



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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**SUNDAY MASS** *online*

SOLEMNITY: ST MARY OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP  
SUNDAY 8th AUGUST 2021  
with FR PATRICK MULLINS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

**facebook** **YouTube**

[www.facebook.com/HFPMtDruitt](http://www.facebook.com/HFPMtDruitt) Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt

**DUE TO COVID-19, PUBLIC  
MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE  
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.  
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.  
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!  
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**

 DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

## REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

### Solemnity: St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

This week marks the conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week. It is a time to reflect on where God is calling us in our life - which might be to consecrated life, to being married, or remaining single - but always to follow Christ.

As a Jesuit Novice I spent a lot of time getting to know the lives of the (Jesuit) Saints who had come before me. When I took my First Vows, I felt both proud and humbled to be now in their company as a fellow Jesuit. This feeling has not gone away; I am inspired by what they did in their own day and feel the desire to also want to experience and encourage a sense of a deep, personal encounter with Christ for each one of us.

Last week we celebrated St Ignatius Day, today we celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - currently Australia's only saint. Along with the life story of Mary, what I also find appealing is that she walked this land. Mary ended her life in Sydney, you can visit her tomb in North Sydney. Through Mary, God visited his people here in this land. We do not have to travel to the Holy Land, or visit the great pilgrimage sites of Europe to find God. God is also a part of this "Great South Land of the Holy Spirit". We can encounter God here in Sydney, here in Mt Druitt, here in our homes and in our daily lives today.

That can be a vocational story there: our story of "finding God in all things", of "not seeing a need without finding a way to meet it". May we write our own pages in the story of God visiting his people here.

Fr Gregory





## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

# ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please', he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth.'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 63: 1-8

#### **My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dreary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory. R.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise,  
So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you,  
on you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. R.

### SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 12-17

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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 25-34

*Do not worry about your life.*

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 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.



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15th AUGUST 2021—

#### SOLEMNITY: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**1st Reading:** Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-56

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Sylvia Greene, Lopisoni Makario, George Mallouk, Zarouf Mallouk, Ave Sio, Cristina Frugone, Tracey Tosatto, Sandra Roseworn, Kenny McConnell, Jean Toovey, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Robert Piper, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Kenny Clements, Paul Cusack, Ian Watts, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave Fara Vargas, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

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Do not worry  
about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will  
bring enough worries  
of its own.  
Matthew 6:34





## COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

**SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! WE ALL HAVE A DUTY OF CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. KEEP SAFE // STAY WARM // CHECK IN ON YOUR LOVED ONES // WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS. LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: CLOSED  
 Tuesday -Thursday: 9.00am–3.00pm  
 Friday: 9.00am–12.00pm  
 CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

### DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

- If you would like to make an online donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to: **Commonwealth Bank**  
**Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church**  
**BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 0000446**

### Clergy Support Foundation Donations

It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to **BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1** with names as reference and send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.



## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

1ST—8TH AUGUST 2021



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness. For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer. Amen.*



### PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

**O Mary**, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

**We seek refuge under your protection**, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

dosp.org



**MASS FOR YOU**  
at home

If you are not able to access our parish Sunday Mass online, you can make an Act of Spiritual Communion while watching Mass For You At Home broadcast at:

**6am Sunday morning on Network Ten (metropolitan) and WIN Television (regional) and 10am on Foxtel's Aurora channel 173**

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

**2021/08**  
**CHURCH ON THE WAY**



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST THE CHURCH

**LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THAT SHE MAY RECEIVE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THE GRACE AND STRENGTH TO REFORM HERSELF IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL.**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH VISION**

**Holy Family Mt Druitt is a welcoming community:**  
 † **on a journey towards a personal encounter with Jesus;**  
 † **called to unity and celebrating our diversity;**  
 † **living and sharing the joy of the Gospel.**

**Prayer of St Mary Mackillop**

Ever-generous God,  
 You inspired Saint Mary Mackillop  
 to live her life faithful to the  
 Gospel of Jesus Christ and  
 constant in bringing hope and  
 encouragement to those who were  
 disheartened, lonely or needy.

*With confidence in your generous providence and through  
 the intercession of Saint Mary Mackillop*

*We ask that you grant our request.*

*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy  
 Spirit so that we too, like Mary Mackillop, may live with  
 courage, trust and openness.*

*Ever generous God, hear our prayer.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*



**COVID-19**  
 ✓ **VACCINATION**

Dear Holy Family Parish,

With a change in political focus from zero community transmission to a focus on vaccination take-up, the parish has worked with Western Sydney Health to offer Holy Family Church as a Vaccine Centre.

On the following dates we have the capacity for 100 Pfizer doses per day (9am-3pm daily) at **Holy Family Church, 254 Luxford Road, Emerton:**

Wednesday 11 August (2nd dose 02 September)

Thursday 19 August (2nd dose 09 September)

Thursday 26 August (2nd dose 16 September)

Thursday 02 September (2nd dose 23 September)

Probably at **Bidwill**

Friday 20 August (2nd dose 10 September)

Friday 27 August (2nd dose 17 September)

Friday 03 September (2nd dose 24 September)

If you live in the local area and want to book in for your first vaccine, then please call **0473 889 517**. This number will be staffed 7 days a week from 9am-5pm for bookings.

On the day, you will need to wear a mask, have Medicare card and/or photo ID.

**Please pass this on to anyone in the local area who might be interested.**

Blessings  
 Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ  
 Parish Priest

**CONSECRATED HOSTS**

*During this time of lock-down, you may still receive the Eucharist. Someone from your family will need to come to the Parish and collect consecrated hosts in a suitable container (preferably a pyx) and handle this with the necessary sacredness. We would prefer if you came regularly rather than take home large amounts.*

*Contact the Parish Office or message us via Facebook OR email enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au to arrange a suitable time.*

**Prisoner's Prayer To Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

Introduce me to Mary, the Immaculata, Mother of God. She prayed for Jesus in a Jerusalem jail. She prayed for you in a Nazi prison camp. Ask her to comfort me in my confinement. May she teach me always to be good. If I am lonely, may she say, "God is here.

"If I feel hate, may she say, "God is love." If I am tempted, may she say, "God is pure." If I sin, may she say, "God is mercy." If I am in darkness, may she say, "God is light." If I am unjustly condemned, may she say, "God is truth." If I have pain in soul or body, may she say, "God is peace." If I lose hope, may she say: "God is with you all days, and so am I."

Amen.



**We're here for you.**

We understand that these are some very challenging times, dealing with the effects of COVID-19 and the uncertainty it brings.

The recent announcement of restrictions extending in Greater Sydney is taking a huge toll on individuals and families in our community.

Please know that **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

Our church buildings may be closed, but **we as CHURCH remain open** to respond to and journey with those in need.

If you OR if you know someone who needs some assistance during these times, please contact us. Whether it is just for a chat, spiritual guidance OR even with basic needs, e.g. food—please reach out to us via phone, email OR online via our website and/or Facebook page.

It's ok not to be ok. We are here for you. We will get through this.