

6 August, The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

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In our Prayers: Jack Wood, Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: John O’Dea, Isabelle Aitken, Marge Rees, Annie Davies, Jim McDermott, Dinah Woods, John Stout, Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett (anniversaries)

August 12—13

Arian Park 6 .00 p.m. **Mass**

Mass

Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

His face shone like the sun. Through the eyes of the resurrection faith, Jesus’ first disciples came to understand that, during his earthly life, they had caught glimpses of his unique relationship with God. In his life of unswerving fidelity to the Father’s will, the glory into which Jesus entered through his passion and death shone through. ‘*We had seen his majesty for ourselves*’ wrote Peter.

Mary MacKillop’s Feastday

On Tuesday the Church celebrates the Feastday of St Mary of the Cross. In late June Pope Francis made reference to Mary MacKillop in his audience.

Pope calls St Mary MacKillop ‘an extraordinary religious sister’

Pope Francis dedicated his general audience talk in late June to Australian St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, focusing on her dedication to the poor, to formation and education.

It was the Pope’s first general audience since being released on June 16 from Rome’s Gemelli hospital where he underwent abdominal surgery on June 7 and his last audience before his usual summer break for the entire month of July.

The Pope continued his series of talks about “zeal” for evangelisation by focusing on St Mary MacKillop, the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Australia’s first saint, she was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney in 1909. Her order established schools and charitable organisations across Australia and was devoted to the care of orphans, neglected children, the homeless, sick and aged.

In his general audience talk, Pope Francis called her “*an extraordinary religious sister,*” who dedicated her life to “*the intellectual and religious formation of the poor in rural Australia.*”

“Wisely reading the signs of the times,” this young woman whose parents had emigrated from Scotland, understood that the best way for her to spread the Gospel and attract others to encounter Jesus was through teaching young people, “*in the knowledge that Catholic education is a form of evangelisation. It is a great form of evangelisation,*” said the Pope, who himself had taught in high schools in Argentina.

“*Mary MacKillop was convinced that the purpose of education is the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a member of the community, and that this requires wisdom, patience and charity on the part of every teacher,*” he said.

An essential part of St MacKillop’s zeal for sharing the Gospel, the Pope said, was her dedication to caring for the poor and marginalised.

“This is very important,” he said. Along “*the path to holiness, which is the Christian path, the poor and the marginalised are the protagonists and a person cannot move forward in holiness if he or she does not also devote himself or herself to them in one way or another.*”

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Let us pray, *Ever generous God, you inspired St Mary MacKillop to live your mission of bringing hope and encouragement to those marginalised, disheartened, lonely, sick and needy. With confidence in your generous providence and praying with St Mary MacKillop we place our needs before you ... We trust in your loving care for us, Amen.*

Year of the Holy Spirit 8th August 2023 – 8th August 2024

“It Seemed Good to Us and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 15/28)

Archbishop Christopher Prowse writes,

“We are coming towards the end of our ***Walking Together Year.*** This time has always had modest expectations. It arose immediately after the Plenary Council of Australia. The focus was on its themes of synodality. It asked the Archdiocese to scrutinise how she can truly ***Walk Together*** in evangelisation.

I have observed that the expression itself is now quite widely used around the Archdiocese. It carries a hope of listening better together. Another hope is the networking of our pastoral activities more acutely towards evangelisation. This latter aim has been difficult to activate. We tend to do what Pope Francis warns us against: “*walking together in parallel lines that never meet*”.

I believe it is now time for us to journey the next steps together in a focussed manner. The next year is to focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in us.”

Roster 13 August

Leader: Linda

Reader: Andrina

Minister: Paul