St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Church

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MACKILLOP MESSENGER 1 November 2026

ROSTERS – 7th/8th November 2026

Acolytes

Sat 6.00pm:	Wilf Hinton
Sun 8.00am:	Ross Scholz
Sun 9.30am:	Tony James
Sun 5.00pm:	Chris Sorensen

Readers & Commentators

Sat 6.00pm:	C:	M Beaney
	R:	C D'Souza
Sun 8.00am:	C:	L Comiskey
	R:	L White
Sun 9.30am:	C:	**Confirmation**
	R:	**PREP Students**
Sun 5.00pm:	C:	C Mirabile
	R:	C McIvor

Church Cleaning
Albert and Ester Gabriel

Counters
Kieran and Kath Kilgallon

Eucharistic Ministers
Please record your details in the Register prior to the commencement of Mass. Please also take care to ensure that all Special Ministers have the opportunity to serve.

Thank You

What's Happening in our Community!

November 2026

1st	All Saints Day – Regular Sunday Masses
2nd	All Souls Day – Mass 7.00pm
3rd	'Different ways to Pray' Workshop after 7pm Mass
9th	SVdeP Meeting 7.00pm

MacKillop Messenger Notices
Please email Alison, Messenger Editor, at
alisonh@bigpond.net.au or ballajura@perthcatholic.org.au

Regular Mass Times

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm
Tuesday	7.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	12 Noon

Penance 1st Rite
Saturday 5.30pm

Rosary and Litany
Monday 7.00pm

Adoration - Friday 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Extended Adoration - 1st Friday of the Month 5.00 – 7.00pm

MacKillop Novena (2026 - May to November)
1st Tuesday of the Month after the 7.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy (Children up to Year 3)
Sunday's during school terms – 9.30am Mass

Safeguarding Officers

Rita Cuthbert	0407 990 821
Ross Scholz	0403 241 214
Nic Prestipino	0418 925 003

Hall Hire
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Hall (Upstairs)
St. Dominic's Hall (Downstairs)
Please contact the Parish Office on 9249 1247
or ballajura@perthcatholic.org.au

Prayer Crusade - Please continue to pray for those in our community who are unwell.

Parishioners are welcome to add or remove names in the Prayer Crusade Book, which is kept in the Chapel. If you would like a name that has been newly added to the prayer list to be included in the MacKillop Messenger, please email ballajura@perthcatholic.org.au Full list of names will be published monthly.

Piety Stall – A great collection of gifts, cards and religious items.

2027 calendars available soon.

Electronic Donations: **1st Collection** - BSB 086006 Acc 707 203 194 **2nd Collection** – BSB 086006 Acc 665 794 706
Reference: Your Surname **OR** Tap the POS Machine near the Baptistry

The Saving Word

FIRST READING

Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23: 1-6. R. cf. v. 6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. **R.**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11: 28

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, / and I will give you rest, says the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. 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 sons of God;
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

BLESSED ARE YOU

Today's Feast of All Saints beautifully recognises our communion with all who have died and gone before us in faith. As we gather around the Eucharist, and as the Presider gives thanks to God over the bread and wine, we remember those whose lives continue to touch and shape us. They remain part of the Communion of Saints, a rich and enduring tradition in Catholic theology.

The Gospel presents Jesus' familiar teaching on the Beatitudes, highlighting the source of their holiness—and ours. The Beatitudes recognise people who struggle with the realities of life and, rather than relying solely on themselves, look beyond their circumstances trusting God's action. The Beatitudes address those who are poor in spirit, whose lives are not controlled by what they possess; the gentle, who choose compassion rather than aggression; those who mourn and grieve the sadness and tragedy of life; those who hunger and thirst for justice amid injustice; those who are 'pure of heart', living with authenticity and integrity; those who seek to build communion and peace; and those who endure persecution because of their faith and discipleship. Matthew's account adds a final, ninth Beatitude, reflecting the experience of Jesus' followers in Matthew's day who were themselves facing persecution.

One final distinction is important. Some translations begin each Beatitude with 'happy', but the more faithful translation is 'blessed'. Happiness is something we seek and experience, but it can come and go. Blessedness is different. It is God's gift and action within us, whether we are feeling happy or not, orienting our lives towards holiness. And that is lasting.

Fr Michael Trainor

The amount donated by the **Ballajura** Parish Mission appeal was **$4,183.** Thank you for your generous response. The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Malawi to support families who are rebuilding after devastating floods, and to help children access education close to home. Please visit https://www.catholicmission.org.au/thank-you-from-conor to watch a message of thanks on behalf of Catholic Mission and the communities with whom we are partnering in recent times.

If you are interested in supporting the work of Catholic Mission in other ways like volunteering, bequeathing, or holding events, etc. please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

CHRIST THE KING YOUTH FESTIVAL
Sunday 22 November 2026
5pm Youth Mass
6–9pm Youth Festival
St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth
FREE EVENT
Live Music ✨ Expo Stalls Laser Tag
Youth Activities · Food Trucks

www.christtheking.cym.com.au

All Saints Day - Sunday 1st November
Regular Sunday Masses – 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.00pm

All Soul's Day - Monday 2nd November
Mass at 7.00 pm

Friday 13th November 2026 – 7.30pm
Mary of Star of the Sea Church Hall
2 McNeil Street, Peppermint Grove

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For more information or to apply visit https://cfe.org.au/scholarships/ or contact the Centre for Faith Enrichment at cfe@perthcatholic.org.au

Please keep the Holy Father, Pope Leo, in your Prayers.

"Enrich Your Prayer Life" – Is your prayer life a bit dry, or are you wanting to connect with Jesus in a different way? **Ballajura Knights** invite all parishioners to come and experience different ways to pray. Workshops will take place following the 7.00pm Tuesday evening Mass, and each session will take approximately 45 minutes. Any enquiries, please contact Basil Musca on 0423 026 803.

October 20th – Praying in Silence
October 27th – Praying using Ignatius Imagination
November 3rd – Praying using Taizé Chants
November 10th – Praying the Rosary
November 17th – Praying Lectio Divina

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Information Sessions - Thursday 5th November, 5.30pm
Newman Siena Centre, Doubleview

OR: Saturday 7th November, 10.00am
St Thomas More, Bateman

Register at https://tinyurl.com/5ywf7fft
Both sessions also available online.