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## NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **SAFEGUARDING MEETING**

On **Tuesday evening August 24**, there will be a Safeguarding Meeting for all people who have a Working with Children Card in this parish. It will begin at 6.30pm and will run for approximately 2 hours. Please make every effort to come as we strive to incorporate Safeguarding measures in the parish. These changes in culture take time to embed themselves into our lives, but they will benefit the children and vulnerable adults in our parishes and Church.

#### **MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: TAKE A BOW!**

The longest-running program on Australian commercial television, Mass for You at Home, celebrated 50 years on our screens when Mass was broadcast into people's living rooms last Sunday, August 1. Mass for You at Home, which originally aired on Channel 0 in Victoria, was a ministry of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne from 1971 until earlier this year. It is now produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It airs on Network 10 across Australia and is also available online via 10 Play and the Mass for You at Home website. Wollongong Bishop Brian Mascord said much has changed in the 50 years since Mass was first broadcast on free-to-air television. The need for the Mass remains, though.

"Fr Michael King's vision from the early 1970s – to provide spiritual nourishment to the housebound – is still relevant today for people who are sick, infirm, in hospital or aged care, in prison or don't have internet," he said. "We also have a special commitment to the deaf, supported by AUSLAN interpreters. "To bring a real sense of the sacred to people, inviting them to be part of a scattered yet connected worshipping community, is a privilege and a great responsibility. We take that responsibility seriously and are humbled by the letters, emails and calls we receive from our grateful community.

"The pandemic has also introduced a new audience to Mass for You at Home, via television and online platforms." Bishop Mascord said the Church has long understood the importance of media and communication in reaching the Catholic faithful and members of the wider community, Bishop Mascord said. "Mass for You at Home is a shining example of how we have been able to do that for 50 years, a trusted collaboration with Network Ten," he said. Bishop Mascord acknowledged the work of the hundreds of priests and lay people who have contributed to the ministry's history by celebrating Mass, reading Scripture, singing and producing the Masses.

"Having observed our production team working on Mass for You at Home for the past few months, it has demonstrated what must have gone into this task over the decades,"

Bishop Mascord said: "I thank and honour those – past and present – who have allowed this ministry to flourish, and I also thank those who are now providing financial support to see the legacy continue."

#### **WEEKDAY Mass Times:**

**Tuesday 10th AUGUST – Saturday 14th AUGUST**

**Tuesday 8:30am; Wednesday 9am SCHOOL MASS; Friday 8:30am- followed by Adoration; Saturday 8.30am followed by Reconciliation.**

**WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)**

**Sunday - 7:30am (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chidlow)**

**9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)**

#### **SCHOOL MASS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday morning at 9am, we will be celebrating Mass with the School and Parish Community together. Please come along

#### **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES STUDY GROUP**

This week we are looking at Session 13

'The Jerusalem Council and Paul's Second Journey'

**BEARING IN MIND THAT WE ARE HAVING A SCHOOL MASS ON WEDNESDAY, OUR BIBLE STUDY IS LIKELY TO START AT 10AM THIS WEEK.**

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES (PREP)**

We begin Classes this coming Wednesday.

**The Confirmation Class** will begin at 3.45pm-4.30pm (in the Church)

**The Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes**

will start at 4.00pm-4.45pm (in the Parish Meeting Room)

**PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK – Janina WREN**

**SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS(MacKillop), VIRGIN– YEAR B****FIRST READING** 1 Kings 17: 8-16      **A reading from the first book of Kings.**

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 your 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.**

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

**SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS(MacKillop), VIRGIN – YEAR B****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 27: 55

**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** Mt 6: 25-34      **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

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 than 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.

**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'.