"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than **clothes**? "

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8 August – St MARY OF THE CROSS (Mary MacKillop)

From Fr Paul

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue with the current lockdown and stay-at-home orders, know we as a Parish Team are here to support you in any way we can. Above all, we pray for you and offer Mass for you and your intentions throughout the week. We are striving to **maintain the life and upkeep of the parish** within limitations of the lockdown.

Your continued **financial support** is appreciated. If you subscribe to weekly giving envelopes and would like your 2021-2022 set from the Parish Office, please let us know either by phoning the Parish Office 9489 3221 or email jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au and we arrange delivery.

I thank the **PPMC** who met with me recently and who provide me with support and counsel, and also to Ilona Dudek, our parish bookkeeper, and the **PFC** who are presently considering the financial situation of the parish and reviewing our budget for 2021-2022.

Deacon Sam, Fr Anselam and I continue to livestream morning Masses from Tuesday to Saturday, prepare homilies, provide singers for Masses, attend to the sick and dying, conduct funerals, support the housebound and vulnerable, support the schools within the parish, prepare couples for marriage and respond to requests that come our way. I am presently writing to as many of the **housebound and vulnerable** as we know of.

We acknowledge this is a time of stress and uncertainty for many. Let us always be mindful of our own **physical, mental and spiritual health.** We have noted again the contact details of various organisations to contact if you need assistance (see Page 4 of this bulletin). As a parish community let us support each other and remember to pray for one another each day (see page 5).

We continue to offer our support to parish and local schools students (K-12), and their parents and families, as they persevere with home-based and **online learning**. We appreciate the special demands on our 2021 **Year 12 students**.

This week Deacon Sam, Fr Anselam and I sent out a video Message to the **Prouille** students, families and staff for St Dominic's day, this year marking the 800th anniversary of his death. We shall do a similar message for the **St Lucy's and St Edmund's** communities ahead of the two feast days for the next two Sundays.

Sunday 8th August we celebrate the solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross Sunday 15th August we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May the example of these two great women of faith inspire us. Throughout this coronavirus pandemic, let us face the trials and tribulations in our own individual and family lives, and as a community, with faith and trust; let us not lose hope in God. May we be nourished and strengthened by the Lord who says to us in his Word this Sunday: "I am telling you not to worry about your life ... Your heavenly Father knows what you need, and will provide."

Please continue to pray for our three deacons (Sam, and his companions Aldrin and Roger) who are preparing for their Ordination to the Priesthood on Tuesday, 19th October. As you can appreciate, it is not an easy time to plan for such a big event.

I pass on the good wishes of Fr Anselam & Deacon Sam.

With our prayers, support and warm regards,

Fr Paul

Parish Masses This Week					
Monday	9 August	No Mass			Weekday, Ordinary Time 19
Tuesday	10 August	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Wednesday	11 August	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	St Clare, virgin
Thursday	12 August	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	Weekday, Ordinary Time 19
Friday	13 August	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	Weekday, Ordinary Time 19
Saturday	14 August	Mass	5.00pm	Livestreamed	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Sunday	15 August	No Masses			The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gigliola Cantarella (friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan). Brian Oong (husband of Gwen, father of Matthew, Jason and Damian, father in law of Sally, Christine and Lily & grandfather of Natalie, Katie, Chloe, Zara, Hannah and Ryan died 21 July, aged 89), Julie Raftery (Gemma McDermott's mother, died 16 July), Robert (Bob) Logue, Sr Karen Stafford SMSM (Shirley Stafford, died 15 July, aged 85), Ethel Christenson (mother of Paul and Linda, mother in law of Virginia, and nana of Isabella, Alana, Claudia, Nick and Daniel) died 13 July), Margaret Woodlands (wife of Brian, mother of Joanne, Elizabeth and Kristin, died 6th July), Br. Michael Stanley Madden cfc (Chris Madden's brother died 2 July, aged 95 years), Veronica Richards (Rebecca Luca's mother, died 28 June), Graham English (Lecturer and former Christian Brother, former teacher at Brigidine College, St Ives), Fr Kevin Liam Condon OP (died 14 June), Joseph Burke (Brother in law of Frankie Doran, died 4 June, aged 91), Salvatore (Sam) Severino (husband of Elizabeth (Betty) died 31 May aged 92 years).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick's mum—2nd anniversary on 4 August), Patricia (Trisha) Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 10th anniversary on 5 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 5th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 5th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 6th anniversary, 11 August), Don Dell (husband of Joan, 13th anniversary on 13 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 8th anniversary on 13 August), Manh Phan (Melvin's father, 1st anniversary, 14 August), Ron Phillips (father of Lynne Attard, 1st anniversary 20 July), Evelyn Attard (Ray's mother, 23rd anniversary on 22 July), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 15th anniversary on 26 July), Jim Johnson (2nd anniversary 30th July) Betty Le Gras (wife of Chris and mother of Peter, 10th anniversary on 15 July), Kathleen Busuttil (1st anniversary 10 July), Susan Lukas (mother of Andy and Donna Lukas, 2nd anniversary 11 July), Gabrielle Quirk (sister of Rosalie Talty, 4th anniversary on 14 July), Gabrielle Small (Jennifer Skelly's mum, 2nd anniversary on 16th July), Andre Henriks (father of Yvonne van den Berg, 2nd anniversary 17th July), Bruce Phillips and Enid Phillips (parents of Megan Khannah, 19th anniversary on 23 July and 13th anniversary on 15th May), Daniel McGarry (son of Brian, 11th anniversary on 2 July), Vincent McGarry (father of Brian, 16th anniversary on 3rd July), Kevin Francis Lynch (cousin of Jennifer Gregory, 5th anniversary on 5 July), Ramon Moraza (brother of Rose Planas, 5th anniversary on 4 July), Norman Li (husband of Jennie, 1st anniversary on 13 July), Joe Tulinsky (brother in law of Cyril Littrich, 2nd anniversary 17 June), Felicity Gallagher (50th anniversary on 20 June), Thomas Allan Wah (father of Noreen Pang, 21 June), Frank Machado (father of Tony, anniversary on 25 June) FOR THE SICK:

Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser), Greg Couch (husband of Cristina, son of Paul and Gemma, brother of Jess), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dr Gagan Khannah, Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Margaret Fandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Tina Northcott, Joe Pulis, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), John Clark, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomo, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to pay the bills or to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at <u>info@catholiccaredbb.org.au</u>. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

What does the Word say to us this Sunday?

Sunday 8th August we celebrate the solemnity of **Saint Mary of the Cross** - better known as Mary MacKillop, firstborn daughter of Scottish migrants, recognised by the Church as Australia's first canonised Saint. Many Australians feel great affection for "our Mary", recognising in her great faith and outstanding virtue, and a life generously and courageously lived for others, especially the isolated and uneducated children of the bush, and their families.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17.8-16 "For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the Word of the Lord spoken by Elijah."

In the land of Israel, struggling under the deplorable king, Ahab, (874 BC – 853 BC) there is a severe drought.

We meet a widow, the poorest of the poor, most destitute and downtrodden of society, out gathering sticks to make a fire. She was totally and completely 'at the end of her rope'. In fact, she yelled at Elijah, "I don't have any bread! I was just headed home to mix together the last little bit of oil and the last little bit of flour, the very last things left, to make one little cake for myself and my son, our last meal before we give into the hopelessness that surrounds us and lay down to die."

That was the reality of her life, she explained to Elijah: just a little flour left in a jar. Just a little oil in a jug. Just enough for one more small meal, and then she could see the end.

No, no, Elijah told her. It might LOOK like the very last dregs of oil. It may seem like just enough flour to make one more cake. But I am telling you: the reality you see in front of you is not God's reality.

Elijah invited this widow to step out in faith. He told her to make a little loaf of bread for him, and then to make another little loaf of bread for herself and her son. Elijah told her that in her cupboard every morning there would be just enough flour and just enough oil to eat for that day... every day until the drought ended and God restored the fortunes of Israel.

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 "Let the word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you."

Saint Paul reminds this early Christian community to remember they are God's chosen and holy people. They must allow Christ to transform them by a life of prayer to be compassionate, generous, humble, gentle and patient. In other words, to put on Christ – to put on love and allow the peace of Christ to reign in their hearts.

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-34 "I am telling you not to worry about your life ..."

Jesus tells us to trust in God our loving Father, who has demonstrated his generosity throughout all creation. God knows our needs—and, if we will seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, "all these things will be given to you as well" (v. 33). Jesus encourages us to look at nature and to reflect on the Providence and abundance of God. Look at the birds In the sky, think of the flowers growing in the fields – and learn from them. Do not worry. Your heavenly Father knows what you need, and will provide.



"Remember we are but travellers here." (1866)

"Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891)

"Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the eternal life of happiness." (28.2.1890)

"Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive 'crosses' and know that we also give them." (14.4.1882)

A Reminder about next Sunday's Solemnity of the Assumption

Sunday 15th August we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. She who appeared to be a simple, "poor and lowly" young woman from an obscure village accepted the call of God to be Mother of the Saviour: "be it done unto me according to your Word". She is the highest honour of our race, the One whom all generations will call "Blessed" - recognised as Mother of God and Queen of Heaven.

Spírít of St Lucy's

Celebrating St Dominic's Day

This week was the Feast Day of St Dominic. It also happens to be the 800 year anniversary of his death. At St Lucy's, we held a special day of fun, faith and celebration within our school community. We held a special liturgy within our classes, dressed in the black and white colours of the Dominican Order, and engaged in some fun activities with our Creative Arts team members. It was a lovely way to bring some joy during these times.





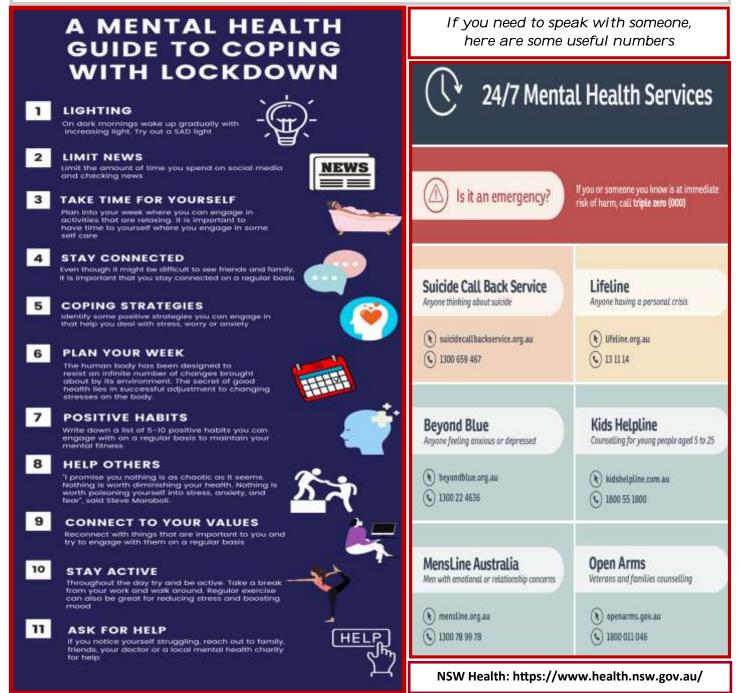








Coping with Covid-19 Lockdowns...



Lord, teach us to pray - Prayers during Covid

For a printable sheet of traditional Catholic Prayers you can <u>follow this link</u>

Prayer before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



THE MEMORARE

EMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To Thee I come; before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but in Thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

With Ecclementical Approbation

Mother of Perpetual Help Pray for Us



As I pray: I Praise God ... I Thank God I Express my love... I Express my sorrow for sins... I ask for others... I ask for myself.... "WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU. IN GOD, WHOSE WORD I PRAISE, IN GOD I TRUST; I SHALL NOT BE AFRAID." PSALMS 56:3-4

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home.

> As fear grips our country, Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

SURRENDER PRAYER

"Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away even from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you, by my love, that if you say "Jesus, you take care of it" I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you, and guide you always. "

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!" +AMEN

Amen.

Saints we remember this week



St Mary MacKillop (Saint Mary of the Cross) Feast Day - 8 August

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909.

She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. She treasured those words of St Paul "May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of Religious Life to provide education for their children. She and her Sisters (the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart) shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children.

She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of falsehoods spoken about her, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

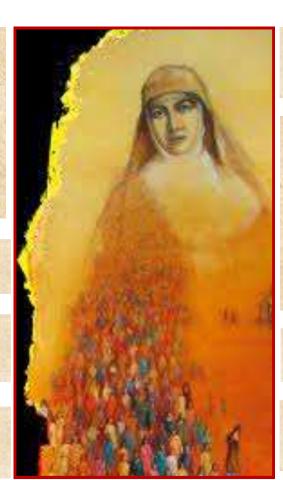
In June 1995 Mary MacKillop was beatified by Pope John Paul II. In February 2010, after evaluating the testimony of an Australian woman who claimed that her terminal cancer had disappeared after she called upon Mary MacKillop in prayer, Pope Benedict XVI recognised Mary as a saint and she was canonised on 17 October.

"We must let no obstacles deter us from proceeding with courage in the path marked out for us. It may sometimes be dark and full of windings, but a beautiful bright light shines at the end of this path and a few more windings will bring us to it."

"Never see a need without doing something about it."

"Love one another and bear with one another and let love guide you in all your life".

"God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark".



"Let us show this love in our acts bearing with one another, forgiving and forgetting."

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can."

"We must teach more by example than by word."

"A certain sense of God's wonderful love strengthens me".

"Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart." "Courage, courage trust in God who helps you in all things". Saints we remember this week



St Lawrence (31 December 225AD - 10 August 258AD) Feast Day 10 August

Lawrence was a deacon of the Church of Rome. The tradition about Lawrence is that he was a deacon from Spain in the service of Pope Sixtus II. He was put in charge of the administration of Church goods and care for the poor. He is also regarded as one of the first archivists and treasurers of the Church.

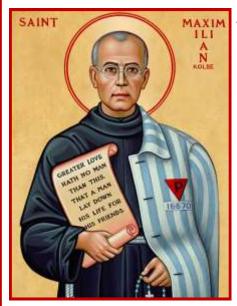
He died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II, with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving, he became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church and he was named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in many ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

St Clare (16 July 1194 - 11 August 1253) Feast Day 11 August

As a young girl, Saint Clare was inspired by the example of Saint Francis and his friars to leave the comforts of her aristocratic home and embrace the life of holy poverty, receiving the habit at the Saint's hands. The nuns who gathered around her eventually became known as the Poor Clares, whose life of prayer and frugality is well known to this day.

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she expressed that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"





St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (8 January 1894 - 14 August 1941) Feast Day 14 August

The culmination of this Franciscan priest's heroic life of charity, missionary zeal, and self-sacrifice came when he was imprisoned in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz.

There he continually inspired his fellow inmates by his bold confession of Christ and his example of charity even under these extreme conditions. Following the example of his heavenly Master, he made the greatest sacrifice of all, volunteering to die in place of another prisoner.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim of severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family.

Recognised as the Servant of God, Kolbe was beatified as a "Confessor of the Faith" on October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI and canonised by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982. Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe not a confessor, but a martyr.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest : Assistant Priest : Transitional Deacon Deacon:

Parish Secretary : Sacramental Coordinator:

Office Hours : Phone: Postal Address:

Prouille School : School Principal: Phone: CCD Coordinator : Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:

Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator: St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.00am— 8.30am Silent Prayer
8.30am— 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church
8.45am— 9.00am Rosary
Rosary after Mass on Tuesday
Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended) Mass is also celebrated: :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms (Suspended until further notice)

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Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am. Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night. Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Gemma McDermott (Chair), Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is very much appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au