

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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## SUNDAY – 8th August, 2021 Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

### **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

More info & updates available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>  
Also, on diocese website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>

### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Maree Wilson, Don Bartlett

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bob Reid, Leslie Greeves, Ted Fay, Agnes McLean,  
Kit Boyd, Marie McAloon,  
Tom Thacker, Shelia Broadbent, Pat Liston, Phonse  
O'Loughlan, Mick Larkens,  
Cliff Bunn, Fr Brendan Davey, Marcus Davidson,  
Bernie Barker, Agnes Cuthbertson,  
Barry Walker, John Fitzpatrick, Lynette Francis, Har-  
old Miller, Margaret Ahearn  
& Mavis Vinnecombe.

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby,  
Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan,  
Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Charlie Read  
& and all those in need of prayer.

### **ROSTERS**

#### ***Introduction & Readings***

August 15: Bernadette Franc

#### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

August 15: Charlie Franc

#### ***Assembly Leader***

August 15: Anne Beer & Sue Mahony

#### ***Special Minister***

August 15: Gail Hall

#### ***Music***

August 15: Clarita Clancy

#### ***Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers***

Aug 15 & 22: Therese Jess & Bernadette Franc

#### ***Church Grounds***

Aug 15 & 22: John Jess & Bill Franc

#### ***Newsletter***

August: Bernadette Franc 0427 678 83. 0

**Annual Giving** – For anyone who would like to make their annual / quarterly contributions (ie the old Planned Giving system) our bank details are as follows:-

Bendigo Bank

Account name: Beaufort Catholic Community

BSB: 633 000 Acc no: 122019771

### **Annual Appeal for Our Retired and Sick Priests:**

Please note that there are envelopes available at church to contribute to this appeal

**Charlie Read** is making pleasing progress. Thank you for your prayers.

### **Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Today we remember and honour our first saint Mary MacKillop. As we face our own challenges, we can learn from her responses to the tough situations she experienced in 19<sup>th</sup> century Australia. She grew as a person by understanding and accepting her own personal strengths and weaknesses and placing her trust in God.

**MASS TIMES** – for next week

**August 15th: 10.00 a m LLA**

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 that 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



# THE SAVING WORD

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

08 AUGUST 2021



**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**

**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 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 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.

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