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SUNDAY 02 AUGUST 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
 Closed 12:30pm – 01:00pm

SUNDAY

8:00am & 10:00am Mass

MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass (includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic
 9:30am Sacrament of Penance
 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Tuesday – Friday

Before & after Mass (*depending on priests' availability*).

BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays.
 Minimum booking time: two months in advance.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration begins.
 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9:00am Saturday Mass

SOM YOUTH GROUP

Every Saturday 4:00pm
 Ages 5-17 (during school terms)
 School hall

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP)

About St Mary MacKillop

by Maria Casey



Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne, Australia, in January 1842, the first of eight children of Scottish Catholics who had migrated to Australia within fifty years of the first European settlement there. The strong faith of these Scots was handed on to their children, and at an early age their daughter, Mary, decided to devote her life to God in the service of the poor. Her family was not rich in material possessions. Mary, from a young age, was the breadwinner for her family. Her formal education

was therefore limited, but she became a well-educated woman through the influence of her father, who had studied in Rome. At 18 years, Mary went as a private teacher to a country town called Penola, in South Australia.

Poverty was rife especially in country areas, religious discrimination was widespread, the plight of the aboriginal people was deplorable, unemployment was commonplace, and communication was difficult in the extreme. There she met the priest, Father Woods, who decried the paucity of education for his flock scattered over a large rural area. He eventually directed the religious vocation Mary had long nurtured, forming a new congregation of Sisters, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, "Josephites". Mary was now twenty-four. The first school of the Sisters was in a stable in Penola opened in 1866. The following year, with some of her companions, she moved to the capital city, Adelaide, where, with the bishop's approval, many more joined them in what was the most remarkable initiative undertaken in the Catholic Church in Australia in the nineteenth century. They lived in truly evangelical poverty providing elementary education, often in remote areas and never demanding any payment, to children who would not otherwise have been educated. In addition, they assisted the destitute, the abandoned, the friendless, orphans and prostitutes, opening facilities for their care.

Disputes over internal governance led to a bishop excommunicating Mary, an act totally unjustified and invalid but causing great religious and civil disturbance. Mary herself bore it with remarkable charity and

patience, insisting that God would draw good out of evil.

When excommunication was lifted, Sister Mary was advised to go to Rome to seek the Pope's approval for her Congregation — this came in 1888 — but she was given every encouragement, especially in several conversations with Pope Pius IX. She returned to Australia with clear instructions about management of the affairs of the Josephites. She travelled tirelessly within Australia and New Zealand, and hundreds of her letters survive showing her personal concern for each Sister and for other people whose interests she had at heart. She signed herself "Mary of the Cross," a significant title in her life because her many trials, including troublesome ill-health, brought her into close union with her crucified Lord. A woman of prayer, a natural contemplative whom God had called to constant action. Her love for the Eucharist was well known. She constantly sought to do the will of God: "To me the will of God is a clear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me."

After a stroke in New Zealand in 1902 she spent seven years in declining health, but her spirit never faltered. She was a constant source of inspiration so that, when she died in Sydney in August 1909, there was unprecedented evidence of the conviction, remarkable for Australians, that there had been a saint in the land.

Pope Saint John Paul II beatified her in Sydney in 1995. Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 echoed those words quoting Mary, "Believe in the whisperings of God to your heart... Believe in the power of the Spirit of love". Two years later, in 2010, he declared Mary a saint for the universal Church at a canonization ceremony in Rome.

Mary perfectly obeyed the commandment of Jesus, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and love one another as I have loved you.'

The tomb of Saint Mary of the Cross in North Sydney has long been a place of pilgrimage and continues to be visited by thousands of pilgrims seeking her intercession.



Three popes have knelt there in prayer, Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI. Her feast day is on 08 August.

To visit her tomb and Museum about her life, visit <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/visit/the-tomb-of-saint-mary-of-the-cross-mackillop/>

Article from: ewtn.com/catholicism/library/saint-mary-of-the-cross-mackillop-5869. Picture from: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Mackillop Picture of St Mary's tomb: <https://www.sosj.org.au/30th-anniversary-reinterment-mmk-new-shrine/>

TALK ON EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES (this Thursday)

All are welcome to hear a talk about different Eucharistic Miracles on first Thursdays at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish 326 High St, Penrith, 7pm



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PASTORAL RESEARCH

Catholics are encouraged to identify themselves in the Census as it is a basic variable used in socio-demographic research. It has been included in all Australian Censuses, because it is an important part of a person's identity and an indicator of Australia's cultural diversity.

National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) director Trudy Dantis said data from the religion question was crucial to helping Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses and organisations understand their communities and plan for ministry and mission.

(<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-catholic-census-project/>)

ADORATION ROSTER FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

More people are needed to join the Adoration roster for First Friday All night Adoration which is after the 7pm First Friday Mass till 9am Mass on Saturday morning. **If you can commit to a regular time slot for the First Friday Adoration, please contact the office.** The blessings received are out of this world!

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 08/09 AUGUST

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Lya Layug	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Aiman Jajo	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Belinda Butler	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC			Manny, Bruce & Co
MORNING TEA		Mal Weber	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
BAPTISMS			No Baptisms booked
CLEANER	Zon Lupisan, Bebs Perez, Ancy Presty		

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION



Friday 07 August
7pm: Mass followed by All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet
9am: Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.
Come and spend time with Our Lord.

The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

SOLEMNITY MASS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP
Saturday 08 August, 9am Mass.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

03 AUGUST: St Dominic **04 AUGUST:** St John Vianney
05 AUGUST: Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major
06 AUGUST: Transfiguration of the Lord
07 AUGUST: St Sixtus II & Companions, St Cajetan
08 AUGUST: St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

NEXT SUNDAY 09 AUGUST

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
1 Kings 19:9, 11-13, Psalm 84: 9-14,
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33



SOLEMNITY MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

14 August: 7pm Vigil Mass
15 August: 12.15am Mass, 9am Mass

It is a holy day of obligation; it is compulsory to attend Mass. We celebrate when the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken to Heaven with body and soul. We pray for Her intercession to love her Son Jesus just like Her.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE

Please pick up your planned envelopes at the back of the Church. If anyone would like to join Planned giving, via envelopes, direct debit or credit card, please contact the parish office.

FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE PARISH FEAST DAY

Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food for the Feast Day. Kindly indicate what food you are planning to bring, by including it on the list provided on the Welcome Table. Thank you!

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 04 August, Abby & John Cook
Date: Tuesday 11 August, Roland & Zon Lupisan

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or someone you know-

- Have been thinking or have questions about becoming Catholic
 - are Catholic & have yet to receive the Sacraments of Penance/ Holy Eucharist/ Confirmation
 - Grow in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith...
- Then RCIA is here to accompany you. If interested, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.



ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS-VIGIL OF REPARATION

Date: Friday 14 August, with 6.30pm Rosary, 7pm Assumption Vigil Mass to Saturday 15 August, 12.15am Mass. The full Program will soon be made available

DIOCESAN NEWS

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS- please contact the parish office by 10 August

Catechesis and Formation Day: Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for people 16yrs+ who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Light lunch provided. Sponsors are recommended to attend. Suggested contribution: \$40.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday 1st September, 7:30pm at the Cathedral. *Please note: A person needs to have received this Sacrament in order to be a godparent for a Baptism.*

TAKE AWAY BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOHNSON The Bible Study is being held in person and on Zoom, every Thursday at 7pm in the Church. **Meeting ID:** 88240197264, **Password:** 2xg17M.

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88240197264?pwd=MC39Q52hu32bkPXe2Z4TjXW0MhaTes.1>

Please invite others, BYO Bible. All are welcome.

MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Birthdays. **Deceased:** Pedro Dinoso, Ricardo Solis, Mario Cauchi, Manuel Viana, Celina Da Costa Soares, Julita Ramos, Joseph, Stella, Ken, Mercy, Arthur & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **For the Sick:** Dolor Payne, Salwa & family, Rasha & Family, Fr. Chris Mithen C.P. James Forrester, Justino Pasia, Erwin Jacob, Elvie Tamayo, Lita Modelo, Bridgette Grech, Liam O'Shea, Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beaulah Frankson and Roger Ayo, Lillian Astorri, Pauline Azzopardi, Elise Girdlestone, Daniel Varlow, Pamela Severino, Illuminada Shackleton, Kim Baluyot, Chris Shihada, Maria Joseph, Andrea Lopez, Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, Trent Moore, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. **Please contact the office to offer a Mass.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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