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8 August 2021 – St Mary of the Cross

Parish Mass Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment

Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am or by request
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am
Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10am Parish Hall

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick —9am

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



**St Mary of Cross
(MacKillop)**

Dear Parishioners,

Two themes, ‘poverty’ and ‘trust’ leap out from the readings for 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 Zaraphath (first reading), as well as many families 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 to 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. *“If you seek first the kingdom of God all other things will be given you.” Matthew 6:33 Gospel*

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Got Questions? It's Not Too Late!

Feeling disconnected with this current lockdown? Come and join us.... You can still register for Alpha if you missed the start on Tuesday 27 July. If you would like to join, please go to the parish website at www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives or scan this QR Code to register. You will receive a confirmation email with login details and the first week's video - the series is **FREE!!!** We hope to see you.



PARISH OFFICE WORKING FROM HOME

The Parish office staff will be working from home during the lock down period. If you have any queries during this time, please email:

Michelle at office@corpuschristi.com.au

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Gerri at sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au and

Jen at Jennifer.Perrott@bbcatholic.org.au.

Alternatively call the office phone number 9144 6998 the number will be redirected.

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.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Colleen Bosci; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

FEAST DAYS— AUGUST

Sunday 8th, St Mary of the Cross, virgin
Tuesday 10th, St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Wednesday 11th, St Clare, virgin
Saturday 14th, St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Entry is now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

Entrants are asked to write on the theme **Inclusivity**, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

Entries close at midnight AEST on Sunday 22 August, 2021.

For further information and to download the entry form and guidelines, visit <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>

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**Last Days to Register
Begins Monday**

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

Monday, 9 August 2021
7:30-9:00pm
Online on Zoom

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To register go to:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives

Weekly study guide will be sent on email



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REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH AND PRIESTS

THANK YOU AND REQUEST TO USE ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS IN THE FUTURE – IF POSSIBLE

Dear fellow Parishioners,

Fr Greg and the Finance Committee thank all Parishioners for their ongoing support of our Parish and Priests. It is encouraging to see that many of our Parishioners have opted to make their contributions by way of an electronic transfer. The Finance Committee would really appreciate it if those Parishioners who are not currently contributing or contributing by way of the Planned Giving Envelopes would consider contributing by way of an electronic transfer.

- As a result of changes brought about by COVID-19, we are asking that, where possible, all contributions to our Parish and Priests are made via an electronic funds transfer facility.

With the current closure of our Church, the needs of the Parish and the broader community continue. With COVID-19 not going away, the drain on our resources is even greater.

During this lockdown and the uncertainty of life after we start to open up again, we are asking you to consider ways in which you may help the Parish achieve a more consistent income (cash flow) to enable the Parish to continue providing income for our Priests and the ongoing Pastoral and Administrative Services for our Parish Community.

The “Tap N Go” system introduced last year after the Church was opened up after the initial lockdown in 2020, has certainly been successful in maintaining our income as demonstrated in the recent Financial Report. For that we are most grateful to those who have contributed using this method.

Unfortunately, the “Tap N Go” does not work if the Church is not open and people are not going to Mass.

Our request last year to Parishioners involved in the Envelope Planned Giving program was well received and resulted in many converting to electronic transfer instead of the old Envelope system. Once again this has helped maintain income and has been very much appreciated.

We encourage our Parishioners to convert to the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form of contribution in the two areas of support, one for the Parish needs and one for our Priests.

Here are the bank account details:

For our Priests (also known as the First collection during Mass).

Bank:	ANZ, St Ives
Account name:	Discalced Carmelites
BSB number:	012403
Account number:	300503777

For the Parish Pastoral and Administrative needs (also known as the Second collection).

Bank:	Commonwealth, St Ives
Account name:	St Ives Catholic Parish
BSB:	062784
Account number:	100001798

- If making a payment by EFT, to help the Parish office please **include your name** in the reference/message section of your transaction.
- If you would like to contribute by way of a credit card please call the Parish office on **9144 6998** to arrange this.

In anticipation of your support, we thank you for your consideration and generosity in regard to this matter.

Kind regards

Claude Jugmans

Chairman

Parish Finance Committee



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.

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The Word

Sunday 8 August 2021: St Mary of the Cross

First Reading

From the first book of Kings 1 Kgs 17:7-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(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. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.