

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 21st—Sunday 27th July

- Monday 21st:** No Mass
- Tuesday 22nd:** Mass 5pm
- Wednesday 23rd:** Mass 9am
- Thursday 24th:** Mass 9am
- Friday 25th:** Mass 9am
- Saturday 26th:** Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
- Sunday 27th:** Mass 9am

ROSTERS

19/20 JULY
Cleaning

21-25 Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator M Weatherall
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers L Mylott
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M Britt
Commentator N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page
Computer Screen T Jones

MORNING TEA:
R Keough (School)

COUNTERS

G Norris/J O'Sullivan

26/27 JULY
Cleaning

28/7-1/8 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer : C Brownlie
Commentator Volunteer
Reader M Weatherall
Eucharistic Ministers L Butt
Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer S Beashel
Commentator J Whiteford
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers A Skinner, A Scicluna
Computer Screen T Priest.

MORNING TEA:
M & C Lowe

COUNTERS

B Basevi/C Meade

CLAIM THE DATE:

Gathering invitation: Tuesday August 5th 9.30-3pm in the Church Meeting Room
Sr Virginia Bourke rsj returns to speak to us about **Celebrating Mary MacKillop and Fr Tennison Woods**—their life and influence on Australian Spirituality.
Cost = \$2 donation, so we can present a gift to Sister (parish will pay for petrol cost)
Morning tea provided
BYO Pot Luck lunch to share
Bookings Essential by Tuesday July 29th
Marie: 0405 028 057
All Welcome—Encourage a friend to join us at this special Gathering

FRIDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2025 The Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

There will be a Mass at 9am followed by a cuppa and short reflection in the Church Meeting Room.
Facilitated by Marie Weatherall.

All Welcome

PASTORAL CARE ONE DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSE

9am-4pm

Saturday August 16th
in the Church Meeting Room

If you have never trained for Pastoral Care or are interested in Pastoral Care Ministry, this is the course for you!
This course will only go ahead if we have at least 4 participants.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Monday August 11
Marie: 0405 028 057

**Batehaven Intergenerational Playgroup
At Maranatha Lodge.**

You are warmly invited to Playgroup, where you can meet other families and older friends in your area. If you child is aged 0-5 years, you can enjoy a session of open ended play, craft and games with the residents at Maranatha Lodge.

When? Fortnightly Mondays during school terms
Where? Maranatha Lodge, Batehaven
Time? 10.30am-12pm

For more information: 1800 171 882

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her!* Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother, and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure
expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil
vanquished, your glory will shine
eternally.

May the grace of the
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Remembering the Sick:

Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good,

**Pope Leo Monthly
Prayer Intentions**

July

**For formation in
Discernment**

Let us pray that we might
again learn how to discern,
to know how to choose
paths of life, and reject
everything that leads us
away from Christ and the
Gospel.

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Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- ◇ Second Wed of month Mass 10.30am **The Glen**
- ◇ Third Wed of month Mass 2pm **The Manor**
- ◇ Fourth Wed of month Mass 2pm **Maranatha**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C
First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

- Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
 He who walks without fault;
 he who acts with justice
 and speaks the truth from his heart;
 he who does not slander with his tongue.
- He who does no wrong to his brother,
 who casts no slur on his neighbour,

- who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.
- He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan
 and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
 Such a man will stand firm for ever.

© The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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9 August | Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

Join us for the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage on 9th August 2025 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Location Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden (a designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope)

- Pilgrimage walk starts at 11.00 am from Eden Sports Ground
 - Reconciliation available during the walk
 - Mass at 12.00 pm
 - Visit Mary MacKillop Hall
 - Please arrange your own transport
- For enquiries:
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Second & Fourth
Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after Mass

"Good News"
Wednesdays after
Mass to discuss
reading for the
following Sunday. CMR

Wrap with Love
Wednesday 30th July
1-3pm CMR

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after 9am
Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
am

"Martha, Martha," he said "You worry and fret over so many things"....Luke 10.;41

How often have we heard or read the Gospel of Mary and Martha but not really listened to, or realised the messages embedded in the story?

The first reading today from Genesis and the Gospel, have strong messages about hospitality, but the reading from Colossians highlights the fact that everything we do, and the hardships we endure, can strengthen our faith and help us to bring order and balance into our lives: hopefully reduce any anxiety which we can encounter in our busy lives and in the world today.

Let us reflect on our understanding of hospitality. Can we find it in the readings of today?

Abrahams's hospitality displays a total dedication to his visitors, being open and welcoming, whilst Mary's and Martha's illustrates welcoming, as well as service and work. Mary's focus was on listening to Jesus whilst Martha experienced frustration with ALL that had to be done to accommodate the guests. Her frustration was with Mary whose only task seemed to be sitting and listening to Jesus.

We all have many distractions—do we have a tendency to let them take over? Mary and Abraham both exemplify the importance of prioritizing God and Jesus. What are the distractions that keep us from focusing on God? Bishop Robert Barron says "we should centre our lives on God which helps us put all our other concerns in the right place."

Sr Joan Chittester writes that we can be both Mary and Martha. We need to keep our priorities in the right order—no matter how busy we are, we need to seek God first.

Sr Joan suggests that the gospel story is a call to balance contemplation (prayer) and action rather than prioritizing one over the other. Both women are equally valuable and necessary. The story highlights the diverse gifts and roles within a community and the other need for both active engagement and reflective presence. This balance helps ensure that what we do becomes a reflection of our faith. Remember, Martha deals with the practicalities and Mary the spiritual. We need to work at maintaining such a balance in our lives.

The readings remind us of the different ways we can live out our faith—taking time to connect with God, welcoming, listening to, and serving those in our community.

How can I balance service and prayer?
 How can Martha and Mary inspire my discipleship?

Ken & Carolyn Evenden

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging