

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday

FROM 10 August 8.00am

Wednesday & Friday

5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,

5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253**



St Mary MacKillop

We bring to this Eucharist... our thanksgiving for Mary
and people of faith who saw a need and responded.

BOOKINGS FOR WEEKEND MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL.

If you are feeling unwell please **DO NOT** come to church.

Please scan the QR Code & record your name, alternatively please write your
name and contact number on the register provided.

PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.

Please **DO NOT** return your bulletin to the basket,
if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.

MASS TIME CHANGE - From the 10th August next week Mass on Tuesday & Thursday mornings will change to 8.00am on both days.

QR CODE & TRY BOOKING

We are using the online booking system TryBooking (which costs us nothing) and this means we can print off a list of people who have 'booked' for each Mass. This saves you and us time, speeds up the arrival queue at Mass, and helps us manage the numbers at each Mass.

Government Requirements - Your responsibilities

- Use the Check In CBR app to check in before entering a business or venue, or before being seated.
- If you don't have the Check In CBR app you must provide your details to the church so they can check you in.
- Take personal responsibility for your own COVID safety.

To comply with Government rules we need Welcome Ministers to check parishioners in. Remember that the Welcome Ministers are volunteers who have come to Mass but give their time to welcome you, and to help sign people in. PLEASE make sure you arrived before Mass begins.

TryBooking links for August Mass:

- 14 - 15 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHT>
- 21 - 22 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHW>
- 28 - 29 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHX>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Matthew 25:34, 36, 40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
For one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

FIRST READING

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

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 ahead 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 62:1-8. R/. V 9

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.
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.

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

SECOND READING

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

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 to 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!
Many women were there by the cross,
watching at a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus
and looked after him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples:

'That is why 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 single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers

Cont...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 here today and thrown into 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 on 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Cf. John 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

FEAST DAY

Sunday is an important feast for Australians as we celebrate the country's first saint – a woman who deeply relied on God's goodness and believed in it with all her being. Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) dedicated her life to doing something about the needs of people around her. Mary MacKillop chose St Joseph as patron of the women she inspired with her vision of simple living and the education of poor children.

This week let us dedicate ourselves to doing what we can for the people around us.

In 1893, Mary wrote this to her sisters: 'Let us ask Joseph to obtain for us a generous devoted love for Jesus, a love that will make us like himself . . . A love that . . . will make us delight in serving his poor, and his neglected little ones.' It's timely advice for the church in this land that she loved.

ST MARY MACKILLOP: MODEL OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness of some sort or another is a fundamental principle of Christian life. St Peter asks Jesus how many times must I forgive my brother, as many as seven times? Jesus will have none of this halfhearted forgiveness; it is seventy-seven times which in effect was as often as one had been offended.

In an age where offence is taken very easily and skins have become rather thin, in an age where trigger warnings are in fashion and one cannot deviate from secular orthodoxy with the political correct crowd breathing down our necks, the subject of forgiveness often rears its head. If it's not some sports caster who's made an off comment or someone who's just been overheard in a restaurant, the season for forgiveness is something we're aware of but yet it is selectively displayed. Some people are readily forgiven, but others are not.

St Mary MacKillop was a firm believer in forgiveness, even of those who conspired against her. Despite having been excommunicated on charges that were unfounded, the saint didn't do a sit in at the bishop's office, she didn't go to the media, she didn't have a whinge, what did she do? She forgave, and did so from the bottom of her heart. In writing to her spiritual director she reflected on one of the most painful episodes of her life:

Cont... "I really felt like one in a dream. I seemed not to realise the presence of the bishop and priests; I know I did not see them; but I felt, oh, such a love for their office, a love, a sort of reverence for the very sentence which I then knew was being in full force passed upon me. I do not know how to describe the feeling, but I was intensely happy and felt nearer to God than I had ever felt before. The sensation of the calm beautiful presence of God I shall never forget."

Despite being treated fairly shabbily by the powers that be, Mary MacKillop's resilience and the supernatural virtues of charity and patience which she no doubt prayed for during her time of persecution, came to the fore. This example of heroic fortitude under unjust treatment is one of the ways the good Lord tests his followers. St Mary was just doing what any ordinary Christian should do, bear wrongs patiently, seek to forgive rather than ask for an apology, pray for those who should know better. Following in her Lord's footsteps Mary, like Jesus, would say "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

Reflecting on the patience and forbearing of our great Australian saint we may hold her in esteem for the great work she and her sisters did for those who were down and out, those in the outback, those who were on the margins, but her sanctity was most apparent in the way she conducted herself in her own spiritual life and in the way she lived the Christian life not just in its easy facets but in its darkness too.

Today let us ask St Mary of the Cross to pray for us especially when we are unjustly treated or when we wish to take offence, let us pray that we may have that spiritual resilience and firmly walk behind her as she in her stead followed Christ.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

St Mary of the Cross is an Australian hero, and the readings celebrate that in important ways. The woman who gives food to Elijah trusted as St Mary did and gave everything in trust, even though it personally cost her a great deal.

VALUE OF EACH PERSON

Mary MacKillop, who famously told her sisters, 'Do not see a need and do nothing about it', was acutely conscious of the needs of the people about her – for basic education, for care, for food. She dedicated her life to doing something about those needs – heroically and most effectively. But inspiring it all and sustaining it all was the vision of God she learned from scriptural passages such as today's Gospel, projecting not just material help and opportunity, but the sense that each person is precious in God's eyes, is loved by God, and therefore is to be valued and given dignity.

The Second Reading (Colossians 3:12–17) precisely catches all the dimensions of the spirit in which Mary MacKillop would have us live. The conclusion, 'and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him' recalls the Morning Offering, a traditional Catholic short prayer of consecration of the entire day – with all its activities – to God: 'O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, grant that all the prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, may be directed purely to the service and praise of your divine Majesty'.



SPECIAL PRAYERS

The Dominican Sisters in Vietnam are facing a major crisis as the Community has been infected with COVID 19 there is no access to vaccines. In recent months, the Covid-19 pandemic broke out for the fourth time in Vietnam. Causing serious damage in many ways. Particularly in their neighbourhood and their Dong Nai province, more than a thousand people are infected with Covid. The number of people becoming seriously ill is increasing rapidly, and the death toll is beginning to rise. Sr Michelle asks you to pray for the Community.



We pray for the Sisters who are women of courage and protect their neighbours safety. Women of God, giving and loving, give them strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

On Care for Our Common Home – would you like to take part in a dialogue on caring for God's creation? In 2015, Pope Francis addressed an encyclical, *Laudato Si'* ('Praise be to you') – *On Care for our Common Home*, 'to every person living on this planet', saying that he'd like to 'enter into dialogue with all people about our common home'. Would you like to learn more about this important document and take part in a North Canberra dialogue about caring for our common home? Blackfriars Parish is coordinating a series of fortnightly discussions starting on Tuesday, 10 August 2021, 7.30 – 9pm (refreshments from 7pm). Further details are on the poster and flyers in the church foyer, and can be found on the parish website (<http://cg.org.au/watson/home.aspx>) by clicking on the link under 'Special Notices – Caring for God's Creation'. You can register through TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BSSOB>). This QR Code will also take you to the booking page. If you need help with registering, please contact the Parish Office at watson@cg.org.au or 6248 5925



PARISH

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Parish School of Religion has recommenced in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. Contact Nicole Webb - 0414139170.

PRAY THE ROSARY - First Saturday each month 3.30pm
HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every **Wednesday**.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP will meet on **Thursday** evenings at the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 / Michael Flynn 6257 1038 / www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions have are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86247979958?pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDdDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09>

Meeting ID: 862 4797 9958 - Passcode: 675081

DO NOT USE - Meeting ID: 836 8415 0853 & Passcode: 202919



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by the
Spirit

Mary MacKillop

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Denis Lawrence

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Janice Stephens, Patricia Sargent, David Jordan, Zelma McManus, John Cusack, Jean Stewart, Barbara Avery, Maria Martiniello, Tina Marino, Nicasia Perahta, Celestina Ewton

In Loving Memory

José Luis Prates Leal, Helen Knight, Lily & Colin Ingram, Jose Rico, Richard Johnson

BOOK FAIR

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 August, 8am-4pm, in the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. Find a great selection of paperbacks, novels, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$3! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients and staff.

ROSTER 14 / 15 August 2021

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	Sr Veronica	
Welcome Minister	K. Murphy	A. Moore
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardel
Data Projector	J. Cortese	
Welcome Minister	K. O'Brien	C. Bergin
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	J. Schwinghamer	T. Malone
Data Projector	A. Cahill-Lambert	
Counters	I. Buckley	

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY