

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16
A reading from the first book of Kings
The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

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 63:1-8
(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.
 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.
 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.
 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.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Reading Col 3:12-17
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Bear with one another, forgive each other.
You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. 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 message 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 never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks 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
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Do not worry about your life.
Jesus said to his disciples: 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 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.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Mary MacKillop
This Gospel *does not* say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave ‘the Least’ food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25). In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these ‘least’ was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty. So, this woman, whose most famous saying was ‘never see a need without trying to do something about it’, set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor. She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health. We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father’s kingdom and His saving justice.
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SAINTS OF THE WEEK
Tuesday 10th August,
St Lawrence Martyr

Wednesday
11th August, St Clare

Saturday 14th August,
St Maximilian Kolbe Martyr





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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



Singalong- postponed due to Covid restrictions

Cenacle Prayer - Tues at 4.45pm Church
Enjoy The Good News - postponed due to Covid restrictions
Opal Mass - Every 1st Wed 10.30am
Glen Mass - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am .
Goodwin Manor Mass Every 3rd Wed 2pm
Maranatha Mass - Every 4th Wed 2pm

Craft Group-Thurs 10am -12pm
Adoration- Fri (13/8) 5:20pm

Commitment First Eucharist: All Masses (7th-8th August)

Charismatic Prayer Group - Friday (3/9) after morning mass.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop - Postponed due to Covid19 regulations date to be advised.

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MacKILLOP)

In the Footsteps of Mary Mackillop

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Southern Cross Saint, Mary of the Cross Mackillop.



Mary was born in the 19th Century and Canonised a saint in the 21st Century. Mary barely needs any introduction. However, her birth in the 19th century at the time of global industrial revolution with rising wealth alongside abject and provocative poverty reveals something about this extraordinary woman saint and her vocation, as Australia and particularly, her family were not spared by the ‘pandemic’ of the time: *poverty*.

Surrounded by poverty and the poor, Mary was determined to make a difference, knowing that, ‘*we pass this way but once*’. Firstly, she embraced poverty and simplicity as a way of life. Secondly, backed by the Gospel, she held the flag of hope in offering ‘*option for the poor*’ in outback Australia. Mary ventured into the ‘*bush*’ to educate the children of the poor, to offer hope to the vulnerable and those struggling. She recognised constantly that, ‘*we are all, but travellers here*’ and it is important to strive towards ‘*easing the journey for our fellow travellers where we can*’, finding ‘*happiness by making others happy*’. For Mary, ‘*the good of the Australian children*’ is of great priority and she saw the need to be proactive about this priority, saying, ‘*never see a need without doing something about it*’.

Mary had a task and she saw wisdom in the proverbial expression that, *if you want to walk fast walk alone, but if you want to walk far, walk with others*. This led to the nativity of the Institute of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, popularly known as the Brown Joeys, walking in the footsteps of Mary Mackillop in witnessing to the gospel through education. Our parish community is a beneficiary with the arrival of the Josephite nuns and the opening of St. Joseph’s Primary now St. Bernard’s Primary in 1937 to offer a holistic education to the children of the local. Mary would be very proud of the ongoing positive impact of the school on the Bay community, and we place our Year 4 girls and boys together with their families in the care of St. Mary of the Cross as they commit to preparing for the sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend.

Mary was a trailblazer in many respects and capacities. She is the first Australian saint. A co-founder and first Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her passion for the poor was exceptional. Mary embraced poverty, one of the ‘pandemics’ of her time and earn her sainthood from her pandemic projects: living in poverty and educating the poor. She stands tall in exemplifying this weekend’s gospel, walking the talk as she encouraged all who encountered her to trust in Divine Providence.



This is truly an opportune time. Like Mary Mackillop, what is my pandemic project? In the face of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, many in our backyards and beyond are yearning to experience the protection and providence of ‘*the good God*’ of Mary Mackillop. Encouraged by the Gospel and inspired by the example of our great saint, let us strive to walk *in the Footsteps of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop* bringing hope to the helpless, the hapless, and the hopeless. (Mary’s quotes from *The Little Brown Book* by Sue & Leo Kane)

Fr. Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

AUGUST The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

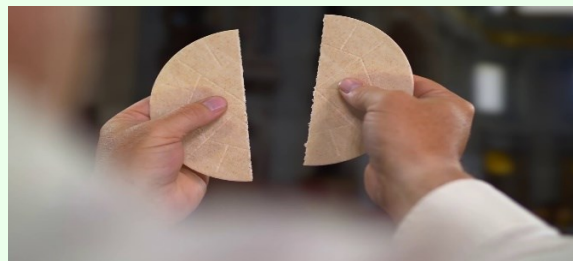
Tues 10th: 5.30pm Healing Mass
Wed 11th: 9am Mass
Thurs 12th: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 13th: 9.15 am Mass
Sat 14th: 9am Mass /Rosary 9.30am Reconciliation 6pm Mass
Sunday 15th: 9am Mass 5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

7/8 AUG 2021
Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (9-13 Aug)
Welcomers
6pm D Robinson
9am T van den Broek
5pm L Miller
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am A Brown
5pm B Maynard
Readers:
6pm Sr Marie
9am A Jackson
5pm J O Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Jo Wain
9am K Corbin
5pm A Horsfall
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm G & M Weatherall
9am G Norris/B Basevi
5pm M Devine
MORNING TEA
No morning tea due to COVID19

14/15 AUG 2021
Church Cleaning
B Favetta/J Nugent (16-20Aug)
Welcomers
6pm C Brownlie
9am C Connell
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am M Lowe
5pm M Devine
Readers:
6pm J Mackay
9am C Lowe
5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers
9am N Page
5pm A Horsfall
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm M Vidovic & Zdenka
9am M & SBeashel
5pm M DeSmet
MORNING TEA
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LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



Bread is Not Just Bread

When I was a child, the 'Bread Man' delivered fresh bread every day to the house, usually early in the morning. Bread was white, not sliced or in a plastic bag. Bread was cut into thick slices as an after school snack or made into bread-and-butter pudding for dessert. It was, and still is, a staple food for many people. Today, bread comes in many forms and is made from a multiplicity of grains. And whilst bread has long been a foundational part of the human diet, it has a significance beyond mere nutrition in many cultures in the Western world and Greater Middle East because of its history and contemporary importance. For Christians, bread is also significant in the Eucharist. Bread is not just bread.

The Gospels during this sequence continue to unpack the Eucharistic theme of chapter six of John's Gospel. Again, the crowds are seeking Jesus and finding him on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, looking for a sign, a sign like the manna that their forebears enjoyed in the desert. But Jesus rebukes them, knowing that the crowd is focused on the need of their stomachs, not their spiritual need. At the feeding of the five thousand, **Jesus** satisfied their physical hunger, and now they are looking for more of the same. They saw no sign, no miracle, in yesterday's feeding. They saw nothing more than fish and bread.

"Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life..." (John 6:27) Jesus challenges the crowd to look beyond their physical needs and join him on a spiritual journey. They must focus not on perishable food for their mortal bodies but on that food that comes from God and lasts. ***"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."*** (John 6:35)

The food that endures is Jesus himself. He is the bread that is broken and distributed for the life of the world. He is the bread that is eaten and yet never exhausted.

Our society is hungry. Everyone is looking for something that will sustain and nourish life, something that will feed and energize, something that will fill and satisfy. The Eucharist we celebrate gives us all that and more. Pope Francis said that Jesus ***"... wants us to understand that beyond a physical hunger, humanity has a different kind of hunger – "we all have this hunger" – a more important kind of hunger that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food."***

When we are nourished by the Eucharist, we will never hunger or thirst again. Jesus is the everlasting bread that sustains.
Bread is not just bread.

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Welcome Children and family for the First Eucharist Commitment Masses this weekend.



nineteen of the boys and girls in year 4 enrolled for the sacrament of the Eucharist

Gathering: 'Nourishing my/our Spirit' facilitated by Loretta Parsley, Aboriginal Elder.

Loretta will share her life, culture, connection to the Land, art, spirituality and how we can nourish our spirit.

Date: Tues Aug 17 at St Bernard's Church, 9am Registration for 9:15am start –12:30pm. Please bring a plate for Morning Tea.

Covid Protocol will be followed. Wear a mask.

Booking is essential: **Marie W 0405 028 057** or **Sr Marie 0429 383 333** by August 9.

CHILDREN OF THE BLACK SKIRT

In aid of Maranatha Lodge.

Saturday 18th September @ 2 pm

Ticket purchased by:

Email: purplepowell@gmail.com

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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Teacher Joseph:
*Teach us to keep
the Word of God close to
our heart, and to proclaim
it in word and action.*



The Updated Archdiocese Covid Protocol

It is available on our website. Please bring your mask when you come to Mass and observe the practice of hand sanitising and social distancing.

Holy Communion only under the species of bread and is to be received only in the hand.

***Thank you for your co-operation.
We hope to create a safe environment for everybody.***

WRAP WITH LOVE

Knit-in: Tuesday 10th August
10:30-2pm, Batemans Bay
Library. In lieu of usual meeting.
Enquires: Jenny 0414 664 077



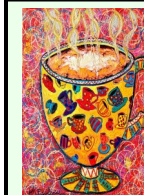
Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with the morning tea following the Mass for Bill. Joy and the family were very grateful

Remembering the Sick:

Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Lois White, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: Giuseppe Ferrante, Heather Roberts, Gloria Harrison, Kevin O'Dwyer, Ray Duke, Pam Carriage, Robyn Moore, Des Beckhaus, Mato Katic, Anthony Clift, Evert Ordelman

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Bill Guist, Savannah Leane, Maree Gregory, Frank Rosin, Guiseppe Nibali, Maree Killmier, Harold Fox, Anna Ordelman, David Bushnell, Susan McNamara, Liberata & Francisco Desabella, Elaine Jane Ceruzi, all souls in Purgatory, Anacorita Villanueva and Numerina Sencio



COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after Mass.
All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove

COFFEE N CHAT

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, at the start of the new financial year, the details are as follows:

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