

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Feast of St Mary of the Cross

8th August 2021



Trust in the Providence of God

Different themes like, 'poverty', 'trust' and 'worries' leap out from the readings for Mary MacKillop's feast day. It's all right for Jesus to say 'I'm telling you not to worry about your life'. It wasn't quite so straight forward for Mary MacKillop whose feast we celebrate today. She had plenty to worry about and she had a heap of anxieties which were very evident in many of her writings. She must have felt often like the woman from the Sidonian town whom we meet in the first reading from the book of Kings. She again is, as it were, crushed with worries and anxieties. 'I have no baked bread, only a handful of meal and I am gathering a stick or two and will prepare this for myself and my son to eat and then we shall die.' Mary MacKillop at times must have read that and known exactly what it felt like. And yet the extraordinary thing, and surely one of the greatest signs of her sanctity, was that none of this crushed her. In many ways it made her. In other words the wound became a fountain.

Paul says in his letter to the Colossians always be thankful. Mary MacKillop would have heard those words, read them and have pondered them, but she lived them. Beyond all the worries, beyond all the anxieties, she was, and remains, a woman who was and is unfailingly thankful.

Mary MacKillop has this most extraordinary trust in the providence of God. She was at the same time not one to wait around passively. She was an extraordinary doer. An extremely capable woman, but again, beyond all her capacities and energies, there blazes at the heart of Mary MacKillop this trust in the providence of God and a trust that never failed her. She may have been on the brink again and again and again, but mysteriously and marvelously Mary MacKillop never goes over. Her trust in providence, strange as it may seem to us and extremely risky as it may have been, never failed her and her sisters. It was that fact that grounded her gratitude. All her worries and anxieties, which should have destroyed her, and certainly destroyed her work, in fact had the opposite effect. That's why she stands forever as Mary of the Cross, the Cross of the Lord Jesus. There are many crosses but the only cross that has the opposite effect, it creates the human being, is the cross of Christ. And she never forgot it but always embraced it with trust and love.

May the Lord increase our 'trust' in the providence of God through the powerful intercession of St. Mary MacKillop. Happy Feast to all.

Fr Baby

Lectio Divina—resuming Thursday 12th August

Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer invite you to join them for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) every Thursday at 5pm to look at the Gospel for the following Sunday. This is delivered via Zoom so it is a perfect opportunity for you to participate while we are still in lockdown. If you would like to participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page for more information or email the Parish Office for details of how to access the meeting. NOTE: Lectio Divina was not held this past Thursday 5th August due to the Rosary being said via Zoom at the same time.

Parish Online Rosary in Preparation for the Assumption of Mary

From 1st August, we will be saying the Rosary every day at 5pm in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Please see the Parish Facebook page or email the Parish Office for details of how to access the meeting.

LIVE STREAM: Sunday Mass 9am

We will be live streaming our 9am Mass this Sun 8th August. You will find the link at our Facebook page: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish. We have included our Readings on the last page of this Bulletin so that you can follow along while you watch our Mass (or another online Mass or Mass on TV).



CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Confirmation in our Parish is scheduled for 18th September. We are currently taking online bookings and the preparation classes will be held via Zoom this year so that we can proceed regardless of COVID restrictions. Enrolments close next Wed 11th Aug, and classes commence Mon 16th Aug. If you know a Baptised child in Yr 3 (or above) who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please visit our website for more information and to access the online booking form: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley/sacraments/confirmation>

Are you interested in becoming a Catechist?

We are always on the lookout for new Catechists in our Parish to either lead a class or be a helper for one of our current Catechists to teach Catholic SRE in our local Public Schools. Full training and support is provided. The only requirement is that you have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). If you've ever considered this Ministry, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

If you, or someone you know is finding it hard to put food on the table please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families. Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.



Olympics—time to celebrate!

With COVID keeping us at home, we are so fortunate to have the Olympics until 8th Aug to entertain us and keep our spirits up. We wish the athletes well and pray they are kept safe during their time in Tokyo and travelling home. Go Aussies! The Paralympics will begin on 24th Aug.

Homelessness Week

This week is Homelessness Week and is a good opportunity to revisit the importance of CatholicCare's homelessness and housing supports across the Diocese. If you, or someone you might know is affected by homelessness or needs housing support, please contact CatholicCare on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au



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Today we celebrate the **Feast of St Mary of the Cross**, Australia's first Saint.

As our lockdown continues, let us pray to St Mary of the Cross to help us be patient, kind and compassionate during these trying times. Please keep each other in your prayers, and remember to stay home and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Prayer for People Affected by Covid-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Latest Update: 28th July 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions for the Greater Sydney area, including the Central Coast, **our churches and all Parish buildings are currently closed.** This remains in place until and including Fri 27th August.

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to call us on 4396 4455 or email us any time at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. If you need to drop something off, please use the small slot next to the Parish office door. Alicia is currently working from home some days so please be patient with responses to phone messages. Email is preferred. In an emergency, please call one of the priests on their mobile (see front page of this Bulletin).

Planned Giving during Lockdown

Option 1: Switch to credit card—The invitation to switch/begin regular credit card giving remains available. The form is available on the Parish website. Please print & complete the form, then return it to the office by email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Option 2: Donate directly to the Parish Bank Account—if you are able to, please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account. Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish, BSB 062 784, Acc # 100001614, Ref # Your surname (and envelope number if you have one). Thank you in advance for your support. (Please note, our bank account number has recently changed).

CWF Tax Receipts for 2020-21 are available in the office

Email the Parish office to request your receipt by email.

One Heart, Many Voices Conference 2021

Date: Wed 1st to Fri 3rd Sept. For further information relating to individual registration visit www.mohmv.com.au P. 1800 257 296
E. mohmvconferenceteam@catholicmission.org.au

Week 10 Safeguarding Message: It is important to always look for ways to improve and make things safer for children and young people and provide feedback to the Clergy of the Parish and Ministry Leaders.



In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.



Recently Deceased
Michael Rivett, Malia Veatupu,
Shirley Chapman, Muriel
Metcalf, Valma Holstein

Anniversaries

Stephen Cappa, John Zerafa, Frank Ristuccia, Lydia Cure

Remembrances

Eileen Thorpe, Rafael S. Reyes, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Jehezkiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Notices in this section appear as follows:

Recently Deceased—3 weeks, Anniversaries—3 weeks,

Remembrances—3 weeks, Sick—6 weeks.

Funerals & Baptisms—1 week. Please contact the Parish Office to place/renew your notice.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for 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.



August Birthdays

Sr Jennifer Canillas (6th Aug)
Jake Elias (6th Aug)



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Bulletin notices—Wednesday deadline

Please ensure that any requests for Bulletin notices are supplied to the Parish Office by mid-day Wednesday. This is to allow time for the Bulletin to be prepared and printed. Thank you.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium

A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258

PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258.

Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



Volunteer Angels

Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555

The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

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 ahead 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 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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:1-8

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

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. R.

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. R.

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.

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.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 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

Matthew 6:25-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

Jesus said to his disciples:
That is why 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 into 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 on 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday - The Assumption of the Blessed Mary Virgin

First Reading - Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel - Luke 1:39-56

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