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Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Year B August 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 2021

## **GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF US**

A “one hit wonder” from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, Don’t Worry, Be Happy. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology, and the world in general. A glance at today’s gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don’t worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God’s kingdom first and on following God’s will for justice in the world and then, don’t worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one’s hands into the air as the 1980’s song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God.

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today’s gospel is, “Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.” (1891). Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don’t worry, be happy?

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, but she is also truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn’t tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues today. A Saint for and of Australia!

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**Readings: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Luke 1:39-56

## READINGS FOR MARY OF THE CROSS

### First Reading

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.'

### Responsorial Psalm

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

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 your strength and your glory.

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.

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.

### Second Reading

Colossians 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 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!

### Gospel

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.

## Parish Diary

**Dependent on COVID Protocols**

### Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:00am St Joachim's

### Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

### Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am St Agnes'

### Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am St Joachim's

### Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm St Joachim's

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

### Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

### COLLECT

O God, source of all goodness, who have shown us in Saint Mary a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,

teach us, we pray, by her example to live the gospel in changing times and to respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land.

Through our Lord. Amen

### Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

# Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Des Hickey. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

### COUNTERS

There will be no counting this Monday.

### St Vincent De Paul Society

Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

*This meeting will be dependant on the lockdown being lifted and the restrictions being enforced.*



### ABUNDANCE YOUTH

As mentioned last week we have postponed the August Youth Mass to Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing you there! The visit from Deacon Peter Pellicaan from Evangelisation Brisbane which was scheduled for this Sunday will be rescheduled to a date to be advised.

Another exciting update on the horizon is the launch of the Encounter Kids primary youth group, being held at St Agnes School each Friday after School during term time. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to email me on [youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au)

Have a blessed week! Nick Kelly, Youth Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### POSITION VACANT – PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. The Pastoral Associate will be required to coordinate children and their families preparing for the Sacraments. The applicant will also be involved in Liturgy preparation, Adult Education and Pastoral Care of Parishioners. The applicant will require recent study and practice in the Sacraments of Initiation and Theological qualifications are essential.

The position is permanent part time 28 hours per week (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday)

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website

[https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/339967/pastoral-associate-sunnybank-parish.](https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/339967/pastoral-associate-sunnybank-parish)

Applications close: 20 August 2021

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

### WEEKEND MASSES LIVESTREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL

The 8:00am and 10:30am masses can be accessed by clicking on the following link.

[Live web cast - Archdiocese of Brisbane  
\(brisbanecatholic.org.au\)](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au)



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*... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.*

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.