

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

7th & 8th of August 2021
Saint Mary of the Cross



Gospel Reflection by Nick Brodie

The Gospel reading for today is, at first glance, an odd choice to pair with the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop faced more than a few financial challenges, after all, especially in her youth. The burden of supporting her poor family fell to Mary in her teenage years, and surely no one held it against her for worrying about money, food, or clothing.

But the pairing of saint and gospel makes sense in the context of Mary's vocation. Rather than worrying about herself, she cared for others. In this, Mary MacKillop lived the gospel very effectively. First caring for her immediate family, then for wider relations, soon enough Mary was focused on meeting the many needs of the communities in which she and her fellow Sisters of St Joseph lived. Through aid, education, and example Mary offered her contemporaries and us an example of faith through works.

From quietly and unobtrusively teaching in a stable in 1866, to founding a religious order that spread throughout and beyond a continent, Mary's spiritual journey was truly focused on "God's saving justice". Tending to Australia's Aboriginal peoples, prisoners facing execution, children requiring education, the homeless, the orphaned, the sick, indeed anybody she saw in need, Mary shows us how God seeks to answer the day's troubles: through us.



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The Cathedral Centre

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Monday–Friday
9.00am–2.45pm

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Call between 9.00am -
9.30am to avoid
disappointment.

**If anointing is needed
urgently after hours, to contact
a priest, phone**
07 3830 5216 where an operator
will take your message and
deliver it to a priest as soon as
possible. Please provide your
name, address and phone
number to avoid delay.

Baptisms & Marriages

Bookings are made through the
Parish Office.

Advance notice and preparation
are required.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd
& 4th Sunday of each month after
9.30am Mass.

Mass Times

Monday 9th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

Tuesday 10th August

St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm
Also livestreamed on *cposj.com*

Wednesday 11th August

St Claire, virgin

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm
Also livestreamed on *cposj.com*

Thursday 12th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am
Also livestreamed on *cposj.com*

Friday 13th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm
Also livestreamed on *cposj.com*

Saturday 14th August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am
St Joseph's Cathedral
9:30am - 10:30am
Confessions

Vigil Masses

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
4:00pm

Anointing Mass

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Sunday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am
St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am
Also livestreamed on *cposj.com*
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Ordinarate Masses

St Peter's Church, Allentown
Sunday 9:30am

Parish Calendar for the Month of August

Sunday 8 August

Baptisms of Aria, Brielle, Henry & Ned

Lift Up Your Voice Choir

Children's Liturgy of the Word commences

Saturday 21 August

Triple-C Breakfast

Sunday 22 August

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 15 August

RMU Choir Perform at St Joseph's Cathedral

We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Lyn Williams, Lawrence Laverty, Virginia Elsworthy,

Margaret Mayes, Gwen Whitehead, Jan Leyden, Pat Ellrott, Julie

McDonald (former Parishioner of St Peter's, aged 58),

Brian Geaney & Dwight Dellow

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'How Can I Keep from Singing' a choral concert presented by the Rockhampton Musical Union Choir Inc.

Rockhampton's longest established choir is presenting an afternoon of sacred and choral music in St Joseph's Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday 15 August. Come and listen to beautiful music in a beautiful venue. For those who have attended choral performances in the Cathedral before, the combination of amazing voices with the unique acoustics of the Cathedral is not to be missed. Admission is a gold coin donation.

Season of Creation

Get creative with this year's Season of Creation!

Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN), are requesting the submission of photographs, art works, poetry and written works for Season of Creation. All submissions will be shared on the QCEN Facebook page and may even form part of the yearly exhibit at St John's Cathedral!

This year's theme is "A home for all? Renewing the household of God."

To upload your creations visit www.fb.com/QCENet or email to admin@qct.org.au.

Submissions should be made by 25th August. Good Luck!

Only A Few Copies of 'The Paraclete' Remaining

The Paraclete is a publication prepared by the seminarians at our very own Holy Spirit Seminary. The Parish Office has received additional copies this time around and welcome parishioners to pop into the office and grab one. Get in early to avoid disappointment.

This edition of 'The Paraclete' includes:

- A message from the rector, our very own Monsignor John Grace
- An interview with Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- Finding God in the classroom
- Spiritual Formation
- A reflection on Golden Jubilees

Safety Notice: Plovers

The grounds of the Cathedral have two new additions in the shape of baby plovers. The happy family are satisfied with their spot on the large lawn at the front of the Cathedral Office but have been seen close to the Cathedral gates.

Whilst the chicks are adorable, the parents can become very aggressive. The Parish Office team can also confirm the Plover's aren't huge fans of photography. Please give them a wide berth until the family move on.

Saint Mary of The Cross MacKillop

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can."

Engaging Your Faith Zoom Sessions

Engaging Your Faith is a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including:

- Meditation and Compassion
- The Bible as the Great War Story to End All War Stories
- Can a Scientist Believe in God?

All topics are presented by lecturers of the Catholic Theological College.

Choose one, choose all, choose what sessions interests you for just \$20 per session.

All sessions are to be booked directly through TryBooking at the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=794193&>

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference was a joint Catholic initiative that ran from the 8th-10th of July which offered an opportunity to gather online, connect with companions on the journey, and be reinvigorated through a variety of offers.

The event contained live scheduled events with keynote speakers intermingled with workshops, prayer and interactions with an array of Catholic organisations.

With COVID-19 still an ever-present backdrop to our lives, getting the opportunity to participate in a conference is a rare occurrence.

Unfortunately, having only learned about the conference recently, by the time this bulletin reaches you the live aspect will have concluded. However, the good news is that the entire conference has been recorded and is available for viewing until December 2021!

If you feel as if your faith has been lacking during this time of lockdowns and uncertainty, take this opportunity to see if Alive in the Spirit can assist you on your faith journey.

The cost of the conference is \$40 (or \$200 for a group over 5 people) and can be purchased at the following link:

<https://aliveinthespirit.com.au>

Cathedral Bookshop Updated Hours

The Cathedral Bookshop has expanded its hours and is now trading on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!

The hours for each day are as follows:

Wednesday - 9:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday - 9:00am - 4:00pm

New and interesting stock is arriving all the time for the Bookshop!

To see all the good work that Helen and the team have been putting in to our available stock make sure to stop by the Cathedral Bookshop.

Lift Up Your Voice to The Lord! Sacred Concert St Joseph's Cathedral 8th August 2021 @ 2:00pm

Bishop Michael is encouraging the performance of sacred music in our Cathedral and has invited schools and people from the Capricorn Coast to perform on the 8th of August. This is in addition to the Rockhampton Musical Union concert on Sunday 15th August.

We ask you to support this event and join our amazing performers from the Capricorn Parish and Schools as they sing and play beautiful Sacred Music and hymns that will be enhanced even further by the incredible acoustics of the Cathedral.

Bring a gold coin donation and your voices as you will be asked to join in with Congregational singing of hymns!

National Vocations Awareness Week

August 1st to 8th is National Vocations Awareness Week. In this year which Pope Francis has proclaimed as the year of Amoris Laetitia, let's strive to particularly be aware of the vocation of the family.

All of us are called by God to give and receive love in our families, whether that's as a spouse or parent, or as a child, sibling, uncle or aunt. Please pray for all families this week, and reflect on how you can better respond to God's call within your own family.

Triple-C Breakfast 21 August

You are invited to attend a breakfast in support of Chaplains in schools covered by the Gracemere and District School Chaplaincy Service.

This breakfast's guest speaker is Margaret Laughton (president of QCWA - Capricornia Division) who will speak on the topic of 'The CWA - More than Tea and Scones'.

Bookings are essential. Contact 4933 3656/ 0427 534 491 or email gracemerechaplaincyservice@gmail.com

KIDS CORNER

Reflect

Today's readings, from Colossians and Matthew, list some challenging instructions on how we should live our lives. Though challenging and "no nonsense" they are written in loving terms. They are essentially about living in right relationship with others and with God. Go through both readings slowly and reflect on how you can live your life in accordance with them.

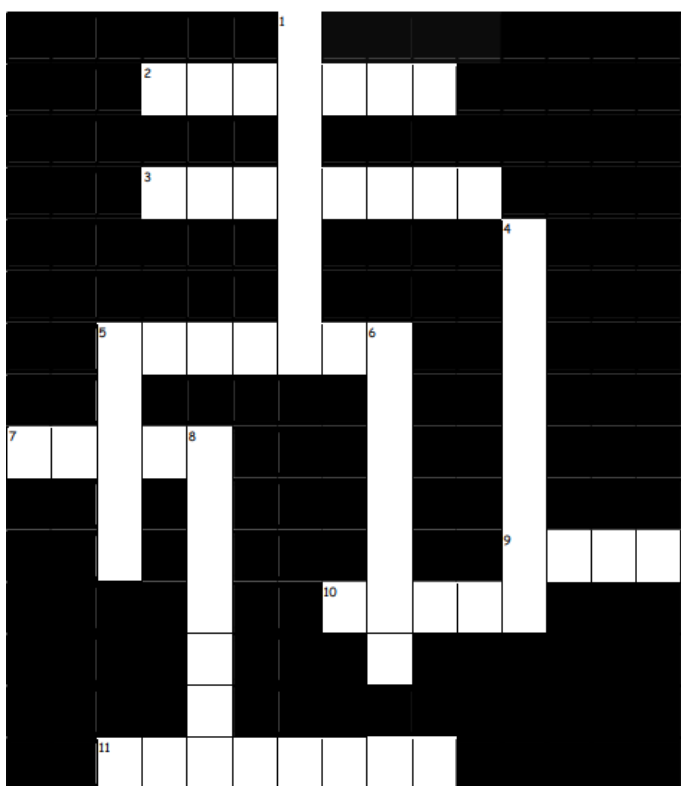
Mary MacKillop had a great desire to do God's will and help those most in need. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps people in your community



CROSSWORD

Don't worry about your life

Mt 6:25-34



Across

- 2: when things are going badly there is this
- 3: the things we wear
- 5: many plants have these pretty and colourful things
- 7: to consume a liquid
- 9: God gives us everlasting _ _ _ _
- 10: to be concerned, troubled
- 11: the next day

Down

- 1: the quality of being just
- 4: resembling or befitting heaven
- 5: belief in God
- 6: A wise Jewish King from the Old Testament
- 8: heaven: the _ _ _ _ _ of God

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Don't worry about your life

A H E A V E N L Y F A E N H T
 K B N H E Q A J E P K S B P R
 D R F T O M O R R O W E H L O
 R E Q D A L R I G E M T A N U
 I S E U B C L O T H I N G E B
 N D A J V F T A V D U J Q B L
 K I N G D O M H B D E A R G E
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 K N W O R R Y J T P K R I M E
 B I E H A G D B H F A D F W A
 J U S T I C E R E T I L E J P

Try to find these words:

- clothing
- drink
- faith
- flowers
- heavenly
- justice
- kingdom
- life
- Solomon
- tomorrow
- trouble
- worry

Enhancing Music at the Cathedral

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph has been offered a grand piano at a very reasonable price.

The piano will be used to enhance the celebration of the liturgy in the Cathedral and enable the Cathedral to become a centre for the performance of sacred music and song – an opportunity for evangelisation and a means for the Church to contribute to the community in a positive way.

If you would like to support the parish in purchasing this instrument your donation would be gratefully received. Donations can be made directly to the Parish Office.

Weekly Prayer

You Inspired Saint 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.

With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop

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.

We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are excited to announce that Children's liturgy of the word will once again be offered at St Joseph's Cathedral. Thanks to volunteers who have come forward to allow this ministry to re-commence.

We still need more volunteers to ensure we can offer this ministry every Sunday at the 9.30am Mass consistently. Please contact the Cathedral Centre 49276744 if you could spare a fraction of time for this essential and rewarding ministry. Training is available.

We will celebrate Children's liturgy every fortnight commencing on the 8th of August.

Safeguarding

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

For further information or support please contact the Diocesan *Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office*:

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy**: <http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Youth Reflection for This Weekend's Solemnity for Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary's, Nobbs Street offers adoration every Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00pm commencing with the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

All are welcome!

Sacraments 2021-2022

Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021-2022

Calling all families with children who have reached the age of reason (which is seven years of age) to join the preparation journey 2021-2022 towards the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022. To register please call the Cathedral Centre on 4927 6744.

Thank You!

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph would like to thank parishioners for their patience and understanding over the last week in regards to the changing mass times due to the priest's retreat.

We would also like to congratulate all those priests who celebrated a significant Jubilee on Friday the 6th of August, we thank you for your unwavering service to our faith community.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 17-8-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 62:1-8



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Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

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