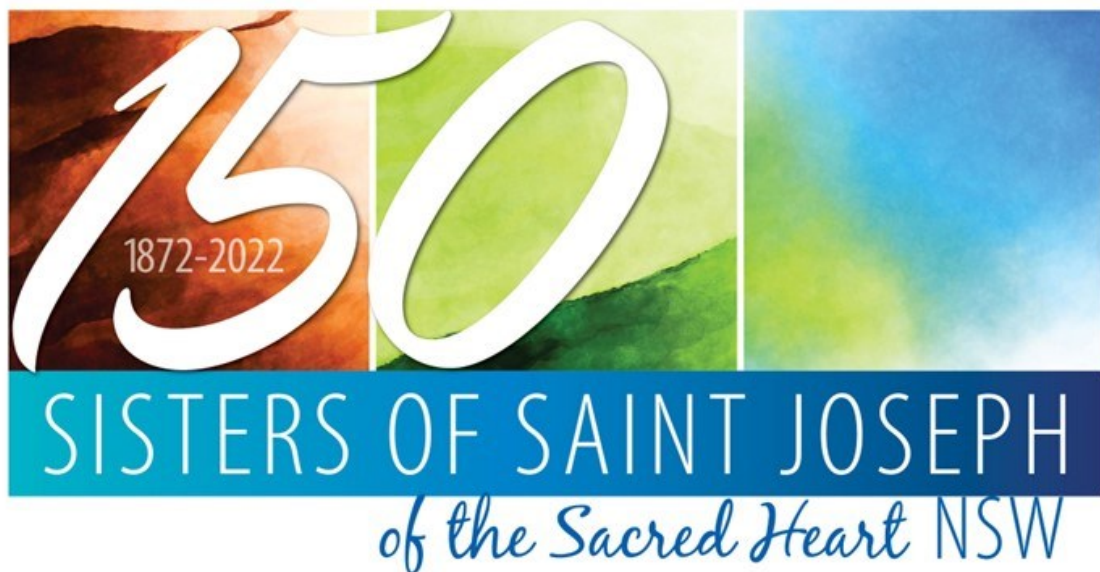



Mass of Thanksgiving



*Cathedral of St Michael & St John
Bathurst*

10.30am 16 July 2022



As the NSW Region of the Sisters of Saint Joseph,
we gather with family and friends
in praise of God and thanksgiving
for the presence of the Sisters in NSW
from 1872 – 2022.

Celebrant

Bishop Michael McKenna
and concelebrating priests

In St Joseph's care I leave you.

Mary MacKillop 1873

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Congregation may wish to gather at the Fire Pit behind the Cathedral for the Welcome by a Wiradyuri Elder

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own; your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness;
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

We have all very much for which to thank God.

Mary MacKillop 1875

Many the gifts, many the people;
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

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WELCOME

Anne Porter rsj, *NSW Regional Leader*

CONTEXT VERSE **Perthville and Beyond**

Susan Connelly rsj

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the
Father. Lord, have mercy.

All *Lord, have mercy.*

Celebrant You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth.
Christ, have mercy.

All *Christ, have mercy.*

Celebrant You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.

All *Lord, have mercy.*

Serving others is the most grateful sacrifice we can make.

Julian Tenison Woods 1870

Celebrant May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of St Francis, Paul Taylor

COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, the Father of every gift,
we confess that all we have and are
comes down from you;
teach us to recognise the effects of your boundless care
and to love you with a sincere heart
and with all our strength.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen**

God will provide for the future.
Mary MacKillop 1907

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Mary Comer rsj

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 50:24-26

Bless the God of all things,
the doer of great deeds everywhere,
who has exalted our days from the womb
and acted towards us in his mercy.

May he grant us cheerful hearts
and bring peace in our time,
in Israel for all ages.

May his mercy be faithfully with us,
may he redeem us in our time.

The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138 **Lord, I Thank You**

Refrain

Cantor/Choir *Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness and love.
I thank you for your faithfulness and love.*

Verses Choir

*I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple.*

*I thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.*

The end of it all will be that God's protecting hand will be most visibly seen.

Julian Tenison Woods 1871

On the day I called, you answered;
you increase the strength of my soul.

All earthly kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of my mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways!
"How great is the glory of God!"

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SECOND READING

Lauretta Baker rsj

A reading from the first Letter of Peter 3:8-15

You should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic; love the sisters and brothers, have compassion and be self-effacing. Never repay one wrong with another, or one abusive word with another; instead, repay with a blessing. That is what you have been called to do, so that you inherit a blessing.

‘For who among you delights in life,
longs for time to enjoy prosperity?

Guard your tongue from evil,
your lips from any breath of deceit.

Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the upright,
His ear turned to their cry.

But the Lord's face is set against those who do evil.’

No one can hurt you if you are determined to do only what is right; and blessed are you if you have to suffer for being upright. Have no dread of them, have no fear. Simply proclaim the Lord Christ holy in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you reasons for the hope that you have.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

We are but instruments in the hands of God .

Julian Tenison Woods 1870

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

All *Alleluia alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

Choir Father of all you are blessed,
 Creator of earth and heaven,
 for the mysteries of the kingdom
 shown to children.

All *Alleluia alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him'.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

HOMILY

Look back a little and see what our good God has done for us.

Mary MacKillop 1880

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Monica Cavanagh rsj, Congregational Leader, invites the Sisters to stand and make an Act of Commitment.

*We, the Sisters of Saint Joseph,
immersed in the dream
of St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods
resolve to listen to the heartbeat of our world
and to respond in the spirit of St Joseph.*

*Inspired by the faithful Sisters on whose shoulders we stand,
we pledge ourselves,
in partnership with all who share the Josephite spirit
to continue
to live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.*



*God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life.
Mary MacKillop 1899*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Catherine Trinh rsj, Margaret Smith, Josephite Companion

Celebrant Bishop to compose

Reader **For the Church, Pope Francis and all leaders who minister in your name.**
May the power of the Holy Spirit fill them with tenderness and courage to enrich the people of God.
In trust we pray

All *Lord hear our prayer.*

Reader **For the world and all those who strive for peace and justice.**
May prophetic voices inspire life-giving change that promote the values of God's reign on earth.
In trust we pray

Reader **For our earthly home.**
May we be true stewards of God's creation. Fill us with zeal to work for the healing and restoration of the damage and pollution we have caused.
In trust we pray

Reader **For educators and carers who selflessly serve others.**
May their dedication and respect for the dignity of all continue to show the loving face of Jesus as they bring life and peace through their work.
In trust we pray

Let us do all we can to serve God.
Julian Tenison Woods 1875

- Reader For the Sisters of Saint Joseph and all who follow the Josephite spirit.
May their commitment to live the dream entrusted to Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods continue to bring hope to a needy world.
In trust we pray
- Reader For those who have died, especially our pioneering Sisters, family and friends who have laid foundations upon which we have benefitted.
May they rest peacefully in the eternal embrace of our loving God.
In trust we pray
- Celebrant We make these and all our prayers in Jesus' name.
All **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Greg Reardon, *Business Manager Sisters of Saint Joseph*
Paul Favero, *Operations Manager Sisters of Saint Joseph*

Lord I Give My Life to You

Instrumental
Peter Rose & Anne Conlon

Work on humbly with the means God has placed at your disposal.
Mary MacKillop 1890

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Celebrant Let us pray.
For the gifts you have bestowed, O Lord,
we offer you the sacrifice of praise, humbly begging
that what you have conferred upon us
in our unworthiness
we may give back, to the glory of your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs IV

HOLY HOLY

Sung

Mass of St Francis, Paul Taylor

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Sung Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

AMEN

Sung

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father - spoken

Sign of Peace

LAMB OF GOD

Sung



Do not seek to be regarded as anything but the servants of the poor.
Julian Tenison Woods 1887

COMMUNION

We are Many Parts

Marty Haugen

*We are many parts; we are all one body,
And the gifts we have we are given to share,
May the Spirit of Love make us One indeed,
One, the Love that we share,
One, our Hope in despair,
One, the Cross that we bear.*

*God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world.*

*So my pain is pain for you,
In your joy is my joy, too,
All is brought together in the Lord.*

*All you seekers great and small,
Seek the greatest gift of all,
If you love, then you will know the Lord.*

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THANKSGIVING

One Love Released

Bob Frenzel & Kevin Keil

*One bread, one body, one cup, one call,
One faith, one Spirit present in us all.
One prayer, one blessing, one hope, one peace
One church, one people, one love released.*

*We have cause to be grateful for God has done much for us.
Mary MacKillop 1890*

Is not this bread we share, the body of our Lord?
Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ outpoured?

I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.
To those who share this meal, my strength I'll always give.

I am the living bread, as manna from the sky.
This bread I give to you, that you may never die.

No one will come to me, unless our God has led.
And I shall raise them up, raise them from the dead!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you have given to us as spiritual food
the saving Sacrament of your Son,
which we have offered you in thanksgiving,
grant that, being strengthened
by gifts of courage and joy,
we may serve you more devotedly
and be worthy of still further blessings.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All *Amen*

THANKS Helen Saunders rsj
We have much for which to be thankful.

Mary MacKillop, 1873

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.
Mary MacKillop 1907

CONCLUDING RITE

SOLEMN BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant Through the example of St Mary of the Cross and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, may you continue to recognise God's will for you and trust in God's Providence.

All *Amen*

Celebrant May their lives of service awaken in you a deep respect for the poor and a passion for justice.

All *Amen*

Celebrant May you share in their courage, see with their vision, and love with their heart.

All *Amen*

Celebrant May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All *Amen*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All *Thanks be to God*

We know not what the hidden designs of God may be.

Mary MacKillop 1873

FINAL HYMN

From Penola's Plains

Gustav Holst/Michael Herry fms

Loving God, we give you thanks this day as gladly we rejoice,
That a woman's life should so proclaim a love that heard your
voice.

Now inspired by her example, may we strive to seek your face,
So that in our rugged homeland the poor will find a place.
Here with Mary of the Cross we pray your truth may guide our way,
That our open hearts may hear your call to follow you each day.

Let our praise now fill this joyful space as loudly we proclaim
That in Mary's life we see the faith that glorifies your name.
For her heart knew your compassion at the plight of children poor.
So she mustered all her courage and saw her future call.
Trusting firm in you she ventured forth, her eyes upon your cross.
From Penola's plains to all the world, her arms reached out in love.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine, with you we dare to dream.
May your wisdom come to lead us on where justice reigns
supreme.
Now may Mary's love inspire us and the cross still lead us on.
Give us hearts that never waver 'til victory is won.
Let our lives show forth your tender love, compassion warm and
bold.
Help us bring good news to all the world, your spirit love unfold.

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It is God's own calm, quiet work and let us do it in God's own calm, quiet way.

Julian Tenison Woods 1873

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Mass of St Francis

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*Little did either of us dream
of what was to spring from so small a beginning.*

Mary MacKillop 1891
on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Congregation



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of the Sacred Heart