

A Woman of Compassion

Love each other, help and comfort each other.

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***When Jesus saw the crowds,
he had compassion for them.***

Matthew 9:36

Mary MacKillop was a big-hearted woman full of love and compassion. No-one was excluded from her love. She had a special place in her heart for those who were disadvantaged, marginalised or isolated. She wrote a letter to Sr Josephine McMullen telling her 'to be kind to the poor foreigners'.

Mary wrote to the Sisters in isolated places telling them to have their Religion classes at 12 noon so that the children who had long distances to travel to school would not miss out on their Religion class.

Once a poor lady was sitting in the gutter ill. Sister Mary's companion thought she was drunk but Mary MacKillop sat down with the woman and realised that she needed help as she was ill. She helped the woman to the chemist shop where she could get assistance for her.

Mary had a special place in her heart for children, for the sick and lonely and for those who were suffering. She became a voice of God's love as she responded to all those in need.