

We might not be surprised that the gospel text for the feast of Mary MacKillop comes from the Sermon on the Mount. But the passage chosen, like Mary's life, poses a question we'd rather avoid. In what do we place our trust. Is it material things (money, food, clothing) or is it the God who unfailingly cares for all? Where does our heart lie? Is our heart set on what we possess or on the reign of God.

Jesus is asking us today to reflect on what are our most basic values in life. Is it just what we want to have or is it what we most want to be? What is life about? Is it a matter of getting what we have not got or sharing with others what we have, however little it may seem to be? Is to be rich the only thing I want? Or are there other values, other more precious qualities which no bank can evaluate? What about things like happiness, peace, freedom, contentment, wonderful friends, a supportive family? Does having money guarantee us these things? Are they not available even to those who have little or no money?

Linked to our attitude to material things, Jesus further urges greater trust and confidence in God's care for us. For his part, Jesus points to nature. Nature lives always in the present. It never shows any anxiety about the future. Yet it is covered with a staggering beauty. Solomon in all his glory cannot match the lilies of the field. But, if God lavishes such beauty on things which quickly wither away, how much care will he not lavish on his own children?

Jesus urges us to liberate ourselves from worry and anxiety about our body and material things such as food and clothing. To be concerned about food because right now I am very hungry and do not have anything to eat is very different from worrying whether I will have food next month; to be anxious about what is happening when I am in intensive care is very different from wondering how long my health will hold up in the coming years; to be fretting because I have no money to pay my rent with the landlord knocking at the door is very different from wondering whether I will ever be rich. Worry and anxiety about the future are a waste of time and energy yet we indulge in them so much. They are a waste of time and energy because they are about things which do not exist and very possibly may never exist. So we are invited to look at the birds of the air and the flowers in the field. They do nothing except be themselves and God takes care of them. And how beautiful they are! When their time comes they pass away. We are often so busy regretting the past or worrying about the future that we never get to enjoy life in the here and now.

Sacred Space

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday 8.45 am & 10.30 am

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.15 am

Confessions **Saturday 10 – 10.30 am**
(In church through both side doors)

Baptisms 2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)

Marriages By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7 - 8 pm Parish Centre (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.00 am Meeting Room
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY **11AM:** Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and
<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MacKILLOP – 7/8 AUGUST 2021

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Response to the Psalm: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Gospel Acclamation: 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!

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Fr Nicholas Cachia, Marie Gregg

Anniversaries: Orsola Slaviero, Pantaleone Montanaro,
Teresa Raso, Concetta Baressi, Felomina Jala,
Diosdado Jala

Those who are ill: Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith,
Dalmiro Bellio, Kath Layden, Lamberto Cruz,
Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo,
Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

7/8 August

14/15 August

READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	A.Taglieri [L], M.Pascoe [R]	W.Cahill [L], K.Limbo [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M.Carabott [L], B.Messina [R]	M. Tomayo [L], F.Minutolo [R]
10.30 am	E. Monaco [L], B.Watts [R]	S.Bennardo [L], R.Polastri [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	A.McConnell	L.Bellio
Sun 8.45 am	V.Ricevuto	B.Messina
10.30 am	T.Rocca	N.Palmieri

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

Let us keep the children who are preparing for their
First Communion in prayer this week.



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www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

A flyer with sessions and dates available
on table at front of church.

Parish Special Collection

The annual collection for the **Intentions of the Holy Father**
will be taken as a leaving collection after each Mass this weekend.

Last Weekend's Envelope Collection

Thanksgiving \$1397.05 Presbytery \$689

Direct Debit for July

\$2482

Covid-19 Latest Update

Weekend and Daily Mass has resumed.

Religious gatherings and ceremonies permitted for up to 100 people. Funerals
and Weddings permitted for up to 50 people.

Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm.

Face coverings must be worn at all times.

All attendees must register with QR Code.

Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass begins.

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this time.