



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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The Year of the Priest



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The Australian People's Saint

This year we commemorate the Centenary of the death of Blessed Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne on 15 January 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. The years between saw one of Australia's most remarkable women demonstrate incredible strength, devotion, inspiration and absolute trust in God.

Mary was the eldest of eight children born to Scottish immigrants. About her early years she writes, "My life as a child was one of sorrow, my home when I had it, was a most unhappy one".

Much of this sorrow was due to dwindling family fortunes. Her father's reckless business deals inevitably resulted in relatives supporting the MacKillops.

At 16, Mary became the main provider. She worked as a governess, then a shop assistant and finally a school teacher in Portland, Victoria.

In 1866 she met the man who would change her life, Father Julian Tenison Woods. He invited her to teach in a new school in Penola, a small town in south east South Australia.

This was to be a new type of school, a Church school where the education was free to all children.

The success of the new school was immediate.

Soon Mary was joined by other dedicated young women and the Sisters of St Joseph was formed, the first Religious Order founded by an Australian.

Dedicated to supplying a free education to all who needed it, small groups of the Sisters spread rapidly through the Australian landscape. They lived amongst the people who

needed them, in tents, in shanties and sheds.

The more conservative Catholics were unsure of the vigorous new Order, some of the Bishops found it impossible. The freshness of the vision and its practical interpretation were so unsettling to the rigid Church hierarchy that a terrible step was taken ... Bishop Sheil of Adelaide declared that Mary was excommunicated and that the Order was disbanded.

It was at this point that friends from all parts of society banded together to support her in her days of crisis. And her friends came from all religions. Emanuel Solomon, a member of the Jewish Faith, gave the Sisters a place to live ... Joanna Barr Smith, a prominent Protestant, supported and encouraged them. Defying Church ruling, the Jesuit Fathers offered spiritual succour.

Justice prevailed and the excommunication was ruled invalid. The shattered Order regrouped and the work started again.

This experience taught Mary that official Church approval of the Sisters of St Joseph was

vital. She begged her passage to Rome and travelled dressed as a widow. At the Vatican, Pope Pius IX approved and blessed the Constitution of the Order. He also granted the group the right to determine its own direction.

On her return trip Mary was accompanied by several young Irish women who were keen to join her and her Sisters in Australia.

Shelters for the elderly, the homeless and the neglected were opened. The new Josephite schools spread through the bush, the small farming communities, the railway camps and



This Week

SUNDAY 9th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

MONDAY 10th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 11th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 12th

7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 13th

9am Mass at North School

FRIDAY 14th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (with Sth Schl)
9.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY 15th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass (Vigil)

SUNDAY 16th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Sunday 20 B -

mining fields. Soon the Sisters travelled across the Tasman to open schools and missions in New Zealand.

In 1902, while visiting New Zealand, Mary had a stroke. Years of hardship, travel and anxiety had taken their toll on

this remarkable woman. She died in the convent in North Sydney in 1909. Her last resting place is in the Memorial Chapel on the same site.

Mary MacKillop's life had been totally dedicated to showing God's love and

care for those in need.

Today her spirit is still with us ... and for us. And still just as strong.

Parish Calendar, News & Events

August

9th 19th Sunday B

11 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11th First Eucharist Workshop 9-3pm No ASRE
10.30am Seniors Morning Tea

15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Eucharist

16th 19th Sunday B
First Eucharist

WELCOME SR BRIGID CP

We welcome amongst us after many months waiting for her entry visa Sr Brigid Murphy of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. Brigid has come to take on her role as Pastoral Associate sharing with Sr Joan. We look forward to her joining the Parish Leadership Team and sharing life and ministry with us. We will hear a little more from her on the front page of the newsletter.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal: Baskets available at both entrances to the church for your donations of non-perishable food items—this will help top up our Parish St Vincent de Paul group supplies. Another way of helping others. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Renewal Parish Ministries:

New Rosters for: Altar Servers, Procession of Gifts Welcome, Eucharistic Ministers, Cuppa after Mass, Reader/Commentator, Sacristan, Floral Arrangements and Chapel Ministry. are available for pickup from the Gathering Space. Please take home a copy.

Thanksgiving—Credit Card

givers: Our credit card on-line payment system requires the expiry date of credit cards. If you receive a new card with new expiry date it would be wonderful if

you would let us know—9700 3781 or office@stpaulapostle.com.au. Thank you to those who do contact us with this information.

Help needed to support a member of our Community who has had heart surgery. Ring Judy 9700 5065, 0429 667 729.



11th August: First Eucharist Workshop:

9am-3pm in the Church. All children preparing for First Eucharist need to attend. This completes their preparation. **Please Note**

There will be no ASRE classes on this day
Masses for First Eucharist will be celebrated on:
Saturday 15th: 6pm,
Sunday 16th: 9am, 11am and 6pm;
Saturday 22nd: 6pm,
Sunday: 23rd 9am, 11am and 6pm.

11th August: Seniors Morning Tea at 10.30am in the Annexe. Bring a friend and a small plate to share. Look forward to catching up, hopefully the weather will be a little warmer, if not we'll put the heater on!!



12th August: CanCare—Meditation Evening with John Hamilton: Starts 8pm, in the Parish Centre. Meditation helping healing with John Hamilton a Meditation therapist. Gold coin donation— Limited numbers— Contact Jen 0418 105 401 before 7th August.

12th September: Shopping

Tour: Diarize this date now!! Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to shop cheaply—get more for your money!! Details at both entrances to Church. This is a fundraising venture for Passionists Family Groups. Cost \$45 which includes transport, and lunch. Deposit of \$20 required when booking and balance payable before trip. There will be people this weekend after all Masses taking your bookings and answering all your questions. Don't miss out!! Contact Denise - 9700 6980 for bookings.

13 August 2009 .ACU Public lecture on Blessed Mary MacKillop on Thursday 6pm
Topic: WILL THE REAL MARY MACKILLOP PLEASE STAND UP! An Examination of her True Saintliness by the Postulator for her Cause for Canonisation, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ At the Australian Catholic University, St Patrick's Campus, Christ Lecture Theatre, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, 3065. Enquires: Emily.Wolfenden@acu.edu.au or 9953 3098

Marriage Encounter Weekend: We all do things to enhance our lives. Fitness programs and diets to improve our health, in-service programs to improve our job skills. An opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enriching your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. Weekends in 2009: **Anglesea 14-16 Aug, and Lysterfield 18-20 Sept.** Website: www.wwme.org.au Bookings: Erika & Peter Smith 03 9899-0824 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Parish Calendar, News & Events...Cont.

17th August: 'Is there really a God? Searching for mystery in a culture of doubt'

is a free public event at The Oratory Newman College, 887 Swanston St Parkville at 6pm. Well known Melbourne journalist Martin Flanagan from *The Age* newspaper together with visiting US theologian and pastor Fr James Bacik will discuss the big questions of faith and spirituality in today's culture and society. Come along for an evening of lively and thought-provoking conversation! For further info visit www.evangelisation.org

Our Church, a safe community, a shared commitment

How can we help to ensure that all communities and organisations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults? Each member of the community can help with the following: Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community
Be aware of the possibilities of abuse, not overly suspicious
Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with appropriate persons
Be open to acquiring a deeper understanding of the harm caused by abuse

Undertake willingly the checks required by state and church agencies
Abide by Codes of Conduct and follow conscientiously Risk assessment procedures
Work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community
Make a personal commitment to ensuring that our church is a safe community for all.



Dandenong Deanery

23rd August Deanery Youth

Gathering: 5.50pm—9pm
(Youth Mass, Dinner & Forum)

Where: St Elizabeth's Parish
111 Bakers Road North Dandenong.

Who: All young people in the Deanery 16-35 years.

Theme: *Theology of the Person: Sex, violence and the pressures of modern life.*

27th August: Annual General Meeting: Cyrene Centre:

7.30pm, at St Anthony's Small Hall, 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park. All welcome

9th September: Deanery Breakfast:

"Voices that echo Hope in times of the Cross" focusing on rural Communities—Return of Life and Hope. At Graduate Restaurant, St John's College, Dandenong. Start 7am. Contact Parish Centre for a complimentary ticket (1 only). Contact 9546 8276 for bookings.

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Pat D'Cunha, Natalie Elysee, Heinz Weninger, Pablito Teves, Sr. Ann Halpin, Shoiseeh Younan, Vicky Angeles, Don Nelson, Leslie Thuraingham, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alyzée Dromart, Joseph Alevedo, Robert Kilmartin, Maria Sepulveda, Dorothy de Souza, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar and Tyler Karunaratne

Those who have died recently

and those whose anniversaries occur this week.

Maxine Larue, Luis Santos, Eileen Mackay, Sister Paula Borg, Nalini St John, Melville David, Augustine Moraes, Adelina Domingo, Ilario Savio, Tony Borg, John Borg, Alfred D'Cruz Lucile Smith, Andy Jong, Jose Maria, Romano Da Costa, Moisis Martins, Tonilio Dos Santos, Ethel Thomasz, Oscar Calunsag, Margueriete Lan Yan On, Derek Burkley

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK (19th Sunday B)

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30 5: 2
John 6:41-51

NEXT WEEK (20th Sunday B)

Proverbs 9: 1-6
Ephesians: 5:15-20
John 6: 51-58

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Bev Cresswell
(Pastoral & Sacrament
Support)
Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration &
Finance)

Passionist Community

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP
Br John Auram CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**

Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

**St Paul Apostle North
Primary School**

9700 6068

Prinicipal

Mrs Christine White

**St Paul Apostle South
Primary School**

9700 3663

Principal

Mrs Helen Greenhill

St John's Regional

College 9791 3366

Principal

Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: (2nd Week)

N.B New Ministers included

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	Volunteer	A Nadarajah	L Forkgen	N Sangalang
Readers & Commentator	D Rodgers P Louden J Sementy	M Vaifale D Vaifale	Y Sherwin G Johnson	P Leitan C White
Gifts	B Barnfield	S & D De Rozairo	Volunteer	Volunteer
Communion And Welcome Ministers	M & M Maillard C Quinless C Fernandes D Rice, G Lock G Tyszka	V Vaifale J Chadwick K McArdle S & D De Rozairo D Farrell, D Alwis	A Perera S Tranquille K Rowden L Forkgen F Phillips A Costa M O'Connor	R & P Torres G Canales C & R Albuquerque B Bonett
Servers	S Dang K Fernandes	M Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis D De Silva	E Gubatanga D Thevanesan N Goncalves M O'Connor	R Carvalho, L Le

Rosters for Next Weekend: 15th –16th August, 2009 (3rd Week) -NB—New ministers

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	Peter Miller	S & D McGuire	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers & Commentator	Andrea Rosario Karen Rolfe Reg Young	Anthony McArdle Nick Dimitrakis	C De Silva Anne Astin	Marg Keating Kanthe de Alwis Pierre Mendonca
Gifts	Jerry Sementy	D & H Jayasuriya	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
Communion And Welcome Ministers	Paul Negri I & M Whiteman M Boissezon Cris Emmanuel G Mutthumani Adelia Drego Lien Phan	E & W San Giorgio M La Blache D Vaifale D Schumacher Paul Smith Danny O'Hara	G Johnson Damien Kearney Wayne Barr Maureen Dawson Rhonda O'Connor Esme Fourize	M Meerwald Dan Candido Eugene Rebeiro Kanthe De Alwis Veronica Hassett Penny Carvalho
Servers	Judy D'Souza Karen Maillard Sophie Dang	Mark Harper Stefan Jayasuriya Kurt Dimitrakis Dylan De Silva	Aidan Del Socorro Noel De Zilva M O' Connor	Aaron Chitaranjan
Communion to the Sick	A: Joyce	B: P Shaw-Dennis Joe Chadwick	C: W & J Duyker (fortnightly)	
	Church Prep. Team 5 P Mallac S Tranquille L Lapierre P Kimtia M Boissezon F Vinay	Flowers Volunteers	Counting Lindsay Cresswell Pat Sequeira Raj Nadarajah Jenny Doran	Rosary

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes: (326 pledges)	\$3323.70	\$2,210.40 (146 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit		\$1859.38 (121 pledges)
Cash		\$ 530.40
Total		\$4600.18
Priests (2nd)		\$1098.45
		Thank you

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course. Information Forms at the Parish Centre.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. Registration forms and Information from the Parish Centre.