



# MARY MACKILLOP LOVED CHILDREN CELEBRATION FOR STUDENTS

Leader: We celebrate St Mary of the Cross as our first Australian saint. Today we think of her life lived in love of God. After each prayer we say: *St Mary of the Cross pray for us*



R. 1: Mary wrote: *God has always helped me.* We thank God who helps us each day in our work and play. We say:  
**All: *St Mary of the Cross pray for us***



R. 2: Mary told us to *love and praise God in all.* We thank God for our beautiful world that we enjoy. We promise to take care of this wonderful gift of life, beauty and goodness. We say:  
**All: *St Mary of the Cross pray for us***

R. 3: Mary MacKillop said we will find happiness in making others happy. Let us each day do something to make another person happy. Then we will be happy too. We say:  
**All: *St Mary of the Cross pray for us***



R. 4: Sometimes things can be difficult in our lives. Mary MacKillop called these hard things crosses. She said *Have courage no matter what your crosses are.* Jesus said *Take up your cross and follow Me.* We pray that we will be able to carry the hard things in our lives and ask for help when we need it. We will carry our cross cheerfully and think of others as Jesus did. We say:  
**All: *St Mary of the Cross pray for us***

R. 5: Mary MacKillop shows us how to live. We celebrate happy times and ask God for help. We praise God in our world and care for it. We can help make others happy and carry our crosses bravely. We say:



**All: We thank God for giving us Mary MacKillop as our example.  
*St Mary of the Cross pray for us*  
We pray through Christ. Amen**