We ask that you grant our request (insert request) We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer!
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen!



Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish

R Kasipale, J&A Pale, F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, M.Dunlop, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, D.Curtis, V.Reid, V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis, L.Guadez, K&S Talatonu, B.Hodgson, M.Finnerty, L.Guadez, M.Glorioso, D.Hall, J. Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, N.Cutuk, V.Toalepai, G.&K Brown, M.Trehane, B.Vandenberg, J.Maloney, E.Kruger, J&A Dent, G&M Gorosito, Asiata J.Lealaitafea, A.Carter, E.B Sebuano, Pona Vai, N.Dunmore, V.Venables, T.Gibson, F. Petelo, Helen Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Oliver Barrett, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto Martinez, John Daley, Mikaele Tito, Maureen Mitchell, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala V & M L Petelo, Catherine Hetherington.

Thank you lord for you are always in control. We trust your eternal nature to be revealed in the body of the sick, to bring peace and healing. Help us in this times to rely only on your power.



**PARISH EVENTS FOR THE
FEAST OF ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
5TH – 15TH AUGUST 2021**

- Thur, 5 Aug @ 7pm** - **Talk by Deacon Peter Pellicaan** *(for all parishioners)*
Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane
- Tue, 10 Aug @ 10.45am-** **Healing Mass**
- Tue, 10 Aug @ 7pm** - **Talk by Shane Dwyer** *(exclusive for all men)*
Associate Director of Adult Formation at the
Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Thur, 12 Aug @ 7pm** - **Talk by Chantale Wilson** *(exclusive for all women)*
Associate Director of Children & Families,
Evangelisation Brisbane
- Fri, 13 Aug @ 7pm** - **Talk by Hogan Rogers** *(for Youth/parents)*
Team Leader of Youth & Young Adults,
Evangelisation Brisbane

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**DUE TO CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES
BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC IN QUEENSLAND,
A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO
POSTPONE ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS
TILL A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME**

First Reading (1 Kings 17:8-16)

A reading from the first book of Kings

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."'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

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)

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

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 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)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am telling you: do not 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, will he not much more look after you, oh you 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?" The 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.

P – This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Liturgy of the Word



Our Parish's Prayers of Intercession for this Week (Prayers of the Faithful)

Priest : Dear friends, Mary MacKillop loved our land Australia with a passion for the poor. So, we put our prayers to you in appreciation of the good things in our country and in gratitude for all the gifts of God.

Response: **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

- ◆ For our Holy Father – Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who lead us in faith; that they may continue in their ministry of service and live out their vocation as shepherds of the faithful. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ Just as Mary stood against injustice and inequality in the care and education of poor people and provided hope-giving alternatives: that we too, may continue to minister among the poorest and those at the edges of church and society, with daily bread for body mind and heart. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ For regions experiencing catastrophic floods, droughts, or fires, that their tragic losses will summon the world to climate conversion. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ For all who are struggling with the physical, emotional, and financial toll of the COVID pandemic, especially in New South Wales, that they will receive the support they need to recover. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ For all competitors in the Olympic Games, that their striving for excellence will inspire many to new heights of human achievement. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ For the Children, their families, and guardians: may the journey to Jesus enrich and nourish their lives, through the bread of life and the true vine, and your Word. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ For one another, that we will be renewed in Christ and like Mary McKillop, live with courage, trust, and openness. Lord Hear Us!
- ◆ For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and mentioned in our newsletter, that their hunger for eternal life will be fully satisfied. Lord Hear Us!

Priest : **God of Compassion, you raised up Mary MacKillop to be a tireless apostle of compassion in this land.
May our hearts be fired and renewed with her passion for justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

Amen! Amen.



As we celebrate the Feast of our Australian Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop this weekend, here are few links that will provide some wonderful reflection on her spirituality:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkW7Oq_OHZE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8HN2qb4a_Y

