

ENHANCING THE SPACE

Symbols:	*Rose	*Grevillia (bottle brush)
	Wagon wheel	Southern Cross
	Providence Bag	Cross
	Boots / shoes	dog / animals / horse
	Old suitcase / ticket	footprint
	Map of Australia	pen / ink / paper / letters

CROSS: *Mary had a fundamental belief that the Cross becomes the Tree of Life. Her endurance of suffering seems to have been an intimate part of her experience. When it came to suffering an hardship Mary MacKillop had more than her fair share including many tragic deaths within her family, a life-long battle with ill-health and many challenges from both within and beyond the church as she set about doing God's will. She trusted that through all these circumstances God's love would suffice. She was known as Sr Mary of the Cross.*

A large cross could be placed in the Sacred Space and could then be made into a feature....each class could have a particular quote and / or image to be placed on the cross during the ritual.

Suggested Songs:

Mary of the Cross: Monica Brown (CD title: If I Could Tell the Love of God)

Southern Cross Shine: Andrew Chinn (CD title: Let Your Light Shine)

Sacred Heart, the Love of Jesus: Andrew Chinn (CD title: Wherever I Go)

These Hands: Andrew Chinn (CD title: These Hands)

Mother Mary of the Cross: John Burland (CD title: Lord Teach Me Your Ways)

Mary of the Cross: Michael Mangan (CD title: Sing Your Joy)

MacKillop Legacy)

With A Josephite Heart)

Woman For Our Time)

MacKillop People)

Never See A Need)

Mary Fletcher / "Gusto"(CD title: MacKillop Legacy)

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Mary MacKillop -----Introduction (Margaret Robertson rsj)

As a child, Mary Helen MacKillop lived in Melbourne with her parents and seven brothers and sisters. Mary loved her Mum and Dad. Her dad would go away for many weeks and sometimes months. During these times Mary would help her mother who had many worries and little money to look after her brothers and sisters. Even though Mary was sad at times she knew that God loved her and would look after her and her family. She especially loved her pets and learnt to ride horses. When Mary grew older she wanted to help people and tell them that God loved them. She travelled all over Australia by Cobb and Co. coaches to teach children and care for people. She also travelled to New Zealand, Ireland and Italy by boat. She treated everyone with kindness and love even when people were unkind to her. Mary lived till she was 67 years old. We remember that 100 years ago Mary MacKillop died on the 8th August. We believe that Mary MacKillop is in Heaven, praying for us.

Mary MacKillop often said, "Never see a need without doing something about it. "

Suggested Scripture:

Colossians 3:12-15

You are God's chosen race, God's saints; God 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 live in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

Romans 12:9-18

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers and sisters should, and have profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor. Do not allow yourself to become self-satisfied. Never repay

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evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested only in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone.

Matthew 6:25-34

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 our God feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all your worrying, add one single minute to your 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 God not much more look after you, you people of little faith?

So do not worry and do not say, What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed? Your loving God knows you need them all. Set your hearts on God and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by people.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of everyone, so that seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your God.

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hills. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 25:35-45

Come you who God has blessed.....for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.

Then the good people will say in reply: Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?

And God will answer, whenever you did this to one of the least of the members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 19:13-15

Jesus bought little children to him, for him to lay his hands on them and say a prayer. The disciples turned them away, but Jesus said, 'Let the little children alone, and do not stop them coming to me; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' Then Jesus laid his hands on them and blessed them.

Suggested Opening / Closing Prayers:

Prayers for Children (Sr Lyn Sparling rsj)

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Mary MacKillop to our land Australia. May the Church in the whole world soon know of her holiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give you praise O God for giving Mary MacKillop to our nation Australia. May we learn to know you like she did and follow you with courage. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of courage, Mary MacKillop showed great courage when things were difficult. Make us strong in this courage too. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Loving God, Mary MacKillop loved our land Australia. Help us to always appreciate the good things we have in our country. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Generous God, you chose Mary MacKillop to do your work. Help us to know that we can make a difference wherever we are. Amen.

For Young People and adults

God of compassion, God of all peoples, we praise you for your servant Mary MacKillop, who gave her life to serve you in the poor and exploited people of her time.

As we celebrate her life, may we learn to share in her vision.
help us to recognise, as she did, that the poor of our time will hear and see the good news of the gospel through us.

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Be with us as we strive to follow Mary's example and carry out our mission of service and care to all people.

God of the dreaming, you show yourself to us in dreamers and prophets. We thank you for all those who, like Mary MacKillop, have helped us to see the possibilities for our land and its people.

As we struggle to realise our dreams for a just and compassionate Australia, May we witness to our world the true meaning of fair play, justice and compassion.

We pray that we will cherish particularly the gifts of our indigenous peoples and all those who make our country their home. God of all people, you raise up women and men to meet the needs of every time. In Mary MacKillop we celebrate a journey of deep love and sensitivity to the will of her God.

Like her, may we learn to grow in and appreciate all that your love provides for us.

Help us to change the ordinariness of our lives. Make us the best people that we can be As we try to be generous with our time, our talents and our treasure.

God of all blessings, in Mary MacKillop we see a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of nationality or beliefs.

May we learn from her to appreciate the differences and gifts of every person. Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings that come with unity in diversity.

Most loving God, we thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop, who in her living of the gospel, witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life's challenges with faith and courage. May we, like her, be encouraged to speak and act against anything that diminishes the dignity of any person.

Suggested Prayers of Intercession:

(A)

1. For daring to begin a new Religious Congregation especially to suit the needs of the Australian continent.

All: *Mary MacKillop, we remember you and give you thanks*

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2. For taking the heart of the Church into the lives of people who were isolated and at the fringe of society.

All: *Mary MacKillop, we remember you and give you thanks*

3. For continuing to believe in the power of the cross in moments of personal suffering and hardship.

All: *Mary MacKillop, we remember you and give you thanks*

4. For the Aussie battlers that you nourished and nurtured.

All: *Mary MacKillop, we remember you and give you thanks*

5. For the times you walked the city streets and ministered to people who were homeless.

All: *Mary MacKillop, we remember you and give you thanks*

6. For the times you were excluded from the community life you cherished, especially your excommunication.

All: *Mary MacKillop, we remember you and give you thanks*

7. Whenever we walk the city streets and are disturbed by what we see

All: *Mary MacKillop pray for us that we may have a compassionate heart*

8. Whenever we encounter the Aussie Battlers of 2009 and beyond

All: *Mary MacKillop pray for us that we may have a compassionate heart*

9. Whenever we find situations where there is no hope

All: *Mary MacKillop pray for us that we may have a compassionate heart*

All: *We give you thanks and praise O God, for gifting our country with Mary MacKillop.*

(B)

Mary MacKillop loved God very much and always listened to what God was saying to her in the things that happened in her life.

Mary always asked God for help for herself and her family and friends. From her home in heaven she can join with us, her friends on earth, in praying for anything we need, so we say:

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for our country Australia, that all people will be treated fairly

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for people who can't find work, especially those who have been looking for a long time.

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Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for people who are too poor to pay their bills.

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for people who are sad and lonely.

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for people who are old and tired, especially those who don't have a good place to live.

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We pray for people who have to leave their own countries because of war and trouble.

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for people who live in families that are unhappy.

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We pray for the Sisters of St Joseph in their lives and work today.

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

We ask God who cares for us in every way to listen to our prayers through the help of Mary MacKillop, who is a saint of Australia. We ask this in Jesus' names. Amen.

(Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj)

LITANY OF MARY MACKILLOP

Reader: Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us.
Through the life and example of Mary MacKillop, stir into flame the gifts you have given to each of us
and the courage to use them for the good of everyone.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, a woman of faith.
Mary, a woman of tolerance.
Mary, a woman in love with God.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, your life made a difference.
Mary, you could recognize when the poor were being used and abused.

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Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, a woman of vision.
Mary, a woman with inner strength.
Mary, a woman of prayer.
Mary, a woman who dared to be different.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, you worked for the dignity and equality of all people.
Mary, you challenged people to be the best they could be.
Mary, an inspiration to all Australians.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, a woman of her times.
Mary, a woman of hope.
Mary, a woman with determination.
Mary, a woman of integrity.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, you experienced the strains of family life.
Mary, you did not need bricks and mortar to know you belonged to the Church.
Mary, you spoke out in society when the opinion of women mattered little.
Mary, you never saw a need, without trying to do something about it.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

Reader: Mary, a woman of dignity.
Mary, a woman of patience.
Mary, a woman of suffering.
Mary, a woman of compassion.

Response: **In all that we celebrate, God is with us.**

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RESOURCES

The Little Brown Book – Mary MacKillop’s spirituality in our everyday lives
Sue and Leo Kane (available from St Paul’s Bookshops)

Learning Links to Mary MacKillop – Teacher Resources for the Religion Classroom
Maurice Ryan and Jan Grajczonek (Lumino Press – lumino@bigpond.com)

Mary MacKillop – A Tribute. Collection of art works and commentaries
Edited by: Andrew Wilson (Available from Rainbow Book Agencies approx \$25.00)

www.liturgynews.com.au has powerpoint presentations for several songs

Multi-Media Centre

DO / SHARE ACTIVITY

We would encourage a selection of Mary’s quotes to be printed on cards and placed into a basket and / or baskets.

Sometime during the ritual, each student is given the opportunity to receive a quote.

Leaders could stand at the front and each student move forward and choose one.

Baskets could be passed around and each student select a card.

Each student could come to the ritual with a card and exchange it during the ritual.

Each student could come to the ritual with a card and during the ritual share their quote with the person beside them.

***Packs of cards with quote and beautiful image are available from:**

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The packs contain 30 different quotes and images. It is approx \$5.00 per pack.

FINAL BLESSING

May we see with Mary's vision. ***Amen***

May we love with Mary's heart. ***Amen***

May we live with Mary's courage. ***Amen***

May our God bless us, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen***