

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS [Year B]

Sunday 8th August, 2021

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16 The jar of meal shall not be spent.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 Bear with one another, forgive each other.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who has followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34 Do not worry about your life.

AN EXTRAORDINARY AUSTRALIAN – St Mary of the Cross McKillop

Across Australia this weekend Catholic and non Catholic Christians (and many other people) will be thanking God for the gift to our nation of Mary McKillop. We'll be invited to learn and embrace again important lessons for our lives, remembering the 67 years of her life; we'll open our hearts to embrace God's action in our lives in the way she did; we'll pray for all the Sisters of St Joseph past present and future; we'll rejoice and be better people through remembering her.

Mary McKillop was born in Melbourne on January 15th 1842: She died in Sydney as Mother Mary of the Cross on August 8th 1909. "On that day Sydney already knew that it had lost not only a noted personage but a very holy one" (quoting Fr Paul Gardiner S.J, Mary's authorised biographer).

There was such a crowd at her funeral that the church could not hold them all. When she had been laid to rest at Gore Hill, people provided themselves with samples of earth from the grave, just as they had previously been touching her body with various objects of devotion. This was all the more remarkable because it has never been a tradition in Australia that there are saints around. The cautious character of the people makes them slow to raise the cry "Saint!" or "Miracle!" As time went on, however, it became clear that the unusual display of enthusiasm at the time of Mary's death was a sign that there had indeed been a saint in the land.

She was baptised on February 28th in St Francis' Church, Melbourne and named Maria Ellen and lived with her parents in a cottage in Fitzroy. But just three months later insecurity became the norm! There was a wonderful faithful love within her family always – Alexander and Flora as parents, and following Mary another seven children – but there was constant movement from place to place, including a short stint in Sydney, and there was a constant battle to make ends meet, constant moving to a "new" home, some tragic deaths including her beloved Grandfather and her little brother Alexander (11 months) (before Mary was five years old), and the ongoing frequent absences and unsettled life style of Alexander.

In a word Mary McKillop experienced many of the tragic real struggles of life as she was growing up but was sustained by the power of the love through it all. Mysteriously, and often painfully, God was preparing her for a life of heroic loving and service in the face of adversity through all her 67 years. She was treated shockingly by some bishops and priests, saddled with physical, mental and emotional sufferings almost daily.

But the overall inspiring picture that emerged is of an energetic, forthright battler who would go through anything to serve those who were poor and broken and educate their children.

Thank God for St Mary of the Cross McKillop!

May she continue to inspire and pray for all of us.

Hal Ranger



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John McCormack, Shirley McConville, Paul Kinna and those who have died from Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kev O'Shea, Joe Dawidowicz, Fr Mark Cosgrove [1947], Fr John Ryan [2001], Fr Patrick Kelly [1986].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Jenny Werth, Regina Albion, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

RECONCILIATION TO RESUME: From Saturday, 31st July, the 1st Rite of Reconciliation will again be available at St Patrick's. This will be at the new time of **8.00am – 9.00am** on Saturday mornings. However in order to continue this practice you must sanitise your hands and check in using the Queensland Check in App. Should you not be able to do this you **MUST** leave your details on the sheet provided so that it can be entered later. If there is an obvious failure in these areas, regular reconciliation times will cease. Please keep in mind that these requirements are for the safety of all, and using the Queensland Check in app maintains confidentiality when attending reconciliation. Thank you for your cooperation, Fr. Michael.

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH: As you would be aware this year is dedicated to the life of St Joseph and his important place in the life of Jesus. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and adoration at St. Patrick's. The day will begin with 7.00am Mass using the Votive Mass for St. Joseph. This is followed by each hour beginning with a reflection and prayers for St. Joseph, finishing at 1.00pm. Adoration will occur throughout. Come for whatever amount of time you are able to commit to. Please put the 16th October in your calendar now to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph.

Fr. Tom's Final Mass will be on Sunday, 29th August at 9.00am. This will be followed by a farewell morning tea. We will have the opportunity to wish him well in his new appointment as Parish Priest in Roma.

Morning Teas will resume at St. Patrick's! Each fortnight after Fr. Tom's farewell it is hoped we will have a morning tea after each 9.00am Mass. The first on the 12th September will incorporate the St Saviour's Primary School children singing and children's liturgy will be available, so please put this into your diary NOW! Morning teas are not just social events, but an opportunity to connect with people in the parish. These morning teas will be hosted by the Parish Council, so there is also an opportunity to share ideas, thoughts, suggestions and to identify things that are going well. See you there!

St Patrick's Choir are looking for new members. Come to practice on Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7pm, (access choir through back door of church from Lawrence St carpark) or phone Vicky 0428 781 209.

ST PATRICK AND ST SAVIOUR'S RACE DAY: Please give this consideration! It contributes to our funds each two years. The event is on the 30th October at Clifford Park beginning at 4pm with entertainment, dinner and auctions. Tickets now available from St. Saviour's School Office or via direct debit. See St Patrick's website for more details. Ticket prices: \$85 single, \$160 double.

St Saviour's College, Toowoomba, Catholic Day and Boarding School for Girls in Years 7-12
Principal's Breakfast, Thursday 19 August, 7am. For families with Year 9 and 10 female students looking for senior schooling options. Free registration essential at www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au.
Enquiries: welcomestsav@twb.catholic.edu.au

Sunday 8 August	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Cara & Kohen Roberts 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 9 August	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tues 10 August <small>Saint Lawrence</small>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wed 11 August <small>Saint Clare</small>	7am Mass SPC	
Thurs 12 August	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 13 August	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	Fr Michael away on holidays until 23 rd August. 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Sat 14 August	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Olivia Lillian Moran
Sunday 15 August	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Harper Rose Acquisto 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1461; Loose:\$673; Paypoint:\$620. Pat Power, Leo McMahan, Eileen Stephen Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		