



JUNIOR SCHOOL LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

Today we gather to remember a hero of the Church. Her name is St Mary MacKillop, Australia's only Saint. There are special people in the Church who follow in Jesus' footsteps, and they are called disciples.

St Mary MacKillop followed the actions of Jesus, and shared love and kindness to every person she met, even when they were not kind to her. There are many examples of love and generosity that St Mary MacKillop showed others, especially the poor and those who needed to be loved.

Mary MacKillop was a person who shared her gifts to live as God encourages us to be, our best selves. We are invited to be a disciple today and every day, like St Mary MacKillop.

GATHERING PRAYER

God of all of us,
Thank you for giving us, St Mary MacKillop.
Help us to be the best that we can be, so that we can share Jesus' love to everyone we meet.

Through St Mary MacKillop's example, may we love God more, through our kindness and actions. We ask You this in Jesus' name.

Together let's say 'AMEN'

LISTENING Liturgy of the Word - Colossians 3:12-13:15

God has chosen you and made you His holy people. He loves you, so your new life should be like this: Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Don't be angry with each other but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you.

Together with these things, the most important part of your new life is to love each other. ... And always be thankful.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Mary MacKillop
Heritage Centre



St Mary of the Cross
Feast Day 8th August

ACTION

St Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne, so we are so blessed to recall her loving works in setting up schools for those who needed it most and for caring for everyone, around Victoria and all over Australia too.

She and her sisters, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, worked so hard in sharing Good News with everyone.

Today, we might think of something special we could do, that shows we are a friend of St Mary MacKillop, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Prayers Of the Church

We Pray for all the Church. May they lead and guide us to be good followers and friends of Jesus' message of love and kindness. Lord Hear us.

We pray for all people everywhere. May we make good choices and look after each other and our precious families. Lord Hear Us.

Help our families and friends live more like Jesus every day. Lord Hear Us.

MISSION

Concluding Prayer

God of many names and many children,
Thank you for all the good things You do for us.

Through the life of St Mary MacKillop, help me to have a big heart that is strong, so I can be counted to be her friend, following in the ways of Jesus' love and kindness to make a better world.

There are times when I need Your support, when people are unkind to me, and say mean words like what happened to St Mary MacKillop.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

AMEN

We finish our special prayer with the sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. AMEN