



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

SAINT MARY OF THE
CROSS (MARY
MACKILLOP) Year B -
8 Aug 2021

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
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Masses numbers at
St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
will be limited until
further notice.

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm
Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux
Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday: 9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am (9.30am
Adoration): Anointing Mass first
Thursday of the month.

Reconciliation

St Christopher's

Wednesday: 11.30am-12.00noon

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Adoration

St Christopher's

Tuesday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross

Today, on the feast day of our own Saint Mary of the Cross, Jesus' directions in the Gospel arrest our attention. 'I'm telling you not to worry about your life', he says. Really!? How can we not? Especially in these days, where all we can seem to do is worry!

The Saint we celebrate today was too, certainly no stranger to worry. Saint Mary McKillop had copious fears and struggles, especially leading up to the founding of the *Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart* (the "Josephites"). She also had many personal pains, and losses, as well as grave health burdens to carry. So the fact that we now honour Saint Mary with the title 'of the Cross' – not, 'of the roses' or even, 'of the Infant Jesus' – gives us a clear indication of what her life consisted. Crosses, challenges and questions.

And yet the fact is, many times Mary did not know the answer to these questions. Indeed, her own letters reveal how many worries and anxieties she actually had. At times she must have felt like the widow in the first reading, crushed with worries of the unknown and seemingly insurmountable.

The unexpected and extraordinary thing however – and surely the greatest signs to us of the kind of woman Mary was – was that none of this crushed her. This remarkably faith-filled woman, whom we call Australia's Saint, never let any of these questions or fears have the last word. Rather, in many ways, it's what made her the Saint she is.

Back in 1957 there was a gameshow taking television by storm. And for those lucky enough to have a TV, the show was called "Who Do You Trust?" The idea was that you were asked a number of questions, which, if you felt you were unable to answer, you could 'pass' to another (whom you 'trusted') to answer correctly for you. With the wonder of *Youtube* I watched an episode with intent. In this episode, before 'passing' the question, the host Johnny Carson asks: 'Who do you trust?' 'In whom does the answer rest?' 'Who do you trust to get you the points?'

What was most intriguing however, was that when many asked their partner to answer, oftentimes they were perplexed by the answers they received. Yet they soon showed themselves surprised when they turned out to be correct.

I can only recall this as we today consider the life of our own St. Mary MacKillop. Strange, I know. But it is, in a sense, how Mary lived her extraordinary life. Often St. Mary didn't know the answers to many of the challenges that would face her... yet instead of becoming upset, angry or even worse simply giving up, very bravely, she simply turned to the one she trusted most! Here, she always found the answer. How we would benefit to always do the same.

And you see... and this is the incredible truth, this is what made Mary a saint. *She knew the One she trusted.* In 1874 Mary wrote "When I could not see my way, God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right."

And so the question 'our saint', St. Mary of the Cross, poses to us today is exactly that: *Who do you trust?* Is there any greater question that could be asked?

In the game show – the 'catch' as they say – was that you could have another person answer for you only *once*. But for you and I, the rules are very different. Mary knew this much. Many things change in our lives... people too. Many come and go! Yet the One Who remains, who never changes... always there to answer the questions, even when to us, they make no sense – is Christ! A firm, unmovable rock. He is *Certainty* himself, in the midst of so much uncertainty.

This is the truth we see radiate in the life of our own St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. And so, let us proudly call on St Mary's intercession, and learn from her, especially as we endure this pandemic and the trials of our time. Let us ask her to guide the upcoming Plenary Council too, that the Spirit of Trust and so sanctity may radiate for centuries to come, in this Great South Land, of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Mary of the Cross. Pray for us, always.

'Courage, Courage, trust in God, who helps you in all things' and 'Do not let little things disturb your trust.' – Mary of the Cross

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 9 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Tue 10 Aug St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

Wed 11 Aug St Clare, virgin

Thu 12 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Fri 13 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sat 14 Aug St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

Sun 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm
Haydon Hall

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm SPC

Other Communities

Spanish Community

First Sunday of the month at 11.30am SPC

African Community

Second Sunday of the month at 11.45am SPC

Filipino Community

First Sunday bi-monthly at 5.00pm SPC

LET US NOT BECOME COMPLACENT - Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.

FOLLOW – A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? AN EVENING FOR YOUNG MEN. Join Archbishop Christopher for an evening focused on the call to priesthood. Who is the Priest? Am I called? How do I discern? Your questions about vocation and priesthood answered. **Thursday 19 Aug. 2021 6:30-8pm.** Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. 55 Franklin St, Forrest. For more info contact Frs. Paul or Trenton. paul.nulley@cg.org.au or, trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – Sunday 15th August – Our Mother Mary, “having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory” (Pope Pius XII). The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and her return to heaven with her Son and Lord. Join us at St. Christopher's for a short procession followed by Adoration and Rosary. 3-5pm. Confessions will be heard during the second hour.

FIRST RECONCILIATION— Please prayer for all the children in our parish who will make their First Reconciliation next Wednesday.

RCIA 2021-22 - Interested in learning more about Jesus, exploring faith and life's meaning? Come and journey with a like-minded community? RCIA (the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in a supportive, welcoming environment. The program is open to all and is particularly designed for those interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments for the first time. We Thursday evenings, 6pm, starting 16 September. To register of for more Information, email cathedral@cg.org.au

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION - “God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” – Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*. Cathedral: Wed: 11:30am-12noon; Thurs: 6:00pm; Sat: 11:00am-12noon. St Peter Chanel's: Tues: 6:00pm & Sat: 5:15pm (before Mass). *Come back to me with all your heart* - Joel 2:12

PLENARY COUNCIL – members of our Archdiocese on the Plenary Council have recently finished their formation in preparation for the first session in October. Let us continue to pray for this historic, hope-filled moment in the Australian Church. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Eucharist classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS **MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP** and sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Holy Communion is received under one Species and in the hand.
- Physical distancing rules **still apply**. Families can sit together. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry.
- No physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please **DO NOT** return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.**

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP —To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan QR code at the church entrance each visit.

Canberra Catholic Bookshop— Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



The Inaugural Tim Fisher Oration— postponed to August 2022. Parliament House will be closed to the public from August 2 to September 3 2021. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, John Anderson AO will remain the guest speaker of next year's event. Any enquires contact jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au

New Life in God's Spirit seminar - a time for you to encounter Jesus more deeply! Wednesday evenings from 28 July to 15 September, 7-9pm at St Peter Chanel's, Weston Street, Yarralumla. Free! For more information, call Neda 0415 266 019; Sue 0409 443 268; or Gabriel 0422 285 491.

Online Archdiocesan Alpha Course –13 Aug, 5.30pm—series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning with Archbishop Christopher and other leaders. Alpha is completely free and everyone is welcome. An Archdiocesan Registration and information at cgatholic.org.au/alpha.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Book Fair—18/19 Aug, 8am-4pm, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. A great selection of paperbacks, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$3! Proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care of public hospital patients and staff.

CHANGE OF DATE Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner Due to COVID considerations the Mary Magdalene dinner will now be held on Friday 3rd September, still 6.30pm at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Tickets remain valid for Fri 3rd September. If you require a refund, contact elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com or ring 0432 608 310. Tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Fan the Flame - PLENARY ASSEMBLY 3 Oct 2021 - Let us listen to this Wisdom Jesus' speaks now, in our time and place. Updates, formation materials and resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections can be found at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/

Vocations Holy Hour and Dinner: Each first Thursday of the month there is a Holy Hour and dinner at Archbishop's House for those interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. If you are wanting to meet other like-minded men, please contact Fr Paul Nulley at: paul.nulley@cg.org.au

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Aaron, Sophia, Daniel, Joel, Zalin Slater; Thomas Cubitt; Sephora Massaqudi

Those who are ill: Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Ira Tirtobudi, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

Anniversaries of death: Bruna Stevenson, Maria Memmolo, Clare O'Connor, Rosa Morabito, Pat Boyle, Alejandro & Orlando Cerda, Alex Skleplic, Petty Gonsalvez, Paul Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Joan Kaucz, Anka Gnjec, Tulla & Sam Brown, Gwen & Mick Gallagher, Michael O'Brien, Odette Gaspardis, Michael McKeown, Flo Daley, Fr Vincent Dowdy, Amelia Kneipp, William Saw, Anna Kieswimmer, Margaret Mary Kelly, Kath Durie, Annie James, Eileen Biggs, Annie Davis, Sr Gertrude Ryan, Michael Heath, Michael O'Connor, Cardinal EB Clancy, Fr Giuseppe Canova, Fr Adrian Cork, James Rice, Kit Dale, Rita Dodson, Noel Honan, Marjorie Kenny, Patricia Robertson, Charlie Morella, Norman Stevenson, Clive Waldren, Clarita Flores, Laurus Westende

Recently Deceased: Fr Elizabije Petar, Eduardo Pelaez Tan, Tee Eng Nio, Ferry Tedjajadi, Aurelio Biurra, Eduardo Telaez Tan, Stephen Evans, Lois Billings, John Cusack, Maev O'Collins, Fr Brian Maher, Martin Toohey, Joseph Meli, Carmelo Makabenta, Joy Finlayson, Fernando Urbaz Levi,



Cathedral QR code

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.*

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

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!*

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

First Reading

1 Kgs 17:7-16

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.

Second Reading

Col 3:12-17

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.

Gospel Reading

Mt 6:25-34

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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	7/8 Aug	14/15 Aug	
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Stewart Unwin	Stewart Unwin Scott Pobihun	
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Mike Nash	Wanda Kaucz Melissa Dixon	
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Assigned	
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Jaye Longland	Ruth Meadows Gloria Osborne	
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	
5.30pm (SCC)	Rebecca O'Meagher Jacob Madden	Liz Porra Becky Langworthy	