

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



“Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion to one another for all Australians and for the world.”

“WE ARE BUT TRAVELERS HERE.” (1867)



**Celebrated Saturday 7th August 2021
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre**

ST MARY OF THE CROSS LITANY

Chorus: *Pray for us Woman of faith and trust,
That we like you may be led in love,
O Woman of Grace,
St Mary of the Cross, Pray for us.*

1. You lived from the heart of kindness,
You who served the very poor and needy,
You who bestowed dignity on all,
St Mary of the Cross, Pray for us.
2. You who bore deep suff'ring with courage,
You who taught to forgive from the heart,
You who believed grace could do great things,
St Mary of the Cross, Pray for us.
3. You who dared to trust in God's way,
You whose heart knew the depths of God's love,
You who embraced God in those you met,
St Mary of the Cross, Pray for us. © 2010 Monica Brown

FIRST READING.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. 3; 12- 17

"Bear with one another, forgive each other."

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.

WOMAN FOR TODAY (Rec)

What did you see young Mary, as you
Rode the plains with windswept hair?
Rough bush huts and children,
Their poverty, their despair.
What did you hear gentle Mary,
as the crimson sunrise birthed a new day?

***Mary your voice calls down the years;
A message of hope it brings.
Lead simple lives of service;
Depend on God in all things.***

What was your dream, brave Mary,
As you saw beyond the storms of the day?
A land of plenty, shared by all,
With schools to light the way.
Who joined you on your journey
As your dream took root in barren land?
All who came to hear the call,
Brave hearts and helping hands.

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We honour you, blessed Mary.
Your way of life shaped our history.
Living faith and stirring hope
For justice and dignity.
Woman of courage; spirit free;
Faith tested and proved like gold.
Heroic in vision, word and deed,
Your life a treasure we hold.

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YOUR GOD IS THERE

Here and now, where you are,
Your God is there,
Whispering in your heart,
Believe and trust,
Your God is there.

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*"God gives me strength
for what is necessary." (1907)*

**"All in the end
shall be well." (1883)**

*"Never see a need
without doing something about it." (1907)*

*"Do your best and
God will bless your effort." (1899)*

**"Have courage
no matter what your crosses are." (1890)**

*"Gratitude is the memory
of the heart." (1907)*

**"There where you are
you will find God." (1871)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM. 102: 1-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18

**Response: 'My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.'**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion **(R)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
His wrath will come to an end:
he will not be angry forever. **(R)**

As a father has compassion for his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust. **(R)**

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth. **(R)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first,
And on God's saving justice,
And all these other things will be given you as well.

Alleluia, Alleluia.



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:25-34

“Do not worry about your life.”

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.

Surely life is 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, however much you worry,
add one single cubit to your 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 royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field
which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,
will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, “What are we to eat?

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?”

It is the gentiles 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 God’s saving justice,
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.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant

With great trust in your providence, Mary MacKillop was open and ready to meet the needs of her time. We ask for the graces so that we too may be open and able to meet the challenges of today’s world with faith and courage.

RESPONSE

GOD OF PROVIDENCE HEAR US.

We pray in gratitude for the life of Mary MacKillop and her great influence in our lives. Give us large hearts so that we may bring love and compassion to all whom we serve.

RESPONSE

We pray for all Mary MacKillop’s people—those struggling in their lives, those needing accommodation, justice, advise and encouragement. May they find in their communities the people and relationships for which they hope.

RESPONSE

We pray with grateful hearts for the spread of Mary’s charism and for the many women and men involved in working for the good of all through her influence.

RESPONSE

We pray that like Mary we will have a deep love of your will and a readiness to embrace the Cross in the everyday events of our lives.

RESPONSE

Celebrant

Provident God, with grateful hearts we remember the power for goodness that Mary MacKillop is in our world. On ths her feast day may we be touched anew with her spirit of prophetic charity and generous participation in mission. We ask this in the name of Jesus.