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8th August 2021 - Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Barry Doyle, Patricia Grant;
Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick, Kai Fitzpatrick;

Anniversary: Beryl Meredith, Ree Holloway, Margorie Thomson, Edith Constable, Leo Goodwin, William Perkins, Maurice Murphy, Patricia Mason, Joe Giggil, Bill Norman Jnr, Leo Daniels, James McKelver, William (Bill) Norman Sr, Ron O'Dwyer, Dominic Bowen, Eric Robinson, Lorna Matheson, Allan Reading Sr, Patricia (Pat) Lane, Helen Hind, Anne Gee, Jack Tinson, William Martin, Johanna Blanche, Eva Black (Baker), Madeline Houlihan, Louise Hanson, Bernard Howard, Margaret Wardwell, Patricia Stockdale, Valerie Short, Agnes Clare Perkins, Anthony McKay, John Gleason, Dolores McGregor, Alma Wralton, Margaret Heath, Suzanne Schunaker, John Egan, Eleanor Heyman, Mary O'Donnell, Maureen Penningly, John Ryan, Roy Smith, Alan Blanche, Stephen Constable, Wallace Bannister, Casimer Reading. *May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.*

And for those who are ill:

Pat Brady, Paul Murphy, Craig Lawrence, Ivy Taylor, Di Dillon, Michael Hausfeld, Sister Pat Barley, Lisa Brown, Ray Lamb of Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Seiler, Rita Loompy, Robbie Paton, Fr John Willis, Clare Crane, Bill Gleason, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Sewell, Ian Gallagher, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lucy Giggil, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McInnes, Joan Greenlee, Rosalynn Chan, all the members of the Parish who are ill.

14/8/2021 R: **NO MASS AT ST BRIGID'S**
15/8/2021 R: M & J Easley
C: M & P Perkins

Roster

Coming Events

- Sun 8 Good Shepherd Appeal & Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal
- Sun 8 Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross
- Sat 14 Ordination of Damien Locke at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral
- Sat 14 **No 5.00pm Mass at St Brigid's this weekend only**
- Sat 14 Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm
- Sun 15 Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sun 29 Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am with morning tea to follow
- Sun 29 Mass at Carcoona at 11.15am

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - Catechists Mass
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5.00pm - Quirindi
6.30pm - Werris Creek

Sunday:

8.00am - Willow Tree
9.30am - Quirindi

Carcoona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Clergy Education & Retired Clergy Collection have been combined into one collection which will be conducted this weekend **8th August 2021** to coincide with the conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please stipulate on the back of the envelope if you wish for your donation to go to one particular fund others it will be split 50/50. **Envelopes are still available at the back of the Church.**

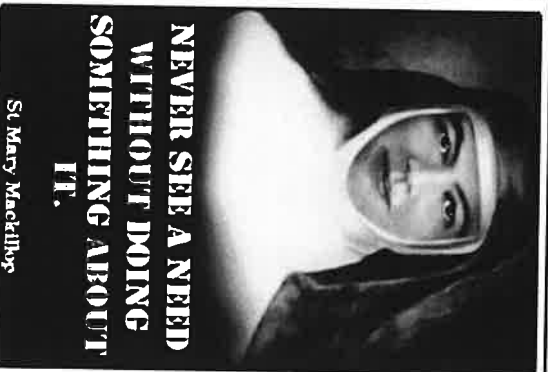
Invitation On-line Euthanasia Talks

You are invited to a series of online talks by theological and medical specialists on the topic over three Mondays in August, co-hosted by the Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta.
Session 1: Monday 2 August, 7.30pm. Fr David Ranson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will discuss euthanasia through the lens of theology, focusing particularly on a Christian perspective of suffering and death.
Session 2: Monday 9 August, 7.30pm. Insights shared from a panel of palliative care specialists. The doctors and health care workers will highlight how palliative care is both misunderstood and underfunded, and when used effectively, addresses many of the concerns of those who argue for assisted dying.
Session 3: Monday 16 August, 7.30pm. Monica Dournt, Director, Public Affairs and Engagement for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, will talk about the best ways to bring up the topic of euthanasia with friends and family.

For more information or to register please visit: <https://paracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks> or contact Emma Baker at emma.baker@bcb.catholic.org.au

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.



NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

St Mary Mackillop

Ordination of Deacon Damien Locke will take place next Saturday 14th August at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral at 10.00am.

There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 14th August at St Brigid's

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church capacity is one person per 4 square metre rule.
5. Facemasks are mandatory at all non-residential venue including churches and the public spaces.
6. No singing by the congregation at religious services is allowed.
7. Travel to the Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour and Upper Hunter may not enter these areas without a reasonable excuse.
8. People from the same household may sit together.
9. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and avoid gathering in large groups.
10. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.
11. If you would like a bulletin delivered please let Bern know and it will be arranged.

Planned Giving \$490.30+ \$50.00 = \$540.30

First Collection \$324.10

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.

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means 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 his 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 regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown in 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.**

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Breaking Open the Word



POVERTY AND TRUST

Two themes, 'poverty' and 'trust' leap out from the readings for St Mary MacKillop's feast day, both befitting Australia's first saint. Poverty in itself is a lack, a harsh suffering, even a death sentence for those like the widow of Zarephath mentioned in today's first reading, as well as many families that Mary MacKillop served in 19th century Australia. From another perspective, poverty can be embraced as a gospel path, as a way to draw close to the poor and to God who loves the poor.

This path refers not only to the vocations of people like Mary MacKillop, but to an attitude to life itself: the willingness to trust not in material possessions but in the steadfast love of God (Gospel), the decision to let go of personal security in order to reach out to others (second reading).

Mary MacKillop lived life on all these fronts. She knew the bitterness of material impoverishment, she embraced God's love for the poor, and she boldly trusted in God to use her life and gifts in the service of the gospel.

As she assured her family, and the sisters in her congregation, on many occasions, and often in the face of material impoverishment, 'God will take care of us all.'

Teresa Pirola

THE SAVING WORD

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP), VIRGIN / B

08 AUGUST 2021

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The jar of meal shall not be spent ...

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 sconce 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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63: 1-8. R. v. 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. / So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see you strength and your glory. **R.**

2. For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. / 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.**

3. 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; / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

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 in 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.**