

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross McKillop (Australia): Feast (New Zealand): 8 August

Prayers of the Faithful:

Priest: Dear friends, St Mary of the Cross McKillop devoted herself to doing God's will and serving the poor. With her unshakeable trust in God's providence, let us pray with confidence for all who are in need.

Lector: For Pope N..... and all the bishops of the church, that they will welcome all who pioneer new ways of living the Gospel and caring for the poor.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Lector: For all seeking God's will for their lives, that with St Mary MacKillop as their guide they will discern what God is asking of them.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Lector: For all engaged in the education of children, the welfare of women or the care of the poor, that St Mary MacKillop's prayers and example will inspire their devoted service.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Lector: For all members and associates of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, that they will know the joy of Christ, even on the way of the Cross.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Lector: For all Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and those You are calling at this time to join them in living out their vocation, that their rule and charisms may be lived with fresh fervour and fidelity in such a way as to win Your abundant providence.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Lector: For the staff and volunteers of organisations who serve those in need: that they may be Your presence to others. May their efforts bring peace and happiness to those who seek their assistance.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Lector: For all deacons, guardians of service in the Church, that their faithful service to the Word of God, to the altar and to the poor may be an invigorating example for the entire Church.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Celebrant: We pray for all our loved ones who have died, as well as for the recently deceased; for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, for all deceased Sisters of St Joseph, and for all deceased Josephite associates, and for those mentioned in our Mass Intentions today, that they will join St Mary MacKillop and all the saints at the banquet of eternal life.

(pause.....we pray to the Lord)

Priest: God of tender mercy,
You raised up St Mary MacKillop to be a tireless apostle of compassion in this land.
May our hearts be fired with her passion for justice and mercy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.