

Celebrate Australia's First Saint: The Feast of St Mary MacKillop

The Feast of St Mary MacKillop is on the 8th of August. As Australia's first canonized saint, she has made an incalculable contribution not just to the life of the church but to the nation itself. Mary's remarkable life remains a powerful witness to faith, resilience, and missionary grit. Her journey mirrors many of our own life challenges, making her a relatable intercessor for our community in this specific place and time.

Novenas are a traditional and most cherished prayer. The word comes from the Latin **novem**, meaning nine. Prayers are repeated for nine successive days or weeks. You can offer this Novena for a terminally ill loved one, a personal intention or for the spiritual renewal of our parish community.

In our OLQP community we have the daily Rosary prayer group that meets every day before the 9:15 a.m. mass. During the Novena we will revisit the life story of Mary MacKillop. You can also join as a family in your own homes, individually, or join those in the community. The Novena card will be available at the church foyer. This will begin from the 30th of July to the 7th of August.

On the 8th of August, we have the actual feast day. To celebrate, we will have a special screening of a docufiction film which runs for an hour. Please refer to the flyer.

United for mission.

Sr Anne SMSM



Photo Mary MacKillop – Sisters of Saint Joseph

Is your Safeguarding up to date?

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete their Safeguarding Training every 2 years. This is different to a Working with Children's Check (WWCC). Check with the Parish Office to see when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training or refer to the points below.

- If you are **new to Ministry or have not yet completed any Safeguarding training**, you need to **complete the Introductory Modules 1 to 3 (Cycle 1)** & Sign the Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct Form.
- If you **completed Modules 1-3 in 2024 or earlier**. You are now due to **complete Modules 4 & 5 (Cycle 2)**
- If you **completed Modules 4 & 5 in 2024 or earlier**. You are now due to **complete the Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)**

Safeguarding Training Modules can be completed online at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

Onsite Face-to-Face Mandatory Training will be available on the **19th September** at OLQP for **Modules 4 & 5 (Cycle 2)**
Please register at:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/mandatory-safeguarding-training-cycle-2-modules-4-5-19-september/>

Or contact the parish office at: parishoffice@olqp.org.au or phone: 9631 8135

"This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Michah 6:8)

Safeguarding - keeping our young and vulnerable safe in our community.

Faith B4U...

OLQP Men's Group – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 8th August in the St George Preca Centre.

Time: BBQ Breakfast from 7.45am, Discussion starts 8.15am SHARP.

All men over 18+ welcome.

For more info contact Nicky on 0403 124 345

WANTED

Helpers to assist SRE catechists in the classroom.

We need help on **Wednesday at 9.00a.m. And 2.30p.m.**

If you can assist with either of these classes, please contact the Parish Office Ph.9631 8135.

Positions vacant

- Sacramental Coordinator – St Nicholas of Mya Parish, Penrith
- More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

High School Aged Youth Group

All Welcome to Next SUNDAY'S, 2nd AUGUST, Gathering.

-Straight after 6pm Mass until 8.30pm – Food included

Parent/Guardian please come in person to pick up the explanation and guideline details the first time your son/daughter attends

- 1st Sunday nights of the month during School Terms
- Parent Helpers are always needed. Thank you

FORMATION DAY – Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Time: 10.30am

Date: **Saturday 8th August**

Where: In the Youth Room

Light Morning Tea will be provided.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office, E: parishoffice@olqp.org.au or P: 9631 8135

Glorious Lives – Mary MacKillop

'Mary MacKillop made an incalculable contribution not just to the life of the church but to the nation itself'
opening words of the Docufiction which will be screened on the 8th of August.

Save the date: 8th of August at 6.30pm

This one-hour film portrays the life, faith, and legacy of Australia's beloved saint through dramatic re-enactments and interviews with historians and educators.

A great Saturday evening together with the OLQP family, after the evening mass, join us for a light supper, then Screening. Location to be confirmed.



Let us pray...

FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.

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FOR DEATH ANNIVERSARIES, that they now know the fullness of life & delight in God - may they pray for our active purpose in God's Mission

Paul Farrugia

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope. *Funeral details are correct at time of print, but it's best to not make this your only source.*

Lilian Attard (Darmanin)

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From stories to solidarity

A table talk on Homelessness: 9 August.

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. *What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place?* What to Expect: Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together. All are welcome!

Please register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/>

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Feast Day Vigil Mass

Friday 7 August 2026 at 10:30am

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, 33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of Australia's first Saint with a sung Mass, followed by morning tea. All are welcome.

Women's Breakfast

Saturday 15 August 2026

The morning begins with Mass at 7:00am, followed by breakfast at 7:30am. COST: \$35 incl GST

Our guest speaker, Sr Catherine Mead rsj, a member of the Sisters of St Joseph Congregation Leadership Team, will present a reflection entitled: Saint Mary MacKillop: An Icon for Australia

Women of all ages are warmly invited to enjoy a morning of prayer, friendship and inspiration.

For more information on all events and to RSVP, Phone: 9634 2317, Email: reception.sjc@mmsm.org.au or visit www.mmsm.org.au

Annual Walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption: 15 August

Join the Annual pilgrimage walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption, beginning with 11:00am Mass at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, followed by a 14km walk to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshment stops will be held at St Michael's, Baulkham Hills, and St Monica's, North Parramatta. The pilgrimage concludes with prayers at approx. 6pm.

Banners and statues are welcome, and you may join the walk at any point. For enquiries, contact Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office on (02) 9629 2595.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

29th Wednesday Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

31st Friday St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

1st August Saturday St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolments are now open for children in Year 6 and above.

Visit www.olqp.org.au to register your child.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

1 Kings

3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading

Romans

8:28-30

Gospel

Matthew

13:44-52

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah

55:1-3

2nd Reading

Romans

8:35, 37-39

Gospel

Matthew

14:13-21

Mass Times

Monday - 9:15am

Tuesday - 9:15am

Wednesday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Thursday - 9:15am

Friday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Saturday - 9:15am (except January

- Vigil 5:00pm (live streamed)

Sunday - 7:00am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Mass for Peace - all welcome - followed by Anointing of the Sick - 1st Saturdays 9:15am (except January)

Memorial Mass - all welcome - and offered for recent losses and 1st/2nd anniversaries - 2nd Saturdays 9:15am

Reconciliation:

Saturday - 4:00pm - 4.45pm

Please join us via Facebook or Website, olqp.org.au, every Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Rosary in the church:

Weekdays at 8:30am & Friday nights at 6:30pm

ZOOM option available Friday night for those who cannot travel to the church for rosary.

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