

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS.

8TH AUGUST 2021.



Today we celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop. Australia's first Saint. Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney in 1909.

MARY MACKILLOP QUOTES.

'Courage, Courage, Trust in God who helps you in all things.'

'Never see a need without doing something about it'.

'Find happiness in making others happy'.

'Be calm and full of hope'.

PRAYER SPACE: Dear Parent's/ Guardians, please prepare white tablecloth, Bible [preferably children's Bible, Catholic edition] picture or statue of Saint Mary MacKillop, flowers, crucifix.

GOSPEL THEME: **DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFE: TRUST GOD.**

1ST READING: KINGS: 17: 8-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 62: 1-8

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS: 3: 12-17. GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 6: 25-34.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

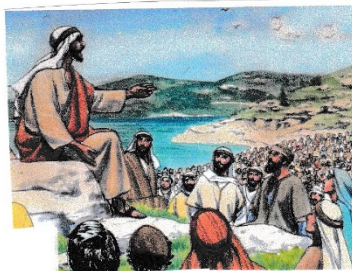
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In today's Gospel we hear Jesus saying not to worry what we eat, drink or anything else. God will take care of everything we need.



'JESUS SAID' LOOK AT THE BIRDS IN THE SKY'

God takes care of them. Every day they find food that they need to eat. God does not let them go hungry. So he does with us also, we are very special to Him, he will not let us go hungry either. By worrying will not add any time to our lives, but will only take away from the time that we could spend serving God.



Think of the flowers growing in the fields. God make sure that they get sunlight and the rain to grow. He cares about them and take care of them.



God takes care of us too. We do not need to worry about the clothes we wear because God provide for our needs. God knows exactly what we need before we even ask Him. How amazing is that!

God wants us to seek Heaven and when we will learn more about Him and we will follow what He wants for us. He makes sure that we have everything we need for our lives. He loves us and He always provide.



FAMILY PRAYER:

God , our Father, we ask you to help us to come to you in prayer in all our worries and needs knowing that you always provide for us. Amen.

JUST FOR THOUGHT:

WHAT IS WORRY? Worrying is when we are always thinking about what we need and not trusting God to take care of us.

WHAT CAN WE DO INSTEAD OF WORRY?

We can trust that God will provide for all our needs.

When we are worried we can pray to God and tell Him all our worries.

We can trust that He will hear our prayers.

Is there anything that you are worried about that you can pray about it?

Mary MacKillop activities for older kids.

MARY MACKILLOP - 'THE PEOPLE IN HER LIFE'

Read about the life of Mary MacKillop. Match the names (listed below) of the significant people in Mary's life, with what they did, by placing the corresponding number in each box.

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. Her parents were Flora and Alexander MacKillop. She had three sisters, Maggie, Annie and Lexie, and four brothers, John, Alexander, Donald and Peter.

When she was about eighteen, she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods at Penola. They opened the first St Joseph's School in Penola, in 1866. Her brother, John, helped her fix up an old stable for the school. Her sister, Lexie, helped her teach the children.

Some other women came to help her. Their names were Blanche Amsinck, Rose Cunningham and Julia Fitzgerald. They were the first Sisters of St Joseph. Mary worked hard and opened more schools in Adelaide and many women came to help her.

Bishop Sheil excommunicated her because there was a disagreement about the Sisters' work. She was very sad because she had to leave the convent. Her schools were closed.

A friend, Mr Emmanuel Solomon, gave her a place to live. A Jesuit priest called Father Tappeiner, helped her by talking to Mary and the other Sisters about their work. Joanna Barr Smith, who was Mary's best friend, came to help her later on.

After a while, Mary was allowed to join the Church again. She worked very hard for children and the poor and opened even more schools all over Australia and New Zealand.

Mary died in Sydney in 1909. She is Australia's first saint. Today there are many Sisters of St Joseph who still do the work she began.

PEOPLE

1. Joanna Barr Smith
2. Flora MacKillop
3. Fr Tappeiner, SJ
4. John, Alexander, Donald, Peter
5. Mr Emmanuel Solomon
6. Bishop Sheil
7. Fr Julian Tenison Woods
8. Maggie, Annie and Lexie
9. Blanche Amsinck, Rose Cunningham and Julia Fitzgerald
10. John MacKillop
11. Alexander MacKillop
12. Lexie MacKillop

WHAT THEY DID

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| [] | Mary's sisters |
| [] | Mary's father |
| [] | Excommunicated Mary |
| [] | Best friend |
| [] | Priest who helped Mary open her first school |
| [] | First Sisters of St Joseph |
| [] | Priest who helped Mary when she was excommunicated |
| [] | Mary's brothers |
| [] | Gave her a place to live in Adelaide. |
| [] | Mary's sister who helped her in Penola |
| [] | Mary's mother |
| [] | Fixed up an old stable for the first school |

FAMILY NAMES

Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne in 1842. Her parents were Scottish and came to live in Australia before she was born. Mary was the eldest of eight children.

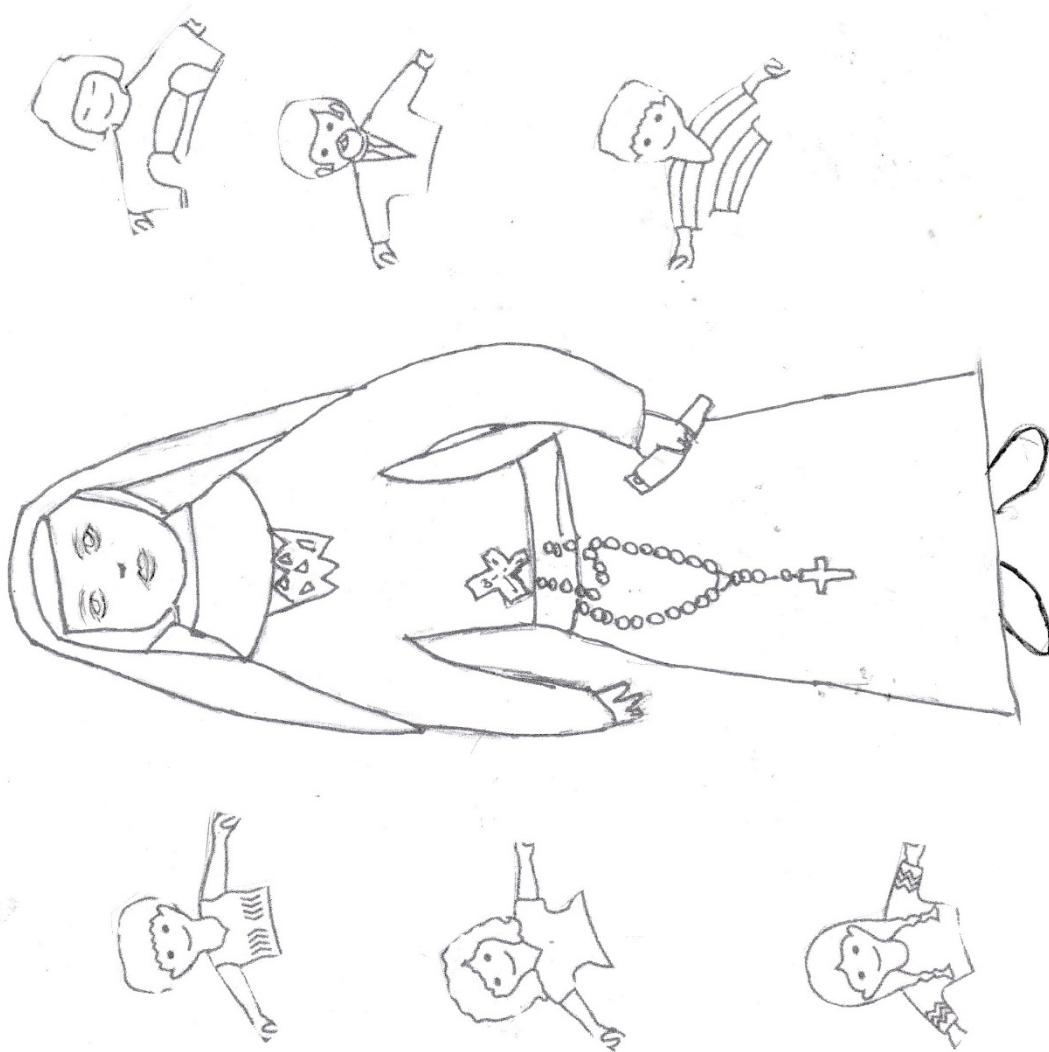
Find out the names of her brothers and sisters by colouring -

- No. 1 RED _____ No. 2 YELLOW _____
No. 3 GREEN _____ No. 4 ORANGE _____
No. 5 BLUE _____ No. 6 PURPLE _____
No. 7 PINK _____



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