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Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference. Thank you.

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ANointing OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick can be organised with the Priests directly, please call them.

Phone numbers for the Priests are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

MASS TIMES—LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Monday-Saturday: 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary/Benediction
6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE STREAMING— FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

St Anthony's Parish are live streaming Masses on YouTube.

The Masses are also being live streamed on Facebook. You can watch Masses by going to the website: stanthonypadua.com.au. Click the link for Live Masses.

The Masses are coming through the St Anthony's Facebook page—St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Melton South (you will need to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Masses).

MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised every week during the COVID-19 restrictions, on Channel 31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs). Also 'Mass for you at Home' is televised on channel 10 every Sunday at 6am. Please share this news with friends and family who might be limited to TV viewing. Please check your TV guides for changes.

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Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

Parishioners are able to make quick and easy recurring thanksgiving payments or can choose a one-off offering from the comfort of their own home.

When making an offertory online, parishioners have the option to choose which collection they would like to partake in, as they usually would during Sunday Mass - first collection, second collection or a parish appeal.

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GOD OF COMPASSION

Help us during this time of isolation, fear and uncertainty. Give us the courage to remain faithful and strong.

Guide us to the people and tasks neglected by our busyness. Allow this time, gifted to us by staying home, to be used to form stronger relationships and connections with our families, friends, communities and the Earth. Through our physical distance may we find new ways to act in love, solidarity and unity as we journey onwards together in hope and faith.

Amen

Source: Mercy Partners



Thank you for your prayers

Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during the challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vitals works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop.

If you'd like to learn about Mary MacKillop Today please contact us via Ph: (02) 8912 2777
Email: hello@marymackilloptoday.org.au or visit:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au



St Anthony's Parish

Dear Parishioners of St Anthony's,

I wish to write to you about the progress with our church extension. Much work has been happening during these past six months. In the next three weeks our church extension will be completed. Thank you for all your creative ideas to raise money and for all your financial support. I know that you have gone out of your way to support the many fundraisers to make this happen. You have given very generously to make a ten-year dream come to reality. Once the work is completed I will get photos taken and posted on the parish website.

Whilst we have run a tight ship and have diligently used all the money allocated for the project to complete the building, we have not exceeded much over the budget. The furnishings in the chapel are not included in the extension project. Whilst we are in lockdown we are unable to raise any money to furnish and complete the works in the new chapel.

Only if you are in a financial position to help make this happen and wish to contribute towards the furnishings, I am providing bank details. Ac Name **ST ANTHONYS CHURCH**, BSB **083 347** Account No **641915964**. Please put in your Full Name for record keeping.

Two White Angels, Two Painted Angels, St Anthony's Statue, Carpet, 10 Pews with upholstery for the seat and kneeler which will seat a total of 40 in the new chapel. I sincerely apologise for asking. If you need to talk to me please contact me on 0403 435 471. Donations can be made over some months.

Many Blessings
Fr Fabian



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St Bernard's Catholic Parish

BACCHUS MARSH

Dear parishioners of St Bernard's,

St Mary MacKillop. This Saturday, 8th August, marks the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. As we know, St Mary had a close connection to Bacchus Marsh. Her words to Mgr Kirby echo powerfully in our own time: "I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me. I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will." We commend our families, parish and school to her intercession during these challenging times.

Masses Suspended. Bacchus Marsh was placed under Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions at 11.59pm on Wednesday, 5th August. This necessitates the temporary suspension of public Masses until the lock-down is lifted. It has been wonderful to see so many of you taking the opportunity to attend Mass over the last few weeks. The suspension of public Masses is a great suffering for Catholics, but we are now well practiced at keeping our faith alive at home.

Pray at Home. We are working hard to help you keep close to the Lord throughout lock-down. Over the last couple of weeks, we have developed a new website which will be regularly updated with helpful links and resources to support your relationship with God at home. For more information, visit StBernardsBacchusMarsh.com.au

Pastoral Care. Fr Lucas and Fr Marcus continue to reside at St Bernard's presbytery. They will pray for you daily at their private Masses. If you have any pastoral or sacramental need, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Parish Annual General Meeting. Given the limitations we are currently experiencing, our parish AGM will be held via Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday, 10th September 2020. Parishioners who wish to attend the AGM via Zoom should email Dolores at bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au. A link will be sent out to you prior to the AGM with instructions about how to connect to the meeting. Papers for the AGM will be emailed to everyone on our Newsletter mailing list on 26th August 2020, two weeks prior to the AGM. Hard copies will be available outside the parish office from the same day. Anyone wishing to present reports for the AGM should email them to Dolores no later than Friday, 14th August 2020. If you are unable to participate in the AGM by Zoom and have questions or comments for the AGM, they should be emailed or submitted in writing to Dolores prior to the AGM. Responses to any queries will be brought to you by members of the Parish Council following the AGM.

Many blessings,

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ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S

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We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Austin, Theresa Buttigieg, Emmanuel Calleja, Brodie Grevink, Milos Kratochvil, Mary Noonan, George Phelan & Charles Van Hoos

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Damien Michael, Kevin Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Theresa Anderson** 0420 820 118

Group 2: **Julius Caan Can** 0430 880 728

Group 3: **Philip & Cristina Anyayahan** 0403 171 918



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FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday at 7.00pm. We pray the Rosary, Stations of the cross, Divine Mercy chaplet and do a Bible reading and discussion.

Next meeting **To be advised**

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Brian Blood, Thomas Blood, Veronica Buttler, Jack Dannatt, Ian Dominguez, David Fava, Milos Kratochvil, Sr Mary Lanigan, John McMahon, Mary Noonan, Lawrence Roberts, Mary Shea & Edward Tudball.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

ST MARY MACKILLOP AND HER TRUST IN A GOOD GOD

On August 8th Australians celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, and this year is the 10th Anniversary of her canonisation.

The celebration of Mary MacKillop's life calls us at this time to be people of hope in our broken and fragmented world. In Mary MacKillop's time there were three major hungers in people that are just as relevant today: the hunger for spirituality; for justice and right-living; and for relatedness and community. This Feast day challenges each Australian to know the God who is with us, to embrace with a compassionate heart those who travel the journey with us and to believe that each person can and does make a difference in our world.



Jesus called his disciples to a life of trust, of reliance on the providence of the Father to supply what they needed, to a life of service, of amassing a treasure, that was not tangible, a treasure in heaven. Saint Mary MacKillop, knew much about amassing the treasure no thief could reach. She never amassed monetary treasure and all her life she struggled to finance her work, trusting God. This was the hunger within her – to do God's will and to make a difference to the lives of the poor.

From her Mother, Mary learnt a lesson she never forgot – to trust in God to provide, because the only treasure the MacKillop family had was a deep faith in God. During her childhood the family was mostly dependent on relatives; the Father was unemployed or overseas and Flora, her mother, knew much hardship, and empty purses and loss of loved children.

In a letter written to Monsignor Kirby while in Rome in 1873 Mary wrote:

"My life as a child was one of sorrows, my home when I had it, a most unhappy one....."

"When I was little more than 16 years of age, the principal care of a very large family fell upon me, and from that until I was 25 I felt its burthen yearly more and more."

In 1967, the second year of the tiny Congregation's existence, Mary travelled with a companion to Adelaide from Penola. Donning their habits for the first time they set about establishing a school. But within 12 months Mary had rented 3 houses and established an Orphanage, a Home for the Aged, and a Refuge for Women., all dependant on what could be begged or was donated. One house was called **The Providence**, its very name expressing that trust in God to provide for the table at which she served.

Today as thousands struggle with the effect of a pandemic, where many cannot work, feed their families, visit their elderly parents, we need to be like Mary and trust in God, who "**loves each one of us as if there was only one of us**". In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus calls Peter to come to him across the water. During her life Mary walked across the waters of excommunication, illness, poverty and misunderstanding. But her eyes were always on Jesus trusting him to keep her going. Followers of St Mary MacKillop are still working to help those in need, physical, emotional and spiritual. We will be blessed if we follow the example of our Australian Saint.

In 1890 the Sisters of St Joseph took over the Boy's Orphanage in Surrey Hills. Finances were very tight, the sisters could not afford to clothe themselves; feeding and clothing the children was very difficult. Mother Mary, became what she herself said 'Chief beggar in her own city'. To replace her own worn clothing, she wrote to a friend, one of the Sisters, to ask for money, as she did not want to be a burden on the Sisters at the orphanage, who had nothing themselves.

Her one desire was to meet the needs of the poor, the uneducated, especially those in rural areas. Knowing that education could lift one out of poverty, give dignity, enable self-respect to develop and give a means to obtain employment and support a family, Mary established a curriculum including bookkeeping for the boys, needlework for the girls. The boys would be able to manage the finances of a trade or business; the girls able to establish a home they could be proud of.

Mary MacKillop with much pain and suffering, stowed away her heavenly treasure and was ready to meet her God. Surely she could look back with satisfaction at what had been accomplished. The Sisters were working throughout most of Australia and New Zealand; a system of Catholic Education was securely established; the Congregation had met crisis after crisis, but with trust in God and relying on his Providence, they had grown from strength to strength. Today we call her OUR SAINT! We pray to her to help us amass our treasure in heaven, to obtain for us that trust in God's love and God's care for us each day.

Source: Sr Mary Fermio rsj

Reference used: *An Extraordinary Australian, Paul Gardiner SJ*
Resource Material from the Archives of SOSJ No 2
Website of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 84

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

NEXT WEEK'S READING

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7;

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28



SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

The life of Catholic worship and piety XXIX

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (2)

Why do so many people pray at these chapels, and what is it that keeps them coming back? In our busy world, there is an almost constant level of activity and noise. People need a place where they can pray in silence. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "The fruit of silence is prayer".

At another parish in the United States, at first it had certain times set up in the chapel for group recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other novenas. But the priest said that it was found that those types of prayers were better said in the church, and the chapel was better served by silence. Also, with so many shops open 24 hours, and Sundays, a 24-hour place of prayer is a great way to counteract the effect this warped work schedule has on families.

Another poignant use of Perpetual Adoration is as perhaps the premiere alternative to the mass media's monopoly of our time and manipulation of our minds, especially through television and the internet. Many people (Catholics included) sit in front of a TV and/or computer several hours a day.

First, the proliferation of stations due to cable and satellite dishes increases our TV choices, making it harder to turn the set off. Second, the use of remote control allows us to watch (if not comprehend) several shows at one time. Our mind is literally flooded with images until the shows practically overwhelm our senses and our ability to find any goodness or truth or beauty in what we are viewing.

Similarly, browsing endless websites, entering random chat rooms, or spending hours on computer games can eventually lead us to deny the necessity to bear witness in the real world, if not the belief of His Real Presence in it.

By contrast, the eyes of a soul who often looks upon the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament see not random images, but a single Light. Unlike television viewing, where the TV dominates the exchange, in Eucharistic Adoration there is constant communication, the Lord listening as the soul speaks, then the soul listening as the Lord responds.

While many agnostic computer experts dream of capturing time and space by literally plugging us (complete with microchips in our foreheads) into the "Net", Fr Hardon explains: "The prayer before the Eucharist believes that time is erased by the miracle of the Real Presence, and so is distance and space." Computer technology may lead you to believe that through the information highway man can someday conquer the world, but faith in Christ's Death and Resurrection, strengthened by belief in the Real Presence, convinces us that Christ already has.

But while the Perpetual Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist can surely guide all believing Catholics humbly yet confidently into the future, is there any real hope for our separated Christian brethren? After all, the Protestant churches "have not preserved the proper

reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness"; thus "Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible". (CCC, No. 1400).

Still, although Protestants cannot receive Holy Communion in a Catholic church and thus will never really know Jesus "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35) barring conversion, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament may be the way of allowing our Protestant brothers some experience of the Real Presence, and must be explored as a possible road not only to individual conversion, but to the eventual reunification of Christianity.

Protestants have different context for communion and the priesthood, which may throw into doubt the likeliness of a significant change in a non-Catholic due to Perpetual Adoration, because they don't have the same predisposition to its graces. However, on the other hand, if Perpetual Adoration can enliven the soul of a lukewarm Catholic, it can change the heart of an evangelical Christian.

In fact, why limit Perpetual Adoration to Christians? God is an opportunist and will use whatever means He has available. A great sinner might pop into a church to get warm on a cold day, which could be the start of his conversion. Recently I saw a teenager passing by here on rollerblades, and when he spied by the chapel, he suddenly stopped. I invited him to come in, and he later did. Maybe he entered this first time out of curiosity, but his next trip here might be out of conviction.

Commenting on the place of his parish's Perpetual Adoration Chapel in the parish, the pastor of St John Vianney's said: "Sometimes its presence is like good weather. You don't appreciate how much good it does until much later. I know our chapel has encouraged some vocations within our parish, but I'm sure it has contributed to many outside our boundaries as well.

"I've heard some stories, but who knows how many men have left their houses after a fight, planning never to return ... but then stopped into our chapel. And because they found this place to pray, they also found courage to go back home.

"Who can know how many evils the prayers here have prevented, or how many people, so weighed down with the worries of life, could not have even gotten out of bed some morning without the Adoration offered here?"

He is right. By ourselves, we cannot, as St Paul suggests, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), but in union with Christ and the communion of saints, we can. Likewise, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapels unite the parish community in continuous prayer as never before, and even makes fulfilling Pope St John Paul II's plea, "Let our adoration never cease", possible.

"For God, all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26) A dramatic increase in vocations, the reunification of Christianity, the end of abortion and, depending upon how much Eucharistic Adoration increases, "even greater works than these". (John 14:12)