

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

MI 6: 25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*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 how you are to clothe it. Surely life means 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 that they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his 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 regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown in the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and his righteousness, and all these other 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.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP), VIRGIN / B

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POVERTY AND TRUST

Two themes, 'poverty' and 'trust' leap out from the readings for St Mary MacKillop's feast day, both befitting Australia's first saint.

Poverty in itself is a lack, a harsh suffering, even a death sentence for those like the widow of Zarephath mentioned in today's first reading, as well as many families that Mary MacKillop served in 19th century Australia. From another perspective, poverty can be embraced as a gospel path, as a way to draw close to the poor and to God who loves the poor.

This path refers not only to the vocations of people like Mary MacKillop, but to an attitude to life itself: the willingness to trust not in material possessions but in the steadfast love of God (Gospel), the decision to let go of personal security in order to reach out to others (second reading).

Mary MacKillop lived life on all these fronts. She knew the bitterness of material impoverishment, she embraced God's love for the poor, and she boldly trusted in God to use her life and gifts in the service of the gospel.

As she assured her family, and the sisters in her congregation, on many occasions, and often in the face of material impoverishment, 'God will take care of us all'.

Teresa Pirola

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

*The jar of meal shall not be spent . . .*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63: 1-8. R. v. 8

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

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

2. 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.**

3. 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

Col 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

*Bear with one another, forgive each other.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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## From my desk

Greetings to one and all, hope you are keeping well. I know that this lockdown is not easy for a lot of people, if we can be of assistance, please contact the office and we will try to assist you. We sadly are still not able to open our churches for private or public prayer only 10 mourners at funerals. I am happy to say that the Sunday Mass live streaming at 9am have been very successful. At both St Agnes' and St Andrew's Churches there is a YouTube QR code displayed at their entrances and on this bulletin to assist going to the live-Mass site. Also, you can just go to both churches website. These Masses after live-streamed remain there so if you miss 9am you can catch up with them through Sunday or beyond. Please help in passing on this information to other parishioners. St Agnes parishioners for the next two weeks will assist our Sunday Mass celebrations. Many thanks to those who continue to generously support the parish through parish accounts displayed on the front page of parish website, you don't have to have a number to contribute to the second collection. This Sunday and next Sunday we will suspend our Sundays in Ordinary Time celebrations with two Solemnities next Sunday the Assumption and this Sunday St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop. As we all know that Mary Helen MacKillop (1842-1909) who would become Sr Mary of the Cross help found the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (1866). Her vision and foresight through this Congregation, provided education to the poor and needy, hope and meaning to the destitute, opening hospitals, orphanages and more, and where there was needed, she would do something about it through God's providence. Mary attracted many young women to stand beside her for over a century and to be a presence throughout Australia, New Zealand, South America and beyond. On 17 October 2010 in Rome, there was declared, A Saint of the Universal Church, St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop is also a Patroness Saint of Australia and a wonderful example to living God's love faithfully each day. Mary of the Cross, pray for us! Pray for us in this dreadful pandemic, this world and your nation is experiencing. God bless you all my dear parishioners



Fr John

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Go Make Disciples,*

**The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**

### Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

**Recently deceased:** Sam Capizzi, Jeanette Bujeya, Maureen Gardnier, Marika Radić,, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

**Anniversary:** Stephen Kennedy, Dorothy Moyes, John McFadyen, Craig Simmons, Faye Davis, Brian Hetherington

**The Sick:** Julia Mankarios

**Tax Receipts** for both parishes, have been emailed out. If you have not received, please contact the office on 93112062

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If anyone in the parish has a love of high-tech equipment and is interested in learning the running of our new livestreaming equipment, we would appreciate your help. We are hoping to get enough parishioners involved, to make up a roster system for weekend masses. Anyone who is interested, please contact the office by emailing ([standrewmal@gmail.com](mailto:standrewmal@gmail.com)) or calling 9311 2062.

Anyone wishing to financially support the parishes of St Agnes' and St Andrew's can contribute by direct deposit shown below. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

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Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)



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