

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

8th August 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go ahead and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth"

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and
looked after him.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples:
That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?"

It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

*Ever-generous God,
You inspired St Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope
and encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely, or needy.
With confidence in your
generous providence
and joining with St Mary MacKillop,
we ask that you grant our
request....(name your request).
We ask that our faith and hope
be fired afresh by the
Holy Spirit so that we too,
like Mary MacKillop, may
live with courage, trust, and openness.
Ever-generous God,
hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen*

Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

*Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Doug*

Welcome

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ST BRENDAN'S: 15th August @ 9.30am

Commentator: M Finn

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ST JOSEPH'S: 15th August @ 10:30

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ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

1st – 8th August: L McGuane & A Ruddell

15th – 22nd: A McCarthy & D Howard

St. Joseph's: Roache

Counters: 1st August: N McKay

15th August: J Finlay

RECENT DEATHS: Mardi McGuane

ANNIVERSARIES: Genevieve Thornton, Sean McKay, Margaret Catherine Carmody, Jack Evans,

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**Congratulations and Happy 21ST to
Leesa McGuane**