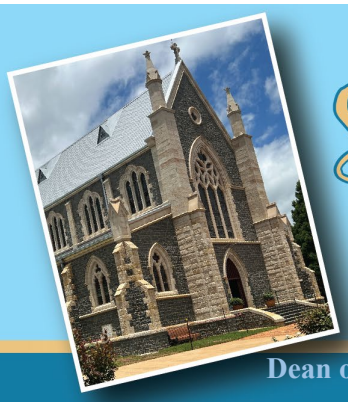

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We Acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal Peoples

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 August 2026

First reading: Kings 19:9,11-13 Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.
Alleluia, Alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 Command me to come to you over the water.

The Grace of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (as compiled by Meryl Tracey)

The 8th August is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She is the first canonised Australian Saint. In writing to Church officials in Rome, Mary called herself "an Australian" long before the colonies federated. Mary was canonised in 2010 by Pope Benedict xvi. She, together with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866. Mary died in 1909 and is buried in the Memorial Chapel of the Sisters at Mount St, North Sydney. This Chapel has become a popular site of pilgrimage. Three Popes – Paul vi, John Paul ii, and Benedict xvi, have prayed at her Tomb.

Australians see in her something of the "Aussie battler" – someone who endured hardships yet sustained hope even in the apparent hopelessness of situations. She was truly "of the Cross". Through a misunderstanding, Mary was even excommunicated for a time. A deep love and trust in God sustained her. This 'true-blue' saint is one of our own. At the time of Mary's Beatification, Pope John Paul II stated: "Mary MacKillop embodies all that is best in your nation and its people – genuine openness to others, hospitality to strangers, generosity to the needy, justice to those unfairly treated, perseverance in face of adversity and kindness and support to the suffering."
In reflecting on qualities and aspects of Mary MacKillop's life, we are drawn by her enduring trust in God, by her composure and freedom in following God's will in all the challenges she faced, and her charity. She is someone we can relate to, be inspired by and call upon, especially when life gets tough. "Remember we are but travelers here" and "Trust in God", are two of her messages written on her Tomb. She advised her Sisters (and perhaps she says to us, too) to "Lean more on God and less on yourself."

You are offered a handout with this bulletin. It is but a meagre account of the big life of such an extraordinary person. If it has whetted your appetite to know her more, many books have been written over the years and enquiry can be made from www.paulinebooks.com.au Ph: (02) 9264 8630. Some outstanding works are: *Mary MacKillop – An Extraordinary Australian* by Paul Gardiner s.j ; *Mary MacKillop – A Spiritual Model for Australasia* by E.J. Cuskelly m.s.c ; *Mary MacKillop – A Window of Hope* by Sr Monica Cavanagh r.s.j.

Please take your copy of Mary MacKillop's life and message from the tables today.

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Kevin Nolan, Dan Gleeson, Pamela Gordon, Carol Hills, Ian Manteit.
✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Joan Hannant, Eric Pingel, Maureen Williams, Joe Dawidowicz, Kate Dorge, Josphine Rice.
✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Bernie Reis, Anette Schaefer, Kate Gibbs, Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Austin Amalemba, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, John Gurney.

Welcome to Father Praveen Varkey, who has joined the Toowoomba Diocese from Kerala, India. Fr. Praveen was ordained on the 12th January 2015. I'm sure you will make him welcome! At this stage he is unable to celebrate Mass until he receives his Blue Card which hopefully will arrive by the end of August. May you find the Spirit alive throughout the Diocese! Fr Praveen will remain at the Cathedral for the time being until all his preparation is complete.

August addition of the Catholic Leader is now available on all tables.

St Patrick's Floral Display 2026 19th – 22nd September Volunteers needed – It's that time of year again where we call on our community to volunteer with our display. Some of the jobs will include -preparing vases & pots ready for the flowers, moving equipment (some heavy lifting), helping prepare flowers for the florists, some light cleaning, changing water in vases throughout the display & helping clean and pack up after the display finishes. There will be a signup sheet placed in the cathedral from next week. So, if you would like to help please pop your name down and we will be in touch with you once the roster has been created. Any help you are able to give is welcomed.

CHANGE TO LITURGICAL PRACTICE – To ensure the smooth and efficient distribution of Holy Communion, the Liturgy Committee has decided to trial the practice of administering to those seated in the front seat at the completion of the main body of the church having received communion. The priest will distribute communion to the parishioners in that seat and the extraordinary minister will offer the chalice. We will trial this procedure from the weekend of the 16/08.

VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Friday, 14th August at 5.30pm. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell. 7am Saturday morning will be as usual to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation.

With enormous gratitude we received the donation of a new light, designed and constructed by Alan Doulin (from Ars Cantorum Choir). Hearing that we had a quote for $2,000 for this, Alan volunteered his electrical and woodworking skills. The organists are delighted with this 1-metre-long illumination and pleased to be rid of the mess of lamps and leads! Perfect timing for the 'Let Your Light Shine' theme of St Pat's Floral Display. ***Pam Duane, Pastoral Associate - Music***

NEW DOORS ARRIVING SOON! You may like to avoid the Cathedral (other than Mass of course) on the 17th and 18th August as the doorway is prepared to receive the new door. This requires an amount of drilling into the stonework, so it will be noisy work. It is hoped that the first of the new doors will be installed on the 25th August.

Sunday 9 August **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 10 August **St Lawrence**	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM **Fr Patrick Kelly**	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 11 August **St Clare**	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 12 August	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	*Fr. Hal Ranger's Birthday* 5pm Grounds Committee Meeting in Parish Staffroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 13 August	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 14 August **St Maximillian Mary Kolbe**	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre **5.30pm Vigil** for the Assumption [Bishop Ken presiding] 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 15 August **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism of Elijah & Izaac Keel & Khailan Young 1pm Wedding of Brennan Crosby & Maria Birchley 2.30pm Wedding of Joseph O'Kelly & Lucie Leclerc
Sunday 16 August **20th Sunday in Ord. Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	11am Baptism of Penelope Jayne Hawthorn 12pm Baptism of Tiffany Elena Manangan 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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