

8 August, 2021. Mary MacKillop's Feastday, Year B,

TEMORA MISSION AREA

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Aria Park

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Jeanette Passlow, Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Barry Carroll, Jack Symthe, Linda Grinter, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj, Jim McDermott, Dinah Woods, John Stout, Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett (*anniversaries*)

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14 Aug —15 Aug	Ariah Park	6.00 p.m.	
Mass	Temora	6.00 p.m.	
Mass	Ardlethan	8.00 a.m.	Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

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'.

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Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.'

Matthew 6:25-34

The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (*Gal 6:2*).

(*Instrumentum Laboris #83*)

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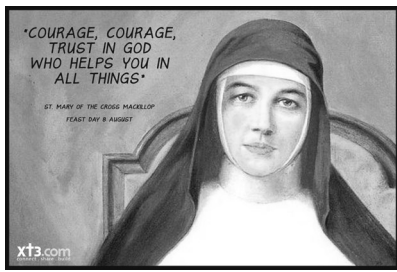
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Following are some quotes from Mary:

Let us show love in our actions (1890)

See and be grateful (1884)

I cannot forget that there is a dear good God watching over us (*date unknown*)



In a **Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian**, Sue and Leo Kane write for the reflection on 8 August:

"Remember we are but travellers here.

(*MM 1867*)

Here's how my **Mary MacKillop Alphabet** would look:

Aussie, Brave, Compassionate, Devoted, Ecumenical, Forgiving, Grounded, Hopeful, Inspiring, Just, Kind, Lovable, Motherly, Natural, Open, Poor, Questing, Reflective, Suffering, Trustful, Uncomplaining, Visionary, Worker, Xcellent sense of humour, "Yes" person, Zestful. ... What would yours include?"

A Reflection

Mary MacKillop, who famously told her sisters, 'Do not see a need and do nothing about it', was acutely conscious of the needs of the people about her – for basic education, for care, for food. She dedicated her life to doing something about those needs – heroically and most effectively. But inspiring it all and sustaining it all was the vision of God she learned from scriptural passages such as today's Gospel, projecting not just material help and opportunity, but the sense that each person is precious in God's eyes, is loved by God, and therefore is to be valued and given dignity.

Brendan Byrne SJ

To Love Like Mary MacKillop, Love the Poor

Mary's greatest concern was for the marginalized in society. Her deep care led her and the early sisters to set up places for older women, especially those who were frail. She demonstrated support for young women recently released from prison by giving them shelter and set up an orphanage for the neglected children. Examples of her compassion have been recorded by the early sisters. We hear of the woman whom Mary and the sisters came across on the street. She was staggering as though drunk. Mary's insight saw a deeper problem—she helped the lady to the pharmacy for assistance and then accompanied her until she was able to go on her way.

Adapted from Sr Michele Shipperly rsj

At the time of the **Canonisation**, 17 October, 2010, **Fr David Ranson** wrote, *We can be sure of one thing about Mary's own self-perception: never would she have considered herself a saint. Life was too full of confusion, uncertainty, and contradiction for her to perceive any sense of personal greatness. So often was she confused, lonely and bewildered. There was the complexity of her family relationships, unhappy home life, having lived in 16 places by the time she was 24. ... Mary has become sister to us all. In all with which we struggle: Our seeking to give our family life stability and heart, Our finding our way through the complexity of our relationships, Our forging the direction and meaning of our life's contribution. May Mary MacKillop teach us how we might live the gospel with honesty and with courage, and even with daring and genius, in this land of the Holy Spirit."*

Roster 15 August

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