



Mary MacKillop

A Saint for Australia

Leader

We come together with joy and thanksgiving on this feast of St Mary of the Cross.

Reader 1

Mary MacKillop expressed her trust in the loving Providence of God by founding a Congregation which was dependent on God's Providence and was devoted to the service of the poor. Its members were women who worked in a simple, ordinary way to educate the children of the poor and bring them practical help and the message of their human dignity.

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We give thanks for the life of Saint Mary of the Cross and for her continued influence for good among the people of Australia.

All: We give thanks with grateful hearts.

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We give thanks for the decades of down-to-earth ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph who, having seen a need, such as in education, nursing or social work, answered it with generosity.

All: We give thanks with grateful hearts.

Reader 2

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message. Mk 3:13-14

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Saint Mary of the Cross
 Faithful to the will of God
 Trusting in God's loving care
 Knowing God's mercy
 Responding to the Holy Spirit
 Devoted to the Heart of Jesus
 Accepting of the cross in life
 Defending human dignity

Saint Mary of the Cross
 On our life's journey
 Living in simplicity
 Serving the neglected ones
 Teaching God's little ones

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Mary MacKillop reminds us that we are but travellers here in this world. Let us pray:

All

Provident God, With grateful hearts we remember the power for goodness that Saint Mary of the Cross is for the people of Australia. As we celebrate her feast today, touch us anew with her spirit of charity and her generous participation in the mission of the Church. We ask this in the name Christ, the Lord.

Amen.

All

**pray for us
 pray for us
 pray for us
 pray for us
 pray for us
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**intercede for us
 come to our aid**

**pray for us
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