

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tuross: Sun 8.00 am. Bodalla: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am. Fifth Sunday of the month 3 pm.

Tue: 5.30 pm Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 8 & 9 2020

THE FEAST OF MARY OF THE CROSS MAKILLOP

8th August, 2020



MacKILLOP, MARY HELEN (1842-1909), best known as Mother Mary of the Cross, was born on 15th January 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne, the eldest of eight children of Alexander McKillop and his wife Flora, nee McDonald.

Soon after her education at private schools, to help her family Mary became in turn a shopgirl, a governess, and at Portland a teacher in the Catholic Denominational School and proprietress of a small boarding school for girls. As she grew to womanhood Mary placed herself under the direction of Father J. E. Tenison-Woods who, as parish priest of Penola in South Australia sometimes visiting Melbourne and Portland, wanted to found a religious society, 'The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart'; they were to live in poverty and dedicate themselves to educating poor children. With Mary its first member and Superior, the society was founded at Penola on 19 March 1909. Always regarded as holy she was put forward in 1972 as a candidate for the honour of beatification and canonisation and on 1 February 1973 the Cause was formally introduced.

Mary was excommunicated by Bishop Sheil on 22 September 1871 for alleged insubordination; most of the schools were closed and the Sisterhood almost disbanded. The excommunication was removed on 21 February 1872 by order of the bishop nine days before he died. In 1883 Bishop Reynolds, misunderstanding the extent of his jurisdiction over the Sisterhood, told her to leave his diocese. She then transferred the headquarters of the Sisterhood to Sydney. On 11 May 1901 she suffered a stroke at Rotorua, New Zealand. Although retaining her mental faculties, she was an invalid until she died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. Always regarded as holy, she was put forward in 1972 as a candidate for the honour of beatification and canonization and on 1 February 1973 the Cause was formally introduced.

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 MacKillop was a person of great personal holiness whose determination and faith revolutionized Catholic education in Australia. She famously said, 'Never see a need without doing something about it', and in rural areas of Australia beginning in Adelaide, she responded to the great need for education for the poor. She was canonized and declared Australia's 1st saint on 17th October, 2010.

FEAST OF ST. MARY MACKILLOP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord: I was ill and you comforted me. I tell you, anything you did for one of my brothers or sisters, you did for me. Holy God, source of all goodness, you show us in Mary MacKillop a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross. Teach us to embrace what she pioneered; new ways of living the gospel that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Judith 8: 11-17, 28-31.

Hearing how the water shortage had demoralised the people, Judith summoned the elders of the town and said: 'Listen to me, leaders of the people of Bethulia. You were wrong to speak to the people as you did today and to bind yourself by oath, in defiance of God, to surrender the town to our enemies if the Lord did not come to your help within a set number of days. Who are you to put God to the test today, you, of all people, to set yourselves above him? You put the Lord Almighty to the test! You do not understand anything, and never will. If you cannot sound the depths of the human heart or unravel the arguments of the human mind, how can you fathom the God who made all things or sound his mind or unravel his purposes? No, brothers, do not provoke the anger of the Lord our God.

Although it may not be his will to help us within the next five days, he has the power to protect us for as many days as he pleases, just as he has the power to destroy us before our enemies. But you have no right to demand guarantees where the designs of the Lord our God are concerned. For God is not to be threatened as a human being is, nor is he, like a mere human, to be cajoled. Rather, as we wait patiently for him to save, let us plead with him to help us. He will hear our voice if such is his good pleasure'.

Uzziah replied, 'Everything you have just said comes from an honest heart and no one will contradict a word of it. Not that today is the first time your wisdom has been displayed, from your earliest years all the people have known how shrewd you are and of how sound a heart. But, parched with thirst, the people forced us to act as we had promised them and to bind ourselves by an inviolable oath. You are a devout woman; pray to the Lord then, to send us a downpour to fill our storage

-wells, so that our faintness may pass.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free,
hear me and speedily rescue me. **R.**
2. Be a rock of refuge for me,
a mighty stronghold to save me,
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
For your name's sake,
lead me and guide me. **R.**
3. Release me from the snares they have
hidden for you are my refuge, Lord.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord. **R.**
4. O God of truth, you detest
those who worship false and empty gods.
As for me, I trust in the Lord;
let me be glad and rejoice in your love. **R.**

SECOND READING

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 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 who 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

In your loving providence, O God, you gather us at your holy altar on this feast of Mary MacKillop. May the praise and thanksgiving we offer with her and all your Church strengthen our bonds of charity and faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE

**Preface of Holy Men and Women I or II;
or Preface for Australia Day.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

By the love you have for one another says the Lord, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bountiful God, may the sacrifice we celebrate on this feast of Mary MacKillop strengthen us to walk the way of the cross and bring us to the glory of the resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

Through the example of Mary MacKillop, may you learn to recognise God's will for you and trust in God's providence. **Amen.**

May her life of service awaken in you a deep respect for the poor and a passion for justice. **Amen**

May you share in her courage, see with her vision, and love with her heart. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FROM PENOLA'S PLAINS. (*Michael Herry*)

Loving God, we give you thanks
this day, as gladly we rejoice.
That a woman's life, should so proclaim
a love that heard your voice.
Now inspired by her example,
may we strive to seek your face.
So that in our rugged home land,
the poor will find a place.
Here with Mary of the Cross we pray
your truth may guide our way,
that our open hearts may hear your call
to follow you each day.

Let our praise now fill this joyful space
as we loudly proclaim,
that in Mary's life, we see the faith that
glorifies your name.

For her heart knew your compassion
at the plight of children poor.
So she mustered all her courage
and saw her future call.

Trusting firm in you she ventured forth,
her eyes upon your cross.
From Penola's plains to all the world,
her arms reached out in love.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine,
with you we dare to dream,
May your wisdom come to lead us on
where justice reigns supreme.
Now may Mary's love inspire us
and the cross still leads us on.
Give us hearts that never waver
'till victory is won.

Let our lives show forth your tender
love, compassion warm and bold,
Help us bring good news to all the world,
your spirit love unfold.

LAUDATO SI DIALOGUE: Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at **Laudato Si**, Pope Francis' letter "**On Care for Our Common Home**". You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au or on 0428 625 110.

WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON: Livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese 2-4:30pm Saturday 29th August. Gather with friends at home or in the parish, wherever you have internet access. Connect with women from Lake Cargelligo to Pambula to hear inspiring talks and participate in short guided prayer experiences. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. Register at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon Enquiries email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869.

PLANNED GIVING "STATEMENT OF GIVING": A letter containing the amount given to the parish during the past financial year is available for collection from the foyer. This is not a Tax receipt as the parish has not contributed to the School Building Fund since 2016. All givers are sincerely thanked for their contributions. The Planned Giving system helps the parish to budget.

MASK KITS for VICTORIA: The response has been very encouraging. Thank you to those who took kits last weekend. More are available in the foyer. Pieces of material are available in the plastic tub out the front of the presbytery for those wanting to sew a different design. Special thanks to the unknown sewer who donated 50 sewn masks.

BODALLA MASSES: Commencing on the Thursday 13th August (next week) a mass will be said every second Thursday of the month. 9.15am at St Edmond's Bodalla. Sunday Mass will be held every 5th Sunday at 3pm. Which will be the 30th August, 2020.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK. (9/8/20)

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. 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. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to discuss vocation matters with young boys and girls in their family circle.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020: Is Now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. Cost: FREE. Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au. Program available from Saturday 15th August, 2020.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Jake Hardis, Graham Beer, Gail Fenton, John Gerber, Debra Morris, Ben Pollack, Katherine Halse, Louise Strathendorf, Catherine Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme and Jerry Ebbelaar still undergoing physiotherapy in Western Australia. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery.

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: For those wishing to do Direct Debit into the Church Account, as donations to the church or as Second Collection may use the following details.

BSB: 062-786. ACC: 000014984. Account Name: Sacred Heart Moruya. Please include purpose of Donation/Surname or Envelope Number.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 15th AUGUST— SATURDAY SPECIAL MASS: The Assumption is a holy day of obligation. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen son. There will be Feast day Mass on Saturday 15th August at 9.15am in Moruya. The 6pm Vigil Mass will be as normal.

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY. The Catholic teaching that the souls of people who had faith and love for God and for neighbour but died in an imperfect moral and spiritual state could still be perfected after death in purgatory. Though they are "assured of their eternal salvation," they still need to "undergo purification" that makes possible "the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven". (CCC No.1030) These souls cannot earn any merits in purgatory but suffer passively there. Still, the prayers and works of the living can bring them merit and benefit. (CCC, n 1032) Let us pray for the souls in purgatory.

