



## *St Mark's Parish Newsletter*

**Feast of Mary MacKillop, Year B.  
9th August, 2009.**



### **Centenary of the Death of Mary MacKillop 1909—2009**

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

Her feast is usually celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> August but is being celebrated on the nearest Sunday in the Archdiocese of Brisbane this year to mark the declaration, received from the Holy See on 6<sup>th</sup> May, of Blessed Mary MacKillop as patron of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The declaration follows a request from Archbishop John Bathersby of Brisbane who petitioned the Congregation for Divine Worship for Mary to be made diocesan patron.

#### **Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Mary MacKillop at World Youth Day 2008:**

“One of the most outstanding figures in this country's history is Blessed Mary MacKillop..I know that her perseverance in the face of adversity, her plea for justice on behalf of those unfairly treated and her practical example of holiness have become a source of inspiration for all Australians...

Here, in Oceania, let us give thanks in a special way for all those heroic missionaries, dedicate priests and religious, Christian parents and grandparents, teachers and catechists who built up the Church in these lands—witnesses like Blessed Mary MacKillop, Saint Peter Chanel, Blessed Peter To Rot, and so many others! The power of the Spirit, revealed in their lives, is still at work in the good they left behind, in the society which they shaped and which is being handed on to you. Dear young people, let me now ask you a question.....

What will *you* leave to the next generation?”



*“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins.*

*Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received.” (1 Peter 4:8-10)*

## **Important Dates!**

**Friday, September 4th, 7pm**

**Concert at St Mark’s.**



A unique concert that weaves song, music and narration to tell the life of St Francis of Assisi will be presented by Catholic songwriter Peter Kearney and Shauna Boyle. Donations are welcome after the concert and Peter’s CD’s and music will be available for purchase. This concert has been presented by Peter throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. This will be a unique musical event for everyone to enjoy and its happen-

ing **here at St Marks** on Friday 4th September at 7pm.

**Sunday, September 13th**

**Parish/School Fiesta**



After the 9.30 am Mass there will be many presentations by St Mark’s school children and fete type activities in the school grounds. There will be rides, stalls, delicious multicultural food stalls, chocolate wheels, raffles, white elephant stalls and much more! This is a chance for the St Mark’s community to come together to celebrate and honour our cultural diversity.

**Be sure to mark these two days in your calendar!**

## **Youth News.**

Next Sunday, the 16th August, will be a **Youth Mass**. The Parish Youth Group will provide all the ministries for the Sunday 9.30 am Mass—they will be the readers, welcomers, Communion Ministers, collectors and the choir.



*The beautiful dove banner on display at the back of the church is made up of 57 individual tongues of fire prepared by the children in the Parish Sacramental Program. If you look closely you can see the children’s names.*

*Congratulations to the team and all the families for a spirit filled celebration last week.*



**Feast of the Assumption Mass**  
**Vietnamese Language:**  
**Friday 14/8 6pm**  
**English Language:**  
**Saturday 15/8 9am**

*The Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation—one of the most important feasts of the Church Year. Though it was almost universally believed for more than a 1000 years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven—we have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady’s death. The first Church writer to speak of Mary’s being taken up into heaven by God is St Gregory of Tours (594AD). On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that “Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven.”*

*On this second Sunday of National Vocations Awareness Week we focus on the vocations of Ordained Ministry and Religious life.*

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church.

Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families.

We ask you to choose from the families of our parish... priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

Amen.



**Daily Mass this week, please note changes:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday Morning</b>
NO MASS	6 pm Vietnamese St Clare	<u>9am</u> English  Exhibition Holiday.	6 pm Vietnamese	8am English St Maximilian Kolbe <b>6pm</b> Vietnamese Assumption	<b>9am</b> <b>Assumption of the Virgin Mary</b> English

**Please remember in your prayers—**

**Recently Deceased:** Elsie Moon

**Those who are ill:** Kathy Turkovic, Francis McAuley, Steve, Bahrat Shinde, Ina Russell, Alan Jones

**Anniversaries:** Anna Lanh, Remedios Melgar, Edith Dobson, Bill Wolffe, Peter Nguyen.

## Parish Directory.

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Pastoral Coordinator:

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### MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END

*Vigil Mass (Saturday):*

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.15 pm

*Sunday:*

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

**Reconciliation (English and Vietnamese) for the coming week:**

*By appointment—20 minutes after the morning weekday Mass or 20 minutes before the evening Mass. Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm.*

**Baptismal Enrolment Session  
after the Sunday 9.30 am Mass  
TODAY the 9th August.**

## *Parish Roster for Weekend 15th/16th August*

### **Saturday 6.00 pm—**

Reader: Vicky Nguyen

Announcer: Susan Mollee

Communion Ministers: Kathie Ober

Margaret Murphy

Leilani Niedermayr

All Singers

### **Sunday 9.30 am**

YOUTH MASS.

### **Church Cleaning:**

*Week Commencing 10th August:*

Norah Hall, Caroline Vercoe

*Week Commencing 17th August:*

Samoan Group

### **Counting:**

*10th August:*

Melanie Van Staveren, Delia Niedermayr.

*17th August:*

Fons & Susan Mollee

### **Readings for Next Week's Mass:**

Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Readings & Rosters available from website.

### **Planned Giving—**

*First Collection* \$ 1179.90

*Second Collection* \$ 2753.20

*This is the last week end for the collection of  
Planned Giving Envelopes from the Church.  
Please contact the Parish Office if you  
require giving envelopes.*

### **PIETY STALL HOURS**

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am

