



# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Virgin / B  
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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &amp; BENEDICTION</b>	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Khoury, Kathleen McFadden, Kathleen Lourey, Soccorsa Crotti, Kathleen Krahe, George Williams, Enid Mulcare, Abigail Deam, Jill Shanks, Verdy Markarian, Min Ling, John Buttenshaw, Bernadette Suarez, Leo Fernando Wanigaratnam, Lorraine Evans, Barbara Mackenzie-Hunter, Nigel John West.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Therese Caruana, Albert Jacobs, Joan Morris, Daphne Thornton, John Spithill - Sadie Faust, Najla Antoun, Joseph Antoun, Antonio Ruotolo, Robert Oxlee, Fr Anthony Campbell, SJ, George Sant, Frederic Herft.

## Rosters –

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

## HOME GROUND

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight for the next four weeks, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at [parracatholic.org/homeground](http://parracatholic.org/homeground). The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.



## RYDALMERE LIVESTREAMED MASS

There will be livestreaming Mass in Rydalmere church on Sundays at **10am**, during lockdown.

## SCAM EMAILS

Parishioners are reminded to be more vigilant when receiving email from 'Rev Peter Lamont'. Please note, our parish only communicate using [admin@holymary.org.au](mailto:admin@holymary.org.au) or [rydalmere@parracatholic.org](mailto:rydalmere@parracatholic.org)



## PASTORAL LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA ON THE COVID-19 VACCINATION

Dear sisters and brothers,  
As the COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading through Australia, particularly in Western Sydney, with deadly consequences, I am writing to reiterate the importance of vaccination as a means to protect yourselves and others. It is overwhelmingly evident that the virus is spreading largely among the unvaccinated population. Hence, being fully vaccinated is an important step in not only keeping us safe but also our families and others in the broader community safe, and enabling us to get back to some sort of normality. I understand some people have concerns about the ethical origins of some vaccines. The Catholic Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has declared that even the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion. Therefore, all vaccines which are recognised as clinically safe and effective may be taken by Catholics in good conscience. Pope Francis himself has encouraged Catholics to take the vaccine saying in an interview earlier this year, "I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others." Indeed, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI and many cardinals and bishops have already received their COVID-19 vaccines. For my part, I am fully vaccinated since the end of July.

I call on you to heed this clear and strong message from the Pope. I also alert you to the anti vaccination movement and those who spread misinformation on social media, and regrettably even some clergy.

Their opposition to vaccines and public health orders is not in accordance with the Catholic Church. The pandemic has caused much uncertainty, pain and suffering to the whole world. Let us pray, however, that it can be an opportunity for renewal and transformation for the human family.

May we grow in the spirit of solidarity and compassion for all who are vulnerable, here and beyond. May we emerge out of this crisis a better people for a better world.

The Diocese and partners are working with health authorities in facilitating the vaccine rollout to members of the community in more vulnerable areas. Let us do our part for the common good and work together to end the pandemic.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta

## SACRAMENTS

Any parishioner who requires the Sacraments, please contact the parish office on 9684 1541 or email [admin@holymary.org.au](mailto:admin@holymary.org.au). I'm available at any time. **Fr Peter**

## PARISH ONLINE MINISTRY DURING COVID

There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are **closed**. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19). During this pandemic you are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligations.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Due to the extension of Covid-19 lockdown, we have had to cancel the Parent Session for Holy Communion and the First Holy Communion previously scheduled on 25<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> August, with great regret. No future dates have been set.

Diane O'Shea – Sacramental Coordinator

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK

*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 your People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, as you did at Cana of Galilee, so that,*

*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 the test and deliver us from every danger,*

*O glorious and blessed Virgin.*



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

**Monday, 9 August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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

08 AUGUST 2021

## 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

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

*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 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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As you gather us, O God, at your holy altar on this Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that what we offer with praise and petition may strengthen us all in charity and faith. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

## PREFACE I OR II OF SAINTS

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection

until you come again.

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray. . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 13: 35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,

if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the Sacrament we receive, Lord God, on this Feast of Saint Mary strengthen us to walk the way of the Cross and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### 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

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GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF US ALL. We remember St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint, for her dedication in caring for the human and spiritual needs of children, and her care for the poor and destitute. Underpinning all of her activities was her faith in divine Providence. In all the challenges she faced, and the crosses she endured, she never doubted the unceasing protection of 'our good God'.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Mt 25: 34, 36, 40  
Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:

I was sick, and you visited me.

Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

## COLLECT

P. O God, source of all goodness, who have shown us in Saint Mary a woman of faith

living by the power of the Cross, teach us, we pray, by her example to live the Gospel in changing times and to respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

### 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.

R. Thanks be to God.