

17TH OCTOBER 2010 : 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop RSCJ

Today in Rome Blessed Mary MacKillop will be canonised a saint by Pope Benedict XVI. This is a wonderful celebration for the Church in Australia and New Zealand and especially for the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Many of us were privileged to be taught by the 'Brown Josephites'. They have a special place in my heart as Temuka (my hometown) was the first place they came to in New Zealand in 1883 after Father Louis Fauvel s.m. the French Marist Parish Priest begged Mary to send the sisters to teach the children from the local area.

We pray in thanksgiving for their work and commitment to the education of young men and women. On this wonderful occasion we pray for more vocations to the Sisters of St Joseph.

Enduring Concrete Award

On Saturday 9 October at their Annual Conference the New Zealand Concrete Society presented the Enduring Concrete Award for 2010 to St Mary of the Angels Church. The award was given in:

'recognition of excellence in the use of concrete in building and civil engineering structures more than 25 years old'.

The Church was selected from over 80 buildings and structures from throughout New Zealand. I accepted the award on behalf of the Parish and the presentation was notable for the high praise given to the architect Frederick De Jersey Clere and Parish Priest of the time Father Stanislaus Mahony sm, who took over the responsibility as 'clerk of works' when the original contract builder resigned. A feature article appeared in the Dominion Post yesterday.

(Father Barry Scannell sm.)
Parish Priest

St Vincent de Paul

Our local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Group will be holding its next meeting on **Tuesday 19 October at 6pm** in the Hall. New Members welcome.

Baptism

We welcome into the Catholic Community
Khassandra Sturm
Daughter of Lani & Arthur Sturm
who was baptised here on Friday. We assure her and her family of our prayers

SMAYACS - St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Food collection for the Soup Kitchen. The young people meet every second Sunday to collect veges from the vege market for a very grateful soup kitchen in the City.

Young Adult Mass. The next Youth Mass will be on the **14th of November**. All welcome! We always need young people to help us with this, so if you would like to be involved in any way (reading, collection, organising, Eucharistic Minister, singing or playing an instrument) please contact the SMAYACs at smayacs@gmail.com.

Holy Hour The next Holy Hour will be on **Thursday 21 October** from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. Holy Hour, led by the young people, is a chance to pause in the middle of your busy week and take some time to pray and worship. There will be some quiet time, some read reflections, music and adoration. All welcome

Theology on Tap The next Theology on Tap will be held on **Sunday 31 October at 6.30pm** at Hotel Bristol on Cuba Street. We welcome anyone who is young or young at heart. Stay tuned for more info on this month's speaker.

We welcome newcomers to the group, your ideas and your comments. Contact us at smayacs@gmail.com, join our facebook group "St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group" or just come along to one of our events.

Communio

The final Communio meeting for this year will be in the Crypt tonight **Sunday 17 October at 7.15pm**. The article to be discussed will be 'Christian Ethics and Christian Faith' by Khaled Anatolis. The question is whether there is a real difference between Christian ethics and a certain common or universal standard of values. Contact Mary or Leo leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

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at the entrance of the Church or
at the Presbytery \$7 each.
