

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

	<p>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August</p> <p>The Church</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop</p> <p>My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,</p> <p>These past five weeks or so, have triggered unending questions from various corners of the community. Some enquiries are helpful, as they raise awareness around the neighbourhood, they highlight what might be of assistance to others as we navigate new spaces and evolving relationships.</p> <p><i>(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)</i></p>	
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First Reading 1 Kg 17:8-16	Responsorial Psalm Ps 63:1-8. R.v.8	Second Reading Col 3:12-17	Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55	Gospel Mt 6:25-34
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Sunday 8th August — Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

<p>Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop</p> <p>Who is a saint? Are saints relevant? Do we need saints? Why bother about saints?</p> <p>This weekend, on Sunday, August 8, the Australian church will honour the person of Mary MacKillop. This feast recognizes her as someone who acknowledged God as the greatest love in her life and who lived this out through every part of her being. Like many saints formally recognized by the church, she aimed to be and to do this through the difficult times as well as the good times. This feast is meant to enliven the spirit of our souls by reminding us that God is the source of all love and wants to embrace us completely.</p> <p>She is a great example for us on which to model our lives in our journey to fullness of life with Jesus (Jn 10:10). Mary is Australia's first saint. A number of possible dates were submitted to Rome to determine what date her feast would be celebrated on and August 8 was chosen. It was on this day she entered the fulness of life, at the Motherhouse, North Sydney, August 8, 1909.</p> <p>The need to be inspired seems to last all our lives in one way or another. Sometimes we look beyond our faith to find inspiration (football, cinema heroes, Olympic champions, The Voice)</p> <p>I first learned of Mary MacKillop when my Year 6 teacher read us a story of her life. I could see my teacher was 'hooked' on Mary MacKillop's story and absorbed the passion of her life's work. Years later, I was drawn to express my relationship with God through becoming a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. I had been enticed by Mary's love for the poor and of her spirit of service for those</p>		<p>in need, her vision of life, her strength to act on her convictions, her ability to see the big picture.</p> <p>Mary Helen MacKillop - religious leader, co-founder (with Father Julian Tenison-Woods) of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, social reform/welfare, educator (focus on the rural poor) of Scottish decent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - born January 15, 1842 in Melbourne (then to NSW) - died August 8, 1909 Motherhouse, North Sydney - was canonized October 17, 2010 in Rome - best known for her work wherever the need was - respected people from all classes in society. <p>In 2010, at the time of the Canonization, our Congregational Leader, Sister Anne Derwin, said:</p> <p><i>"we realise since her canonization in October 2010, many Australians have come to admire and appreciate her strong dedication to people in society, especially the most vulnerable, that they have a fair deal, that children receive education and love, and that every person is recognised and valued. We are all delighted and hope that Mary's values of generosity, inclusion, kindness, commitment and reliance on God's Providence and Goodness, become the hallmarks of our country."</i></p> <p>Sister Katherine Tyrrell rsj Parent Liaison/Pastoral Care/Choir Director OLOR Primary School—WAITARA</p> <p>For more on Mary MacKillop (information, Mass, museum visits, tomb visits, café, pilgrimages etc), please see the website https://www.sosj.org.au</p>	
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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.

COVID Update Our Church buildings are closed but our livestreaming service is still available from our Cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9.30AM as well as weekdays at 7AM.

PRO-COVID News:

Telehealth services, which would have otherwise taken about three years to implement (some research says a decade) have been fast tracked due to COVID-19 and can now provide us with the ability to receive medical health consultations via the internet.

Fairtrade Fortnight – 6-19 August 2021

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual celebration of people, including farmers and families, who are working to make the world fairer. It's a great time to reflect on the power of our choices to create a better future for the planet and its people. Your dollar is your vote!

Why not learn more at: www.fairtradeanz.org/products

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Announced by Bishop Anthony Randazzo last month, the CWF is rebranding to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.



We are delighted to announce Pastoral Works Broken Bay will shortly be launched for Parish communities.

Thank you for your support in this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Saint Mary MacKillop Prayer

Creator God,

Today is your gift and your challenge.

Open our hearts to the needs of others;

Help us use today to make a difference to them and to our world.

Jesus, Word of God, model of what it is to be human.

May the words we speak bring understanding, peace and reconciliation.

Spirit of God, source of freedom and joy.

Shape our lives as you shaped the life of Mary MacKillop:

Guido us to be, like her, your compassion and mercy.

St Joseph—Guide Us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—Pray for us

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

We remember those who died recently –

Edociana Fernandes • Patrick Rock • Sister Sylvia Markulin (Sisters of St Joseph) • Graciela Rojas • Jan Theunissen • Vincenzia Randazzo

Anniversaries – Sr Phil Tiernan • Manoj Koshy

We pray for the sick — John Bolster • Lisa Hogarth • Megan Sarich

Tokyo Olympics Congratulations!

Congratulations to:



- Elizabeth Clay (ex OLOR Student) who competed in the 100m hurdles, coming third in the semi-final.
- Thomas Neill (ex-parishioner and grandson of Jan & Peter Williamson) who competed in the 1500 and 200 freestyle swimming and winning a bronze medal in the 4x200.

You make our country proud! Blessings to you and your families.

Marking Homelessness Week 2021—Supports for people across our Diocese experiencing Homelessness

This week is Homelessness Week and is a good opportunity to revisit the importance of CatholicCare's homelessness and housing supports across the Diocese.

Finding yourself homeless ranks as one of the most challenging things that could happen in life. CatholicCare's specialist housing programs help people at risk of becoming homeless to stay securely housed, and those who are homeless to find and keep a home. They offer a range of services including:

- Supported Temporary Accommodation program
- Mary Mac's Place
- Domestic Violence Response Enhancement
- Women's refuge for those escaping domestic violence
- Specific supports for young parents
- Outreach to street sleepers
- Support for people in financial crisis via the Emergency Relief program.

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

Catechist Corner

ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING AT THE MOMENT?

K-12 encounter Jesus. Faith formation, not just information about religion. READY TO MAKE TIME FOR GOD?

There are [Special Religious Education Home Learning Resources](#) now made available for **all children in all schools**.

K-12: <https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

Dear Parishioners, some of the Catechists came together to catch up over Zoom. We wish you peace. Know you and your families are in our prayers. *All welcome to join us for a catch up on Thurs, 5 Aug at 12.30pm* <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/91815267415?pwd=ejZ6SkpKWdDdCQkErdW9PNTk3dUkydz09>

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.