**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **Mary of the Cross 7/8 Aug** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled**  | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass on zoom** |
| **Lector** |  | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo  |
| **Music ministry**  |  | Mary Rose & Wandini | Lobo and Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** |  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Vittorio, Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** |  | Anne and Mary Muscat  | Vittorio & Gemma Foster  |
| **Assumption 15 Aug** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo  |
| **Music ministry**  | Christine | Mary Rose & Wandini | Lobo and Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Vittorio, Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** | Kevin & Pamela Pereira | Anne and Mary Muscat  | Vittorio & Gemma Foster  |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 1/8/2021 – $1009.00**

**Loose Money: 1/8/2021 – $147.65**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 9th Aug, Our Lady of the Angels**

**August is the month of**

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Tue: 10th Aug, St. Lawrence, Martyr**

**Wed: 11th Aug, St. Clare**

**Thu: 12th Aug, St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 13th Aug, Ss. Pontian, Pope & Hyppolitus, Martyrs**

**Sat: 14th Aug, St. Maximilian Kolbe**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS – A LITTLE REFLECTION**

Mary Helen MacKillop (January 15, 1842-August 8, 1909), also known as St. Mary of the Cross, was an Australian Roman Catholic nun who, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Sisters

of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart and a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia with an emphasis on education for the poor, particularly in country areas. Since her death she has attracted much veneration in Australia and internationally.

On July 17, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI spoke at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008: "Mary MacKillop embodied all that is best in your nation and in its people: genuine openness to others, hospitality to strangers, generosity to the needy, justice to those unfairly treated, perseverance in the face of adversity, kindness and support to the suffering. Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion for one another, for all Australians."

On December 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI approved the Roman Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonized on October 17, 2010, the only Australian to be recognized by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint. In an attempt to provide education to all the poor, particularly in country areas, she initially opened a school at Yankalilla, South Australia in October 1867. By the end of 1869, more than 70 Josephite nuns were educating children at 21 schools in Adelaide and the country. MacKillop and her Josephites were also involved with an orphanage; neglected children; girls m danger; the aged poor; a reformatory (in Johnstown near Kapunda); a home for the aged; and incurably ill. The Josephite Congregation expanded rapidly and, by 1871, 130 nuns were working in more than 40 schools and charitable institutions across South Australia and Queensland.

The official Vatican Decree for her canonization sums up the meaning of Mother Mary's life: *Mary 's public achievement is a historical fact in Australia, but far those who knew her personally the most striking thing about her was her kindness. She was a great believer in encouragement, urging people to be kind and united. In everything she said or did, she showed respect and love far those around her, making no distinction between the rich, the high-born, and the influential on the one hand, and the lowly, the jailbirds, and the outcasts of society on the other.*

Mary MacKillop led by example. Her story showed the hostility that a positive example can elicit from other Christians but also how that hostility can be overcome by refraining from proselytizing and letting others be the judge of one's own positive conduct.

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 2021**

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish’s social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialized support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalized in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of $2 and above are tax deductible.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES (2021/2022)**

My dear parishioners,

Just a reminder that the 2021/2022 thanksgiving envelopes are still available in the narthex this weekend for those who didn’t collect. Taxation receipts for financial year 2020/2021 will be available for collection next week.

Like in the previous years, you are invited to consider starting as a new contributor by choosing the direct debit way or the existing envelope system. The direct debit is preferable because it is the most secure and confidential. Existing contributors may wish to revise their contribution and they can choose the direct debit.

Once again thank you for your generosity.

Fr Vittorio Ricciardi PP

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

As part of this initiative, it will now be required that as a minimum, all volunteers, regardless of how seemingly small the task, will be required to hold a Victorian Working With Children Card. All volunteers will also be required to sign a “Code of Conduct Declaration”. Additional requirements may also apply in some circumstances.

We have already begun the process of contacting volunteers and collecting the appropriate documentation to ensure that we are satisfying safeguarding standards. We appreciate the support of all parishioners as we endeavour to satisfy these standards and do all that we can **to protect the welfare, safety and dignity of all children and young people** who pass through our parish.

If you are currently volunteering or interested in volunteering and have not yet been contacted, please let Fr Vittorio know and someone from the Safeguarding Team will be in contact with you.