

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP) - YEAR B

FIRST READING – 1 Kings: 17: 8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

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

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 your strength and your glory. R.

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.

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 – Colossians 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

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.

■ 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 – Matthew 6: 25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one singe 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

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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7th & 8th August 2021

PARISH CENTRE
120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park Vic 3976
Tel: 9799 2108
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST : Rev. Fr. Desmond Moloney
ASSISTANT PRIEST : Rev. Fr. Anil Mascarenhas
DEACON : Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender
PARISH SECRETARY : Mrs. Indrani Guinan
PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE CO-ORDINATOR:
Ms. Alexandra Safrin

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
ST. KEVIN'S: Jason Micallef – 9709 8600
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES :
Christine White – 8773 6700

Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>

‘Support us’ page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

(USUAL) SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses: 5.00 pm & 7.00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

(USUAL) WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday & Tuesday: 9:15am

Wednesday: 7:00pm (followed by Novena to OLPH)

Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9.15am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

On Saturday mornings after the 9.15 Mass until 10:30 am.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 9799 2108 or email HamptonPark@cam.org.au

WEDDINGS

Please give at least 6 months notification prior to a wedding at our Church. If an annulment is involved, we will require at least a year's notice for the annulment process to take place.

**God is never nearer to us than when
danger threatens**
(*Mary MacKillop 1880*)

Lockdown 6!

The latest Guidelines from the Archdiocese

There will be no public Masses, other sacraments or gatherings for prayer held in the church during the current lockdown period.

Mass for this Sunday will be live-streamed on Saturday, 7th August, at 5.00pm, and will be accessible on the parish website thereafter.

Mass will be live-streamed on Tuesday, 10th August, at 7.00pm. Mass followed by Novena on Wednesday, 11th August will be livestreamed from 7.00 pm.

Mass on Friday, 13th August will also be livestreamed at 7.00 pm.

Harriet Xavier

Grateful acknowledgement is made regarding Harriet's involvement in St. Kevin's Parish as Coordinator of the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. These COVID-19 times have made it a challenging period in which to exercise a coordinating role such as this. I believe the parish community can be grateful for the spirit of faith and innovation she injected into the role. Thank you, Harriet! In the short term, Danielle D'Souza has accepted to undertake the role of Coordinator. Thank you, Danielle!

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

National Vocations Awareness Week 2021 1 - 8 August

Today is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our first Australian saint. Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

St Kevin's Senior Youth Group

We will be having our Senior Youth Group (ages 18 to 30) online via Zoom this Friday the 13th of August at 7:30 pm.

Details as follows:

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017272701?pwd=U1d1bXQrTHNkM29pZkgrVDY5Ylp0UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1727 2701 Passcode: SKY

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT
WEEKEND
14th & 15th August
2021**

READERS:

Saturday

5.00pm – Shay, Keith, Adele
7.00pm – Gerard, Benita, Michelle

Sunday

9.00am – Maria, Alexah, Florence
11.00am – Pam D., Mary D., Philomena
6.00pm – Rohan, Jude, Zen

**EXTRA ORDINARY
MINISTERS:**

Saturday

5.00pm – Tessy, Nancy, Carlton
7.00pm – Christobelle, Nadine, Ryan

Sunday

9.00am – Aloysius, Chloe, Christine
11.00am – Teri N., Pam G., Annabelle, Liz
6.00pm – Sumith, George, Mirtza

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1 – Vasanthi Cooray, Antonio Magasinag

COUNTERS

Team 1 – Anne Joyce, Michael Palma, Lyn Tharle, Anna Paris, Nadine Stone



IN OUR PARISH

9th August	Monday	
10th August	Tuesday	Livestreamed at 7 pm
11th August	Wednesday	Livestreamed at 7.00pm, Mass followed by Novena
12th August	Thursday	
13th August	Friday	Livestreamed at 7 pm
14th August	Saturday	Livestreamed at 5 pm if lockdown is extended
15th August	Sunday	Livestreamed Mass on website if lockdown is extended

News from the Parish Pastoral Council

Like many others, the PPC has found it difficult to hold their monthly meetings during the last 18 months as the Covid Pandemic continues to have such an enormous impact. We have met in person when we can but often our meetings have been cancelled due to lockdown and Covid-related restrictions which is a similar experience to that of many parish groups. Subsequently there has been less activity resulting in little need to share updates with our parish community.

The PPC met on Wednesday 4th August via video to discuss, amongst other matters, forthcoming PPC elections which are held at about this time each year (although they were not held in 2020). Two Cluster Representatives have completed their appointment with the PPC and will stand down, effective at the end of August. On behalf of the PPC members, I offer my gratitude to Tyrone Paul (Hospitality Cluster Rep) and Howard Fernandez (Worship Cluster Rep) who have diligently and faithfully represented their clusters and served the PPC wholeheartedly, providing their expertise and years of experience and wisdom. Tyrone has also been the Vice-Chairperson, stepping in to the Chairperson's seat when needed. The PPC is very grateful for the commitment of Tyrone and Howard, not only to the PPC but to the parish as a whole and they are both committed to continuing to serve our community.

With Tyrone's departure, Warren Peters (Service Cluster Rep) has asked to move to representing the Hospitality Cluster. This is fitting as Warren is already an active member of the Social Group and, as members agreed, moving across clusters enables members to build connections with others in our community. There is also a vacancy for a Youth representative. This position will be filled from within the youth community, led by Fr Anil and our current Youth Rep, Kharece D'Souza.

In coming weeks, parishioners will be invited to nominate for the two vacant positions – Service Cluster and Worship Cluster. The election process might need to be altered somewhat, perhaps to an online model, depending on Covid restrictions in coming weeks. Please consider if you, or someone you know in the parish, would like to represent and serve your parish in this unique role of Parish Pastoral Councillor.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Andrea Cassian Chen
Alex Dsouza
Merrique Fernandes
Mr & Mrs Aigner
Mr & Mrs Wheeler
Aiden, Evita, Sasha & Dion
Ryman Crasto
Philogene & Jeanne Family
Casandra Large
Darius, Amelia & Family
Rob & Malou Bartlett
Pauline Dumling
Segundo Santiago Jr.

For the sick:

Catherine Ishikawa (3)
Jackie Todd (2)

For those who have died recently:

Heather Nicholas
Edward Bernard Bertus
Alister Dubier

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria & Victor Dsouza
Maxwell & Adu Dsouza
Rajesh Shah, Karolyn Gomes
Maria Bastian, Hazel Balm
Marjorie Williams
Audrey Olagama
Austin Rego, Vilma Palacios
Bobby Arnolda
John & Antoinette Crasto
Evelyn Stevens
Benedicato & Cecilia Abraham
Brendan Parnell
George Philogene
Darren Dowlut
Ian Parnell, Patsy Rosario
Edward Atkinson
Geoffery & Ernest Atkinson
Frederick Michael
Antonio Pablo
John La'forgue
Edurne Bajarias
Warren Saunders



St. Mary MacKillop, in full **Saint Mary Helen MacKillop**, also called **Saint Mary of the Cross**, was born on 15th January 1842 in Fitzroy to poor Scottish immigrants. When she was 14, Mary began working, and she was often her family's main source of support. In 1860 she moved to the small rural town of Penola to serve as governess for the children of her aunt and uncle. There she provided her cousins with a basic education and soon extended this to the poor children of the town. A young priest, Father Julian Tenison Woods, encouraged her to

continue this work, assuring her that educating the poor would be an ideal way to serve God.

In 1866 Mary and Fr. Julian founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and also established St. Joseph's School in a converted stable in Penola, providing a free education to children from the area. In 1867 Mary took vows and became the first mother superior of the sisters. The following year the sisters opened schools in other Australian cities, as well as an orphanage and a refuge for women released from prison.

Mary intended that the order be self-governed and devoted to teaching and charity. She and Fr. Julian, who composed the rule for the order, insisted that the sisters would accept a life of total poverty, trusting in Divine Providence. Further, her school at Penola (SA) and the other schools that her order founded provided secular as well as religious education, regardless of the religious affiliation of the students, and accepted no money from the government, remaining open to all and accepting only what tuition parents could afford, at a time when the government still provided funding to religious schools. Some Australian priests and bishops were openly hostile both to the degree of autonomy that the Josephites enjoyed and to Mary's rejection of federal funding.

In 1871, perhaps intentionally misinformed by his advisers, Bishop Laurence Sheil of Adelaide excommunicated Mary for insubordination. The next year, however, on his deathbed, Sheil acknowledged that he might have been misled, and he reinstated Mary.

The remainder of Mary's career was marked by clashes with priests and bishops of the Australian church. After an 1873 meeting with Pope Pius IX, she won papal approval for the Josephite rule, with modifications that relaxed the degree of poverty imposed upon the sisters. MacKillop expanded the order's educational and charitable endeavours and attracted new sisters. In 1875 she was appointed superior general of the order. Despite her elevation, she continued to meet with hostility from a number of priests and bishops, and the sisters' work was circumscribed in certain cities. In 1885 she was removed as superior general, though she was reinstated in 1899 and remained at the head of the order until her death on 8th August, 1909 in North Sydney.

In June 1995 MacKillop was beatified by Pope John Paul II. In February 2010, after evaluating the testimony of an Australian woman who claimed that her terminal cancer had disappeared after she called upon MacKillop in prayer, Pope Benedict XVI recognized MacKillop as a saint. She was canonized that October. Today, there are about 800 Sisters of St Joseph, still working with the poor and marginalised in Australia, New Zealand, Timor Leste, Scotland, Ireland and Peru.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Privacy legislation requires the *written permission of an authorized person* before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed.

All will in the end be well

(Mary MacKillop 1883)