



The Massabielle

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VISIT MOUNT STREET BEFORE OCTOBER 17

At the moment our thoughts are on the results of yesterday's federal election, but an event that will surely capture the minds and hearts of all Australians is the forthcoming canonisation of Mary MacKillop. It will take place in Rome, within Mass, on Sunday October 17. Some Castle Hill parishioners will attend this canonisation ceremony.

We can prepare now for the questions that will be asked at work and at social gatherings about 'canonisation' and about the life and times of Mary MacKillop. As part of our parish preparation for October 17, I have invited the Provincial of the Sisters of St Joseph, Sister Mary Quinlan, to come and speak at all Masses on the weekend of September 26 and 27. Her brother, Gerard, is a parishioner here at St Bernadette's and we have a Josephite convent in our parish. The story of Blessed Mary MacKillop and her influence to the present day is extraordinary and to have the Provincial share some "Brown Joey" insights about the Foundress will be good and solid preparation for the canonisation events.

We are advantaged, living in Sydney, in having Mary MacKillop's tomb so close by. It could be that parishioners might make a pilgrimage to North Sydney and view the convent chapel where she is buried. Pope Benedict did this when he was in Sydney for World Youth Day, so it is fitting that we follow his example and pilgrimage to Mary's tomb and pray there. Of course the Pope did not have the problem of

where to park which is an issue at Mount Street; but it can be done. Parishioners' complaints about the parking on this parish site will pale into insignificance when confronted with the issue of car parking at Mount Street. But don't let the parking put you off. It is all part of the pilgrimage journey. There's a lot to see at the museum.

An art exhibition celebrating the work and achievements of the Sisters of St Joseph in The Rocks area between 1881 to 1901 opens at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney next Saturday, 28 August.



**Pilgrims pray at the tomb of Blessed Mary MacKillop
at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel,
Mount Street, North Sydney.**

(Photo from the Mary MacKillop Place website.)

'Reaching the People: Mary MacKillop in Sydney Cove' will highlight the establishment of the order in Sydney and the community links developed in the Catholic and Protestant communities in The Rocks, offering an insight into the role Mary MacKillop played in providing Sydney's underclass with a level of dignity and compassion.

The exhibition tells the story of the shared vision and friendship between the Marist Fathers and the Sisters of St Joseph in meeting the needs of the poor and homeless in The Rocks. Artefacts from The Rocks dig site will be on show, as will recreated rooms of a migrant family home and an interactive website produced by ABC3 which allows visitors to take a journey to bygone days.

Running from 28 August to 26 September, the exhibition will open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm. Admission to the exhibition is included in the museum entry fee.

Since opening in 1995 the museum has been engaging visitors with the story of Australia's

first Saint, Mary MacKillop and the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. One can follow Mary's life story (1842 - 1909) and celebrate the legacy of this pioneering women today. I picked up the following from the Mount Street website.

A visit to the museum includes an historical overview of key events in the history of the order and the current progress towards the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop in the Catholic Church.

Take the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to her tomb in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel on site, visit Mary's home Alma Cottage, and enjoy the Gift Shop & Cafe. Why not take a museum package on your next visit and make a day of it!

Renowned as a spiritual, cultural and hospitality centre, Mary MacKillop Place is unique in Australia. The heart of this sacred site is the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel where the tomb of Blessed Mary MacKillop is located. Other features include a Museum celebrating the life, work and spirituality of Mary MacKillop, facilities for education, shop and cafe, accommodation, and venues for retreats/conferences.

This impressive and historic Chapel was built in 1913 in memory of Mary MacKillop. It has become a place of pilgrimage for thousands of people who visit her tomb to pray and reflect. August 8th, Mary's Feast Day, is a special day of pilgrimage/prayer each year.

The heart of Mary MacKillop Place is the Memorial Chapel, which holds the tomb of Mary MacKillop. The Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel at Mount Street, North Sydney, was dedicated by the Most Rev Michael Kelly, Archbishop of Sydney, in 1913.

The Chapel is an imposing building. The main entrance is in Mount Street, North Sydney. Over the porch stands a statue of the Sacred Heart as this devotion is integral to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Into the facade are set stone traceried windows above which are tall commanding spires of carved stone.

Inside, the Chapel building is divided into nave and aisles by white chiselled stone pillars, from which rise arches supporting the roof. The front panel of the altar contains a carved relief of white marble depicting the Last Supper.

The Tenison Woods Memorial stained glass windows are situated on the southern wall of the Chapel. These windows were made in Germany at the studios of Franz Xavier Zettler.

Father John (with a little help from the Mary MacKillop Place website.)

LITURGY CORNER

*The dignity of the word of God requires that the church have a place that is suitable for the proclamation of the word and toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word (GIRM 309). Such a place is called the Ambo. The ambo must serve God's word and God's holy people. The beauty of the ambo sustains the dignity of the Word of God - its beauty alerts the people to God's speaking to his beloved people. The position of the ambo is determined by its being in a place to which the people of God naturally give their attention during the proclamation of the Word. A good question to ask one's self is *How attentive am I to the Word proclaimed?*, followed by *How do I respond to what I hear?* *The Summit*
(The ambo is sometimes referred to as the lectern.)*



Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21. The Lord is coming to gather all peoples to himself so that all will be witnesses to his light and his love.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that suffering is a part of life, but the lessons we learn from it can lead us to grow in compassion and love of others.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30. Those who assume they have some right to a place in the kingdom of God before others are in for a nasty shock.

Next week: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Sirach (in some bibles called Ecclesiasticus) 3:17-20,28-29;
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14.

Feast Days this Week

Tuesday 24 - St Bartholomew

Friday 27 - St Monica

Saturday 28 - St Augustine

HOLY HOUR this Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays at 8pm in the Parish Office Basement. All welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available from the Parish Bookshop.

CHARITY MOVIE NIGHT in aid of Fr Chris Riley's *Youth Off the Streets* will take place at Events Cinemas Castle Hill on Wednesday 1 September. For details and bookings go to www.stickytickets.com.au/3873.

SEMINAR ON ECUMENISM & INTERFAITH DIALOGUE will be held on 4 September at the Institute for Mission, cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown from 9am-3.30pm. For bookings and information: 9831 4911 or ifm@tpg.com.au.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

Envelopes are still available on the seats for those who missed the Diocesan Works Fund Appeal last weekend. Donations are tax deductible.

ALPHA COURSE: The Alpha courses has commenced but it's not too late to register. Invite a Non-Churched or Non-Christian friend, neighbour or family member to learn more about Jesus and Christianity. Come and be refreshed yourself. The courses are held in the evenings on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. Enquiries to Mike and Von on 9899 1383.



CERTIFICATES for the children who received Sacraments during the 2010 Sacramental Programme can be collected from the parish office during office hours.

CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY will be held at St Patricks Cathedral on 19 September with Mass at 2.00pm celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher. This day is set aside to recognise and value the importance of Marriage as part of Marriage Week. Married couples with significant wedding anniversary milestones are invited to attend and their marriage will be acknowledged during this time. Please phone the parish office to leave your details.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2010-2011

If you wish to enroll your child in the Sacramental Programme to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2011 and you have completed, or are attending, the Faith Formation Course, please collect your enrolment package from the Sacristy at the front of the church.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB with Bishop Anthony on 6 September from 6.30pm at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church St, Parramatta for young adults 18-35.

BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY: You are invited to join the knitters and crocheters of this friendly group for morning tea this Tuesday 24 August from 10.00am in the Marian Centre. Transport available if needed. Phone Jo 9634 5961 or Hilary 9894 5913.



PADRE PIO RELICS TODAY: To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Ordination to Priesthood of St Pio, Good Shepherd Parish, 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton will have a Veneration of the Relics of St Pio, Mass, Rosary and Adoration on today, Sunday 22 August with Mass commencing at 7.30pm.

ART AS PRAYER: Exploring the mandala is an ancient form of prayer. Be introduced to the meaning and history of mandalas and create your own. All materials provided. Mount St Benedict's Centre, Pennant Hills on Saturday 4 September from 10am to 3pm. Cost \$40. Phone 0408 435782 or www.goodsams.org.au.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry

LIFE Nights presents "Where's Wally" (for grades 9 to 12) this Sunday night, 22nd August after the Youth Mass in the hall under the church till 8:30pm. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink.



Into Life is on this Monday 7 - 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Years 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Young Adults: *Alpha Course* on this Tuesday Night. Join together with other Young Catholics for inspiration. For more information contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

REGISTER FOR SPRING CAMP 2010 NOW !!!

Registration is open online at www.lifeteencastlehill.com.au. Early bird rate is \$165 - afterwards \$185.

Into Life "Dr Seuss" (Grades 7-8) is on 10-12th September.

Life Night "Pulse" (Grades 9 -12) is on 17-19th September. Both are at La Salle Youth Camp Kincumber.

Leadership and Parent Support: LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE: Leader (ages 16yrs+) & Parent support. We have our next training and information night on Sunday 29th August in the hall after the youth mass 7pm till 8:30pm. For more information contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

Coming soon is WYD2011 Madrid (ages 15 - 34). More information nights coming up so stay tuned. For information wydtours.com.au (Parramatta diocese) or contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277.

Please pray for our young people participating in the 40 Hour Famine

Join our facebook groups:

Into LIFE - St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill
LIFE Nights - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill
St Bernadette's Young Adults Group
WYD2011 St. Bernadettes Parish Castle Hill

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COMMITTEE ARCADIA invites you to join with them on Sunday 10 October at St Benedict's Church, Arcadia for Rosary in five languages at 1pm followed by Mass.

JOB AVAILABLE: Loans Officer, Catholic Development Fund, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. This is a full time position and is based at the Polding Centre Sydney. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by 3 September 2010. Enquiries: 9390 5317. Details available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

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 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45 am
 Tue 6.45am
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for William Lynch and Beatriz Albano Instrella who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Lawrence De Souza, Francesco Di Quattro, Sofronio Bautista, Cyril Naylor and Francis Gillespie.

Prayers for the Sick: Caroline Wooster, Marj Orioles, Peter Wahlen and Alvin Lai.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 28 & 29

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Edy Kesuma S1	Caroline Dumapit Paul Dumapit John Abernethy	Jessica Fearnside, Rebecca Barrett, Marjorie Orioles, Harry Reyden, Kym, Cassandra & Jacqueline Holden, Maira Mitchell, John Geoghegan
7.30AM Michael Lopez S2	Gerard Kearney Daryl Hill Audrey Markowski	Paul Hennessey, Francesca Menezes, Remy Sie, Bernard Rogers, Geoff Roney, Catherine Seddon
9.00AM Joe Lorenzo S3	Ann O'Brien Susan Moore Peter Hine	Brian & Jenny Blacklock, Neil Bone, Angela Crowe, Brian D'Arcy, Jeff Davis, Jocelyn Donovan, Jack Garcia, Yulia Hong
10.30AM John Maker S4	Eamon Keane Donna Boddy Jo-Ann Champion	Mary & Jeyaraj Winslow, Crystal & Bernie Good, Mark Street, Gaye Crammond, Lydia Flores, Monica & Matthew Fitzalan

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - August 29

Adult Servers Marc Clasquin James Madry	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Alison Wong Darren Edwards Fran Rogers		Musos Bass Daniel Ang Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Michael Smith Horns/Strings/ Winds Matthew Ashton Drums Casey Paz
Lectors Stef Musgrave Jen Austin Lesley Musgrave		Monica O'Callaghan Tina Muscat Vanessa Muscat Veronica Sahabu	Singers Monique O'Callaghan Darian Jessup- Lonsdale Sara Ang Natalie Jones Bec Burrowes Julia Calixto
Altar Servers S5	Projectionist Josh Becker		
Gift Preparation	Usher Alfonso Aguilera Paul Musgrave	Welcomers Melissa Fenech Alison Wong	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lim Joanna Delvecchio	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Maria Mochnik, Kathy Habek, Adelina & Ronald Tabila, Caroline Irawan	COUNTING (2nd Collection) Howard Woodward, Helen Wilson, John Giorgiutti, Joseph Boudib
FLOWER ROSTER Christella Jayawardena	COUNTING (1st Collection) Sandra & Michael Watson	BOOKSHOP Carmel Adams / Anne Parker / Bernadette Logue / Dora Saleh / Patricia Smith