



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



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4th August 2019

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## Mary MacKillop: The First Australian Saint

Mary Helen MacKillop was born on 15 August 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne, to parents of Scottish origin. When the MacKillop family fell into difficult times, Mary, the eldest of eight children helped support the family. She took a job as a governess. It was there, teaching the children of the house and others, that she realised her vocation for teaching. This position brought Mary into contact with the local parish priest **Rev. Father Julian Tenison-Woods** who saw great potential in Mary to help remedy the lack of education (especially Catholic education) in Australia. Together with the

Rev. Father Julian Tenison-Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. On 21 November 1866, the feast day of the Presentation of Mary, several other women joined Mary MacKillop. She adopted the religious name of **Sister Mary of the Cross, RSJ** and began wearing a simple religious brown habit, colloquially known as 'Brown Joeyes.' It was the first religious institute to be founded by an Australian.

The "**Rule of Life**" (rules for community living) developed by **Rev. Father Tenison-Woods and Mary MacKillop** emphasized poverty, a dependence on divine providence, no ownership of personal belongings, faith that God would provide, and willingness to go where needed, was approved by **Bishop of Adelaide, Laurence Bonaventure Sheil, OFM**. Sadly, Bishop Sheil, due to poor health and absences at the First Vatican Council, and less time in his episcopate resulted in lack of clear guidance within the clergy, compelling Bishop Sheil, on advice received about the Josephites, to **excommunicate Sr. Mary of the Cross**, (Mary MacKillop) in Sept. 1871 citing insubordination as the reason. The Josephites were not disbanded but free to remain under the diocese if they chose. Throughout 1872 Sheil's health steadily deteriorated. On his deathbed in Willunga, he rescinded his excommunication of Sr. Mary of the Cross, claiming he had been betrayed by his advisors.

In 1873 Mary journeyed to Rome to seek Papal approval of the Josephite order. In 1888, Pope Leo XIII gave the final approval with some changes, to the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Meanwhile Sr. Mary of the Cross's health deteriorated, suffering various medical problems, including a stroke in 1902 causing paralysis to her right side. Valiantly she carried on serving her community. Sr. Mary of the Cross died at the Josephite convent in North Sydney on 8, August 1909, The Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Moran said, "I consider this day to have assisted at the deathbed of a saint".

Devotions to Sr. Mary of the Cross arose almost immediately after her death. Her body was moved to a memorial chapel and the process of canonization began in 1925. There was some delay in the canonization process, but after multiple women were cured of cancer due to Sr. Mary's intercession, she was finally canonized in October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI as Saint Mary MacKillop. Australia regards Saint Mary MacKillop with reverence and considers her to be an inspirational figure in the history of the country. Saint Mary MacKillop's feast is celebrated on August 8.

**On Thursday 8th August there will be TWO Masses : at 9.30 am and 7 pm**

Sources used: [Gillian Weyant](#), St. Mary MacKillop: The First Australian Saint, Mystical Humanity of Christ Publishing. Internet Osmond Thorpe, MacKillop, Mary Helen (1842–1909) [Australian Dictionary of Biography Volume 5, \(MUP\), 1974](#) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary\\_MacKillop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_MacKillop). [https://en.wikipedia.org/Laurence\\_Sheil\\_Laurence](https://en.wikipedia.org/Laurence_Sheil_Laurence).

## PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall).

**NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory.**

**Enrolments close on 5 August 2019.** Please contact 02 8838 3456 or [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org)

### Seminar – Understanding Family Law

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is holding a two session Seminar on “Understanding Family Law”. These sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Session 1: 10am – 12pm** – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children’s needs.

**Session 2: 1pm -3pm** – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements.

**Venue:** St. Patrick’s Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Entry and onsite parking via Boom gate on Victoria Rd. **Cost:** \$10.00 per session.

#### Registration Essential:

Contact - Rita - PH: 8843 2575 or

email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Please pray for Loretta Attard, Kevin Collins, Edcardo Escarto and Marie Rodrigues *who died recently* and for Benita Azores, Elizabeth Aplacador, Ken Foy, June Gale, Peter Hendry, John Jackson, Luke Loo, Mauro Mariano, Derrick MacRae, Thio Im Nio, Rosela Porteria, Federico Racelis, Emma Reisah, Indah Sari and Helen Szymko *whose anniversaries occur at this time* and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Peggy Dowling, Enrique Esmayor, Tania Felice, Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, John Nettar and Norah & Bernard Wilding.**

**Please pray for sick :** Maya Betar, Charlie Camenzuli, John Daniel, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Louise Goderic, Jane McCann, Amani Nemattala, Anthony Pace, Joan Renshaw and Harry Slaughter.

### Hospital & Nursing Home Masses

- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
- ◆ **Mountain View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10am
- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Summit Care (Jamison Gardens)** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am
- ◆ **Newmarch Nursing Home** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am
- ◆ **Lemongrove Gardens** 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept, November
- ◆ **Edinglassie Lodge** 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December

### National Vocations Awareness Week

Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

#### Weekend Mass

**Saturday** 6.00pm Vigil

**Sunday** 7.00am 8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm

#### Weekday Mass

**Monday** 9.30 am

**Tuesday** 6.45 am & 9.30 am

**Wednesday** 9.30 am & 7.00 pm

**Thursday** 9.30 am

**Friday** 6.45 am & 12.10 pm

**Saturday** 9.00 am

**Healing Mass** 9.00am 1st Saturday of month

**Filipino:** 11.00am 1st Saturday of month

#### Office Hours 9am - 5 pm

**Lunch 1pm –1.30 pm (Office closed)**

#### Reconciliation:

**Saturday** 9.30am - 10.30am and 5.00pm - 5.45pm

**Adoration:** After Saturday Morning Mass

**Baptisms & Marriages by appointment only**

**Marriage Prep courses can be booked at Parish Office.**

#### Schools

**St Nicholas Primary** 4752 3300

**Principal** Ms Anita Knezevic

**St Mary Mackillop Primary** 4724 3200

**Principal** Mr Scott Buchan

#### Prayer Groups

- \* **Prayer Meeting** please see church notice boards for dates and times.
- \* **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** see church notice Board for dates and times 47 334274 (*John & Helen*).
- \* **Community of Risen Christ Prayer Meetings** Please phone Steffi and Parry 0436 395 763 or 4736 2311.
- \* **Rosary Statue** is at the home of Michael & Vicki Taylor at 81 Elizabeth Crescent, Kingswood.



**Young at Heart Morning Tea** is on Wednesday 7th August after the 9.30 am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.

## PARISH OUTREACH

### **St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith**

Sacramental Program

#### **Confirmation 2019**

**Parents** wishing to enrol their children in the program **must attend an information session,**

which will be at

St Nicholas of Myra Church on

**Tuesday 13th August 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

To be eligible for Confirmation, **children must be in year 5 or above. They must be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

### Parish Priest Corner



#### Children's Liturgy

Sunday Eucharist is the most important spiritual activity for all the baptized. Every weekend, especially at 10 am Mass on Sunday, we encourage our parents and families to come to Eucharist with their families and children.

This weekend we are promoting the Children's Liturgy during our Masses. Children's Liturgy in our parish is looked after by the volunteers. This beautiful ministry helps children to deepen their faith and love for God and one another. We all need to appreciate the commitment and availability of our volunteers. But unfortunately, we do not have a lot of volunteers to carry out this ministry in an effective way. We need you, the children need you, to tell them about Christ's love and forgiveness. Please prayerfully consider to step in and be part of this beautiful ministry.

### THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

**Tuesday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord**

10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1)

11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall)

7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall) (2nd & last Tuesdays)

**Thursday 8th St Mary of the Cross**

**Saturday 3rd St Lawrence**

### Parish Roster 10/11 August 2019

**Vigil : Acolytes :** J Buttigieg, D Welfare  
**Altar Servers :** G Nematic  
**Comm. Rep :** S Falleiro **Reader :** M Prenderville  
**Eucharist Ministers:** M Knox, F Keuneman, K Pemberton  
**Music :** Billy **AV :** Samara Dias

**7 am : Acolytes :** D Wiggins

**Altar Server :**  
**Comm.Rep :** H Ryan **Reader:** S Paterson  
**Eucharist Ministers :** L Davie, G Wiggins  
**AV :** Brian Rees

**8.30 am : Acolytes :** J Relunia, R Wood  
**Altar Servers :** E & L Loughlan-Larsen  
**Comm. Rep :** O Pulinski **Reader :** J Musa  
**Eucharist Ministers :** Y Baccan, B Brainwood, R Bryan,  
G Burns, U Gomez, E Isaaks, B Keavy  
**Music :** Scott Carroll **AV :** Tuckers

**10 am : Acolytes :** J Tabone  
**Altar Servers :** B Powell, V & V Rodrigues  
**Comm. Rep :** E Sicam **Reader :** L Gal  
**Eucharist Ministers :** A Alimangoha, C Vella, M Nyss  
**Music :** AMDG Choir **AV:** Zamanda

**6 pm : Acolytes :** D Cocksedge  
**Altar Servers :** E Moniz  
**Comm. Rep :** F Jackson **Reader :** E Marshall  
**Eucharist Minsters :** C D'Mello, D Lee, K Wrightson  
**Music :** CFC **AV :** Sharon Shahoud



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**JOAN RENSHAW**

### **August 15th : Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day of Obligation**

As part of the commemoration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be extra Masses at **9.30 am, 12.10 pm and 7 pm.**

Before the 7 pm Mass, a rosary procession commencing from the grotto of Mother Mary will be held around the church grounds with the final mystery to be held inside the church. The congregation in attendance are requested to bring their icons and statues of the Blessed Virgin which will form part of the special blessing at the end of the rosary procession.



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