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If you wish to assist in "keeping the parish afloat" we offer different ways of giving ... direct debit, credit card or sacrificial envelopes. Ring the office on 9481 7333. Remember ... 25% of your commitment is returned in the form of a tax deductible receipt at the end of the year. Our Parish bank account details are: BSB 083-347 account: 16647 1224.

### Sacramental Reception ...

**Baptism** : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (email the office to book)

**Marriage**: by appointment

**Reconciliation**: approach a priest before Mass

**First Communion and Confirmation**: Preparation for this is conducted in our two schools; we also offer this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.



Normally our Office is open for business ... **Tuesday to Fridays 10am and 2pm** or send your query/comments via email ... office@olsc.org.au and we will get back to you.

*At Our Lady of the Southern Cross, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

*We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

## May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

### For those whom we remember...

**Condolences** : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for Sheila Smith, mother of Sue Smith, who died last Sunday on Mother's Day.

**Anniversaries**: Sebastian Speranza, Salvatore Addamo, Francesco Di Blasio, Mary Hemming.

### For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:

Ian Armstrong, Julia Rickard, Fr Chris Riley, Teresa Boetti, Ida Misurelli, Mat Kennedy, Betty Croker, Julia O'Malley, Tony Addamo, Terry Whelan and Cecily Hollingworth.

Please let us know if the office can help in any way.

### St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022.

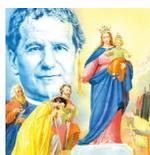
### Feast of Our Lady

Please join us for our parish feast day celebration! We will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph's in Collingwood at 10am, followed by a reception in the hall. It is a blessing that after two years, we can come together to rejoice in our blessings.

Quyen Pham and Quyen Le are organizing food. If you are interested in bringing a dessert to share, we would be grateful! Questions can be directed to... jjacobsvandegeer@gmail.com

Please note that all Sunday Masses at St. John's are cancelled on May 22nd due to the feast day celebrations. That is ... 9am, 11am and 5pm.

Blessings ... Jennifer



Date	11.00 am Sunday		5 pm Sunday
	Readers	Special Ministers	Readers
May 15th	Rachel Samoans	Samoans	Michael Taylor Anna Taylor
22-May	Bill Fitzsimons Jen P	Chris	Joseph J-V Daniel Ryan
May 29th	Gabrielle Daniel Nellor	Margaret	Jennifer Daniel Ryan

### St Mary MacKillop

Mary's parents were Scottish immigrants settling in Melbourne and Mary was born on January 15, 1842. Money worries were part of Mary's life and the 'boom and bust' gold days saw the MacKillops suffer continual financial instability. From her teens to mid-twenties Mary supported the family, working as a school teacher and governess, before taking the first of many courageous steps in her life at the age of 24.

Mary wanted to serve the poor, particularly educating the children who lived in the bush. She opened a school in a stable on 19 March 1866, wearing a simple black dress as a sign of a radical life change. The first school set the pattern for many to come - it was for the children of the working class, aiming to make children independent, employable and well-grounded.

Mary MacKillop had a radical vision of the way the Order of the Sisters should be structured - she didn't want the Order to be subject to direction by the Bishops of particular dioceses. In response to this stand, Mary came into conflict with the Bishop of Adelaide. She was excommunicated on 22 September 1871, which was removed the following year, although conflict around the principle of the matter continued.

Mary decided to take her cause to the Pope in Rome. Aged just 31 and as a professed Sister of St Joseph, Mary went to Rome, gained an audience with Pope Pius IX, and received approval of her Rule within a year.

Mary MacKillop's attitude was always of forgiveness and respect. Her many letters are evidence of her vision, courage and leadership.

### Fr Anthony continued ...

to truly love even for a day." I pray that our love for one another does not fade away throughout the course of time, but is caught up into the love of the God, who loves us so much that he gave us his only Son, not to condemn us, but to save us (see Jn 3:16). Let us love one another as Jesus Christ has loved us!

Fr Anthony

There's nothing more contagious than the laughter of young children. It doesn't even matter what they are laughing about.  
*Chriss Jami, philosopher*  
"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."  
*Elbert Hubbard*

### A message from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Greetings of peace and joy of the Lord!

I am deeply sorry for forgetting to include my best wishes for mothers in my message last Sunday as we celebrated Mother's Day. This does not mean that I forget to pray for each one of mothers to be blessed abundantly by the Lord with goodness, joy and love. I wish you all the best for your life, especially to see the success of your children.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Good Shepherd Sunday and we professed that the Lord is our shepherd. We are his sheep, who listen to his voice and follow him. What does this profession mean to us? It means that we are brothers and sisters of the same sheepfold. This is the context in which I would like to share with you my thought on today's Gospel. Humanly speaking, when a person is going to die, his or her last words or last testaments are important because they come from the bottom of his or her heart. It is often an unfulfilled wish which he or she wants to happen (for him or her or for those who he or she will leave behind). Today's Gospel is part of the discourse of Jesus' "farewell speech."

In his farewell speech, he asked his disciples to love one another. I would like to draw your attention to Jesus' "new commandment." It is new since Jesus gives us a "new point of reference" for our love for one another and for our neighbours.

In the old testament, we find the "old commandment" as follows: "Love your neighbours as yourself" (Lv 19:18). We see here the point of reference is "our self." We love others as we would love our self. However, in his new commandment, Jesus changes the point of reference. We no longer love others as we love our self; but to love others as Jesus has loved us. This point of reference of love becomes the sign which shows we are the disciples of Jesus. In other words, we become true disciples of Jesus only when we love others with the same love that Jesus has loved us. It is a love that is ready to "lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13).

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Christian love is not simply a "sentimental love." Rather, it is a "decision of the heart" as St. John Paul II would say. Christian love has "eternal character" since it has its source in God who is eternal. I would like to end my sharing with these words St. John Paul II: "If you do not decide to love forever, you will find it hard

Jesus calls us to love one another. Even ones who are unlovely. Jesus loved the unlovely and unlovely. Love others as God loves us.

