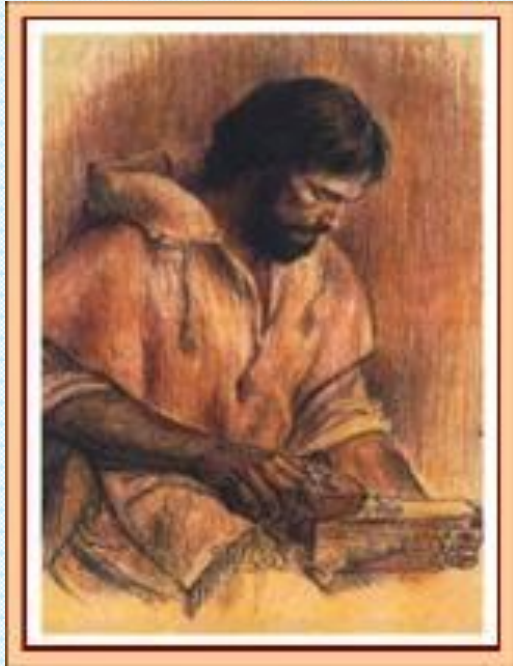




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JOSEPH

Work with your hands

It frees the mind.

Love needs few words ...



TRUST IN THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

So do not worry; do not say,

“What are we to eat?

What are we to drink?

It is the gentiles

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 God’s saving justice

and all these things

will be given you as well. (Matt 6:31-34)

(“WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE”)



SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI confirmed that the cure of a New South Wales woman from inoperable lung cancer through the intercession of Blessed Mary MacKillop is a true miracle. This declaration opened the way for Mary MacKillop to be canonized as a saint for the whole world in 2010. Her name, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, will be added to that of the others already recognized by the Catholic Church in its canon of saints.

In Mary MacKillop, however, we have a woman of our own land. She is not far removed from us. Experiences Mary had are shared by many Australians – parents who migrated for a better way of life, financial hardships, interrupted schooling, difficult family circumstances ... Her life, her work and her personal qualities have been documented. She is someone we can come to really know. In knowing Mary MacKillop we can appreciate that what it means to be a saint is to simply do the ordinary things of daily life well; do them with faith, with courage and with conviction. That is the example she set.

In proclaiming Mary MacKillop as a saint for Australia and the whole world the Catholic Church recognizes that a life of fidelity and service is still possible today. In acclaiming Mary MacKillop, all Australians, not only those of the Catholic faith, celebrate the inspiration offered them by the life of one Australian born woman.

(AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT – *Bernadette Doyle, Lila El-Hage, Anne Walsh*)

*O God of peace,
you sent your Son as a gift
of peace in our world.*

*You have revealed that peacemakers
are to be called your children.*

*Grant, we pray, that like Mary MacKillop
we will work without ceasing to establish that justice
which alone will ensure true and lasting peace.*

*We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.*

*Saint Mary of the Cross,
defending human dignity, pray for us.*

(Praying with Mary MacKillop)

