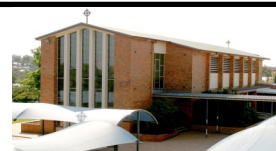


# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 32

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

09 August 2020

## ***Saint Mary of the Cross, MacKillop***

On Saturday 8th August we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This year also marks 10 years since Mary was canonised. Born in Melbourne in 1842 and fired by a deep desire to serve God and help alleviate the plight of the poor, Mary was an ordinary person who lived a holy life.



Mary has a special connection with our state, arriving in 1869 on the invitation of Bishop Quinn to set up schools in Queensland. She started in South Brisbane, not far from our own parish, and had soon set up four schools in Brisbane and Maryborough.

In 1995 the Archdiocese of Brisbane commissioned a Shrine to Mary MacKillop in St Stephen's Chapel where she had been known to worship. In 2009 Archbishop Bathersby petitioned that Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop become Patroness of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. On May 6 2009 Pope Benedict XVI assented to the petition and Mary officially became our patron saint.

Today the Shrine to Mary MacKillop in St Stephen's Chapel features a beautiful sculpture by John Elliott and is a special place to reflect on Mary's strength, determination and inspiration.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has also set up the Mary MacKillop Catholic Schools Access Fund which supports families facing significant financial hardship to access a Catholic Education. You are able to support this Fund through the Annual Catholic Campaign which will take place on 20th September this year, or go directly to the website: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/>

*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! [Greg Sunter]*

**Mass for the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be live streamed on Saturday at 11am via:**  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>



### **Living the Gospel...Something to Think About**

Today's Gospel begins with a storm scene. We all face storms in our lives, difficult times that cause us to tremble and shake with fear. In the story, Peter calls out to Jesus, 'If it really is you Lord, tell me to come to you on the water.' He is fine while he believes, but as soon as he begins to doubt, he starts to sink.

Sometimes it's really hard to keep believing. However Jesus tells us to trust him & he will look after us.

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 *Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 9:1-15 *I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-23 *Command me to come to you over the water.*

★ **Don't forget to register for Mass**

Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-thomas-parish-30461026974>

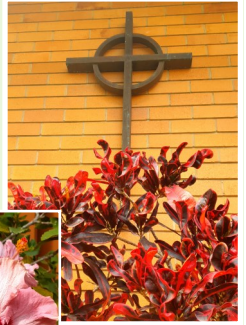
Or contact the Parish Office on 3398 1154 or [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)

### This week in the Parish Office...

On Tuesday  
we celebrated  
Sr Analissa's birthday  
(a little belatedly!)  
Happy Birthday  
Sr Analissa -  
thanks for all you do for us.



It's not quite Spring yet, but the garden outside the Parish Office is flourishing and looking beautiful... a joy to see each day!



### Continuing our return to the Church:



We are pleased to announce that from next **Monday 10th August**, we will be returning to our usual weekday Mass schedule:

- > Monday @ 6.30am
- > Tuesday @ 6.30am
- > Thursday @ 9am
- > Friday @ 9am

#### Please note:

- You won't need to pre-register for weekday Mass, but will need to sign in when you arrive.
- Only the pews either side of the font and altar will be in use for weekday Mass.
- Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell or showing any symptoms associated with Covid-19.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

### All Hallows' School Virtual Open Day – 10:30am Sunday 30 August

We warmly invite you and your family to discover an All Hallows' School education at our virtual open day, at 10:30am on Sunday 30 August.

Register now: [www.ahs.qld.edu.au/virtualopenday](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au/virtualopenday).

*Find happiness in  
making others  
happy.*

Mary MacKillop



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#### PARISH TEAM:

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### Discussion on the Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement.

**Theme:** MENTAL HEALTH

**When & Where:** Wednesday 19th August @ 7pm, St James Parish Hall, Coorparoo

**RSVP:** Mon 17th August to 3397 1671 or online:  
[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au)

Donation on Entry. Current Covid-19 protocols apply

SHARE THE *Dignity*

Share the Dignity are a charity aiming to give those in need the dignity they deserve by collecting donations of sanitary items.

Their August Dignity Drive will run from **1st to 31st August**. Collection points are at all Woolworths stores and other nominated points. Cash donations also welcomed.

For more information on how and where to make a donation go to:  
<https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/event/august-dignity-drive>



#### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Bulew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Trish Buckle, Marjorie Cusack

**Recently deceased:** Tim Owen

#### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joan Dennis, Arpad (Jack) Glockner, Mary Ellis, Hilda Burke, Elizabeth Ives, Corliss Newman, Terence Sullivan, Dorothy Traynor, Maureen Morrissey, Eulalie Patterson, John Seppanen, Graham Underwood, John Proudfoot, Eileen Dendle, Athol Wild, Lee Hunt, Amy Campbell, Ted Hanns, Bill O'Brien, Helen Bemrose, Fay Gee, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Dermott Casey, Margaret Moffat, Peter Riley, Alice Pacey, Lynette Buesel, Diana Calvisi, Lance Fry, Shirley Tessmann, Daphne Waller & Aidan Hunt