

**Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake**



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**Saint Mary of the Cross
(Mary Mackillop), Virgin
Year B
8 August 2021**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

St Pats will be completely closed during the entire lock down period.

There will be NO WEEKEDAY AND NO WEEKEND MASSES during the lockdown period. A General Dispensation is granted from attending Sunday Mass. Fr Tom remains contactable on 9743 1017.

LINK TO MASSES ONLINE:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

**St MARY OF THE CROSS MacKILLOP
(1842-1909)
Sunday 8 August**

This Sunday, 8 August, marks the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842-1909), Australia's first official saint. A remarkable woman of Faith, Strength and Determination to do good works for others and empower individuals wherever she went. Mary lived a life helping the poor, sick and needy. We can learn from her example of Faith in Action. As St Mary wrote in March 1900 to her Sisters:

"If choice be given, seek the most neglected places to which He calls us. Let us never forget that, in the spirit of our Rule, it is to those we should desire to go.... Let us be true to the beautiful spirit of our Institute.... Let St Joseph's true children remember their mission and seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard." St Mary MacKillop – 1900.

Although we are physically apart, may we take this time to grow in our Faith and see our Faith as a power that unites and strengthens us, as it strengthened St Mary MacKillop in her times of struggle and questioning. **Fr Tom**

PRAYER TO SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

EVER-GENEROUS GOD,
YOU INSPIRED ST MARY MACKILLOP TO LIVE
HER LIFE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST
AND CONSTANT IN BRINGING HOPE
AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO WERE
DISHEARTENED, LONELY, OR NEEDY.
WE ASK THAT OUR FAITH AND HOPE BE FIRED
AFRESH BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT WE TOO,
LIKE MARY MACKILLOP, MAY LIVE WITH
COURAGE, TRUST, AND OPENNESS.
EVER-GENEROUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.



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FIRST READING

A 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)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

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

A 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.

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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 - continued

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

GOSPEL

A reading 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Jesus talks about the importance of the simple things in life, bread is one of these simple things that we all need. Let us listen to Fr Tom as he reads today's Gospel. <https://youtu.be/aZfDy3mP-p0>

Jesus says he is "the bread of life". Just like the favourite bread's that we break and share as a family what makes it special is often the people, we share it with. When we can get back to gathering as a Parish Family, we will share the Eucharist in Mass together.

Today is also the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. The great thing about the Saints is that at the centre of their lives their focus was not about themselves, but on Jesus. So, everything Mary MacKillop did, teaching children and ensuring that young women were helped to find their way in life. **Mary's inspiring words were:**
Never see a need without doing something about it.

Activities to do at home:

- Organise a special meal.
- How many St Mary of the Cross MacKillop saying can you find?

Animated Story: <https://youtu.be/8zZulC0Sbbc>

I am the bread of life song

<https://youtu.be/xdRDgaOgJIA>

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

DURING THIS COVID LOCK DOWN PERIOD THE OFFICE WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON FRIDAYS. It is important that we keep Brenda COVID safe, we ask that Brenda be contacted by either email or phone on Fridays rather than dropping into the office to speak with her in person. **Thank you.**

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Cleary; Giuseppe Alvaro; Francesco Giacomobono; Judith Brogden; Des Bolster; Mike Bailey; Baby Carter; Mark Camillo; Jan Rostirolla; Margaret Coulson; Judy Deehan; Maria Louisa de Angelis; Mary Doran; Nick Munsie; Mary Doran; Mila Terkes; Santina Russo Maria Secchiaroli; Thomas O'Sullivan; Patricia Patton; Turkan Demir; Lilly Schmitt; Sr Julianna Dwyer; Louis Petrin; Grace Palumbo; Helen Fogarty; Concetta Portinari; Sandra Riley; Trevor Lee; Barry Clark; Marie Lawson; John McEvoy; Michael Cramsie; Sr Loretta Maher RSM; Sr Hazel Baker RSM; St Janet Quade RSM.

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Di Pasquahtonio (2nd anniv); Barry Henry Peterson (1st anniv); Giuseppe De Meio (42nd anniv); Elizabeth Johansen (20th anniv); Michele Vezza (1st anniv); Peter Burnicle (1st anniv); Angelo Piccin (13th anniv); Marilena Valtellini; Maura Ruzic; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1st anniv); Lam O'Young (1st anniv); Santina Russo; Romualo Dalla Camina (5th anniv); Alexis Goh (16th anniv); Walter Goh (18th anniv); Leonardo Proia 10th anniv); Genserico & Maria Cocciolone; Patricia Cattle (11th anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Nikko; Gina Cocco; Steven; Patsy; Lillo Prevedello; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Eileen Nicoll; Maria Rosa De Angelis; Carmel; Fr Michael Walsh; Gregorio Gutierrez; Sergio Reginato; Cristina Libro; Kevin Walker; Marcus Lorenzito; Giuseppina Romanogli; Jon Kramar; Caterina Cardillo; Desire Peters; Nicholas Jackson; Elizabeth Jackson; Jim Allen; Jean; Antonio Prevedello; Elizabeth Leacy; Jill; Edward Azjan. **To have your petition included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718**

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

During this lockdown period you can continue your support of our parish by giving direct via EFT.

Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 100 000 520

Account Name: Mortlake Parish

Reference: Your name or PG number

Or you can drop your envelope into the yellow (locked) letterbox at the presbytery (35 Gale St).

Should you wish to transfer your regular contribution via direct debit/credit card please email parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au and a form will be sent to you, it can be returned via email or dropped into the yellow (locked) presbytery letter box (35 Gale St).

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support.
Peace & Joy**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Tuesday: St Lawrence
Wednesday: St Clare
Thursday: St Jane Frances de Chantal
Friday: Sts Pontian & Hippolytus
Saturday: St Maximillian Mary Kolbe

FEEDING OUR FAITH

ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST PATRICK'S ARE GIVEN A GENERAL DISPENSATION DURING THIS PERIOD.

We are encouraged to continue to see Sundays as a special period and take time out as a family or as individuals to either view Masses online or seek some spiritual nourishment through various resources available through the Sydney Archdiocese website links provided below.

LINK TO MASSES ONLINE:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

LINK TO ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

GOSPEL REFLECTION EVENINGS ON ZOOM

Weekly sessions of listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. **ZOOM REFLECTIVE SESSIONS ARE ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7-8.15PM.**

You can join any time: Session notes will be emailed to you each week the day before the session time, with clear directions on joining the Zoom group. If you're interested in joining these parish-based prayer and meditation sessions, please contact Susan Neylan at smneylan@gmail.com or 0400 195 350.