

FROM PENOLA'S PLAINS

(a poem)

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 homeland,
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.



"Dear Brothers and Sisters. We are celebrating an extraordinary event in the life of the Church in his land: the beatification of Mother Mary Mackillop, the first Australian formally declared to be among the Blessed in heaven. I rejoice with all of you: with Cardinal Clancy and my brother bishops, with the priests, religious, all of you, lay men and women, families, young people and children, who offer a radiant and authentic sign of the Church's vitality. I give thanks to God for being able to celebrate this Beatification right here on Australian soil."

"In the vastness of the Australian continent, Blessed Mary Mackillop was not daunted by the great desert, the immense expanses of the outback, nor by the spiritual 'wilderness' which affected so many of her fellow citizens. Rather she boldly prepared the way of the Lord in the most trying situations. With gentleness, courage and compassion, she was a herald of the Good news among the isolated 'battlers' and the urban slum-dwellers. Mother Mary of the Cross knew that behind the ignorance, misery and suffering which she encountered there were people, men and women, young and old, yearning for God and his righteousness. She knew, because she was a true child of her time and place: the daughter of immigrants who had to struggle at all times to build a life for themselves in their new surroundings. Her story reminds us of the need to welcome people, to reach out to the lonely, the bereft, the disadvantaged. To strive for the kingdom of God and his righteousness means to strive to see Christ in the stranger, to meet him in them and to help them to meet him in each one of us!" *Homily of Pope John Paul II in the Beatification of Mary Mackillop, Randwick, 19 January 1995*

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it". *Blessed Mary Mackillop*

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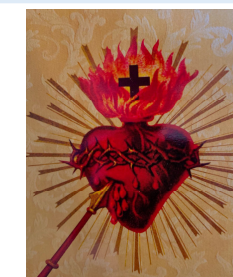
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August 7 & 8 2021

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

A passionate woman whose youthful spirit has touched
the 'heart and soul' of the Australian people

Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop 1842-1909

On 8th August this year the Church in Australia celebrates 112 years since the death of its first Australian Saint, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Two days after her death the Freeman's Journal recorded: "her demise leaves a blank—a great irretrievable blank—in the national life of Australasia. What she wrought for the people and for the glory of God and life's labour stands as the noblest record of an Australian woman". "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". Pope Benedict XVI, 17 July 2008.



Love was the driving force of her life. Mary Mackillop's vocation was not primarily to undertake great works that would catch the approving eye of the world—it was to love. God was the origin and source of her love. She knew deeply within her that "God is love and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1Jn 4:16).

Mary Mackillop was a young woman with a dream to make a difference in our world. Her dream encompassed opening simple schools where there was no class distinction, offering refuge to the most neglected, and bringing practical help to families. She responded by establishing a Catholic school system for the children of families who were poor and isolated in the Australian colonies and by setting up other works of compassion. She dedicated her life to bringing the message of God's love to all whom she encountered. She was a passionate woman whose youthful spirit touched the 'heart and soul' of Australian people. Her spirit and values continue to inspire young people today to make a difference in these times. Mary Mackillop's life speaks eloquently because it was firmly anchored in something every human heart longs for: inner peace, the peace that comes from knowing that one is loved by God and from the desire to respond to God's love.

"Seek first the poorest and most neglected part of God's vineyard". "May the Spirit of unity and love reign amongst us". "Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage". "Believe in the whispering of God to your own heart" (Mary Mackillop)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

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.”’

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 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

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 as parts of 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 Mt 6:25-34

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you O Lord.

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, for all his worrying, 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 grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men 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?” 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.

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you. **O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.**

Prayers for the Sick and the Housebound: 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: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysen, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Julie & John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Lesley Cornish and Sandra Spellacy.



‘GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF US ALL’. We remember St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Australia’s first saint, for her dedication in caring for the human and spiritual needs of children, and her care for the poor and destitute. Underpinning all of her activities was her faith in divine Providence. In all the challenges she faced, and the crosses she endured, she never doubted the unceasing protection of ‘our good God’.

Update from the PPC meeting held 29th July:

- Welcome to Pauline Parnell who has joined the PPC.
- ongoing COVID issues in NSW has meant the cancellation of the Jamberoo retreat.
- COVID has also impacted our plans for the Community/School event we were hoping to have in September - we will look at this for next year

CONGRATULATIONS TO TUROSS HEAD CARING GROUP

Celebrating 8 years of caring in the Parish and wider Community (Aug 2013 - 2021)

First Holy Communion, Parents’ Commitment Mass: Thank you to 11 of our Candidates, who together with their parents, were presented at the First Holy Communion Commitment Mass, last Sunday, 1 August.

Reminder: Bodalla Mass this Thursday, 12 August at 9:15am

Let us pray

God ever faithful,

giver and sustainer of life,

you know the depths of our pain

as we journey through

this time of unknowing.

Hear our voices

and the cry of our hearts.

Guide us to the most

life-giving ways open to us.

St Joseph,

man of courage,

you protected Mary and Jesus

when they were in danger.

Cradle us now safely

in this same protecting embrace.

May we, like you, extend this care

to our world in need.

St Mary of the Cross,

you faced difficult times

with a heart filled with trust,

always believing in the

watchful presence of God.

Walk with us now in this difficult time,

and may we be for others, examples of

confident hope and trust.

St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross

Pray with us in this time of need.

Amen