



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year C
6th / 7th August 2022

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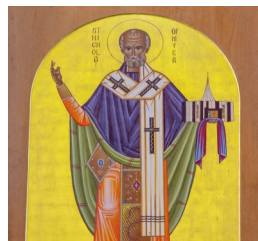
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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR SOLUMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

A "one hit wonder" from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, *Don't Worry, Be Happy*. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology and the world in general. A glance at today's gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don't worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God's kingdom first and on following God's will for justice in the world and, then, don't worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one's hands into the air as the 1980's song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God. This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don't worry, be happy?

Historical Context – Mary MacKillop

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!

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SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2022
CITY2SURF

Slow and steady or super swift, get into the City2Surf spirit and get #Active4Vocations with some of our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, and priests. Walk, stroll, jog, or run on Sunday 14 August in this inclusive event for all ages and abilities. Spur our #Active4Vocations team on with a donation. Your generosity will go the distance in supporting our seminarians to become priests. or sponsor our team @ tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES



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NO FOOD OR DRINK OTHER THAN WATER IS ALLOWED INSIDE OUR CHURCH AT ANY TIME.



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IN ACCORDANCE WITH NSW HEALTH RECOMMENDATION, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR A FACE MASK IN OUR CHURCH.



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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the reposed soul of Pauline Margerison a much loved and long time parishioner May she rest in peace.
Her funeral will be held on Thursday 18th August at 11.00am



Please pray for the reposed soul of Emma Mudie a much loved and long time parishioner May she rest in peace.
Her funeral will be held on Friday 19th August at 10.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

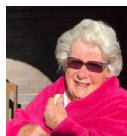
RECENTLY DECEASED: Joe (Peppi) Xiberras, Pauline Margerison, Emma Mudie and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Evelyn & Claude Fernandez, Charlie & Doris Schembri, Jose P Osorio, Orlando Palacio, Rosela Porteria, Manuela Lopez Uy, Rodolfo Calub, Faaiu, Ioane and Vilo Tuliatu and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, Godfrey Gomez, Mary, Joseph, Bill and Charlie Spiteri & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Melisa Maiseeh, Lou Doyle, Charlie Camenzuli, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperineck, Anne Maree Geagea, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Ashley Sawaya, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Cheryl Clark, John Sullivan, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Louise Goderie, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We wish Joan Renshaw a very happy 100th birthday for the 6th of August.



We also wish a very happy birthday to Puleiala Samuelu for the 5th of August and Jackie Dumas for the 10th of August.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open on our website. All the dates for the program are available on our website. To be eligible for Confirmation the child must be in Year 5 or above and have received Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU



Mila Svehla who after 37 years as a SRE teacher has decided to retire. We thank her for her dedication to this ministry of the Church and to the young people in the State Primary schools in our parish.

CATECHISTS REQUIRED

Can you spare an hour a week to be a scripture teacher in public primary schools?

If so, please contact Margaret Wilson at catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or phone the Parish 4721 2509.

This voluntary teaching in our parish assists the spreading of the Word of God to the children. Mentoring and training will be provided.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



The parish will be training new altar servers to serve at the altar. The training will be held on August 17th, 24th and 31st at 4 pm in the Church. Parents and grandparents, please encourage and support your children to become altar servers especially if they finished their First Holy Communion this year.

Please call the parish office to register your child.

GOOD NEWS SHARING

Dear friends, the celebration of the Eucharist is not a private devotion but rather a communal gathering much like a family meal. The actual partaking of the food is referred to as "communion," a joining together of the members of the community, not only with our God but also with each other. The Gospel itself is Good News. Too many of us, because of all the bad news, forget to share the Good News! So as a parish family we will resume our 'Good News' sharing after the announcement. It is important to share all that is good in our life. People need to hear, see, and experience the Good News. People need our witness and conviction in a world filled with doubt and suspicion. They need to see our joy in a world filled with sadness and numbness. Following Jesus is living life abundantly! By sharing the good news, we in fact thank our Lord, who is author of all that is good. This good news can be your birthday or your friend's birthday, marriage anniversary, a new job, a newborn child, a healing experience, a special faith experience, etc...

Fr Joe Manjaly

PARISH ROSTER 13th / 14th August

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	J Hogan D Wellfare		S Perera	N Perera	J Fullerton R DeBono	Billy	Samara Dias
7.00am	J French D Wiggins		S Paterson	M Scicluna	E Sajonia R Sajonia		Brian Rees
8.30am	M Cobden M Tolentino	G Peters	C Wright	M Prendeville	O Nugpo M Nyss	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Cill
10.00am	R Wood J Tabone	M Johnson	D Conejar	M Varua	M Knox A Kosman	AMDG Adult	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	R Esteban N Nepocumeno	J Joseph J Esteban	D Whalen	K Smith	C D'Mello K Wrightson	CFC	Sharon Shahoud

CALENDAR

Monday 8/8	Tuesday 9/8	Wednesday 10/8	Thursday 11/8	Friday 12/8	Saturday 13/8	Sunday 14/8
St Mary of the Cross Solemnity		St Lawrence Feast	St Clare Memorial			20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass 10.30am SMM Primary School Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass & Divine Mercy Adoration	9.00am Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass
7.00pm Baptism Preparation PMR1	10.00am Deanery Meeting 7.00pm Prayer Group Hall	11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1	2.00pm Meeting for Consecrated Life	7.30pm CFC Christian Life Program		

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Planned Giving Envelopes:

The 2022/2023 Planned Giving envelopes are available, please collect from the Church Foyer.

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS



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On the 8th of August, the church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, the Saint of Australia. Please come and join us for the 9.30 am Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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On the 15th of August we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of obligation. We have Masses at 9.30 am & 7 pm. We encourage you to bring the statues and icons of Our Lady from your home to the 7 pm Mass to be blessed.

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