Mary MacKillop’s Inspirational Kindness and Courage …

“… Once a Sister who had been to the dentist to have some teeth extracted could not procure any milk (and she was unable to take solid food). On hearing this Mother Mary became very concerned. She went at once to get the required milk and waited upon the Sister herself. So much for Mother’s great kindness!

How about her courage and perseverance in overcoming obstacles? Mother Mary was going by stage-coach to the Boys’ Orphanage at Kincumber, accompanied by another Sister. The late Dean Sheridan was also in the party. When they reached some waters which they had to cross they found them to be in flood, so that the coach was unable to cross. Mother was not to be beaten when God’s work was in question, so she mounted one of the horses and rode over to the other side.

Another time Mother Mary was out collecting and when the Sisters came to a river that was very much swollen the driver hesitated about crossing it but Mother told him that she was not the least bit afraid so he drove in and crossed quite safely!”

If we have love in our hearts we shall have God with us

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Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage

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For pondering and prayer …

* When, in recent times, have you been kind to another … especially someone who is weak or vulnerable? Can you now recognise God working through you?

* What is the greatest challenge facing you at this time? Can you dare to believe that God is with you and will not let you down? Ask God for the courage you need to face this challenge or carry this burden