

Never see a need.....  
without doing something about it!

*'The believers  
Share Their  
Possessions' Acts  
4:32-35*

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for  LifeLink 2010

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*Welcome...*

# Opening Prayer

Loving God,

Hear the prayer of those gathered here as we reflect on our call to give generously, act lovingly and always have confidence and trust in your loving care.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

**Commentator:** *Please be seated to listen to  
God's  
Word read to us from the Scriptures.*

## **A Reading from the Act of the Apostles 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power of the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*



# Ubi Caritas

Jacques Berthier

Ubi caritas et amor      *Living charity and steadfast love*

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est      *Living charity shows the  
heart of God*

1. Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.
2. Let us love one another as God has loved us.
3. The love of God in Jesus Christ will never have an end.

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*St Mary's Cathedral, Perth Western Australia.*



**Bishop:** A very warm welcome Sister.

**Mary:** It is a a pleasure to be here Bishop to speak with you of things dear to my heart.

**Bishop:** And dear to my heart Mary. Shall we begin.

**Mary:** *‘If choice be given, seek the most neglected places to which He calls you’.*

**Bishop:** Mary, Pope John Paul II wrote that you were a woman with gentleness, courage and compassion who was a herald of the Good news among the isolated ‘battlers’ and the urban slum-dwellers. That you knew behind the ignorance, misery and suffering which you encountered there were people, men and women, young and old. The Lord was calling you to help and you did.

**Mary:** *‘I encourage each of you never see a need without doing something about it’.*

**Bishop:** In the Gospel of Matthew, a young man in conversation with Jesus tells him how he has kept all the commandments and asks what else he needs to do to have eternal life. Jesus replies ‘If you wish to be perfect, go, see your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven’ then come follow me

**Bishop:** This is a radical call to serve the poor and disenfranchised, which many of us fall short of. This evening is an opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to give of ourselves completely as Mary did, and to go from this gathering renewed and convinced that as followers of Jesus Christ it is an imperative, not an option, to care for those in need in anyway.

*And in the word of John Paul II  
“To strive for the kingdom of  
God and his righteousness  
means to strive to see Christ in  
the stranger, to meet Jesus in  
them and to help them meet him  
in each of us!”*





*'My experience is that when you reach out  
to anyone in need.....*

**Mary:** Thank you Bishop, and thank you to all those present for allowing me to have this opportunity to share what is nearest and dearest to my heart, the care of the poor in our midst.

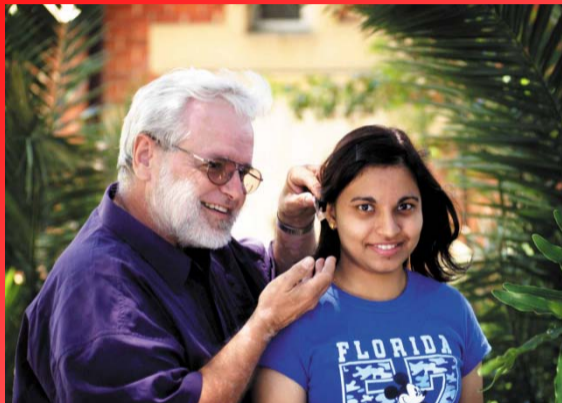
**Bishop:** It has been a great pleasure Mary. I will be at your canonisation in Rome, and I give thanks to God for giving us a woman such as yourself of great strength, compassion and vision.

# Litany of Mary MacKillop

**Bishop:** Mary MacKillop loved God very much, and always listened to what God was saying to her in the things that happened in her life. Mary always asked God for help for herself, her family and friends. From her home in heaven, she can join with us, her friends on earth, in praying for anything we need and we say.



**Mary MacKillop,  
pray for us**



We pray for our country Australia,  
that all people will be treated fairly.

*Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

We pray for people who can't find  
work, especially those who have been  
looking for along time.

*Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

We pray for people who are too poor  
to pay their bills.

*Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

We pray for people who are sad and lonely.

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We pray for people who are sick or dying and for their families who are sad.

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We pray for people who are old and tired, especially those who don't have a good place to live.

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We pray for people who have to leave  
their own countries because of war  
and  
trouble.

*Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

We pray for people who live in  
families  
that are unhappy.

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We pray for the Sisters of St Joseph  
and their lives and work today.

**Bishop:** We ask God who cares for us in every way, to listen to our prayers through the help of Mary MacKillop, who is a Saint for Australia. We ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen*

Prepared by Christine McGinty RSJ - RIP

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Portrait: Saint Mary MacKillop

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The word lived every day to demonstrate respect for the dignity of every person she met, to help in any way she could, whether a friend or colleague, homeless or poor, aged or infirm.

Isn't this an example we should embrace?

God asks us to live our lives filled with love, respect, forgiveness, charity and compassion. There is no question that whilst this seems an "easy" request, it can prove a significant challenge.

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My Christmas wish is that all of us will...

"never see a need without doing something about it!"



Portrait: Archbishop Hickey and Friends

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I wish you, your family and loved ones a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas.

May God bless and watch over us all and grant us peace in His world.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ

Most Rev Harry J Hickey  
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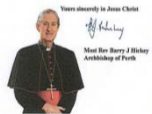
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*Barry Hickey*

Most Rev Barry J Hickey  
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**Thank you and God Bless**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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“ My Christmas message is inspired by Saint Mary MacKillop's example of love and compassion for people in need, driven by her love for God, and her belief that we must...  
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This Christmas, let's reach-out to everyone in need in WA. ”

His Excellency Charles Polkinghorne  
Archbishop of Perth

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Please, give generously on appeal weekend  
**13/14 November 2010**

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# Final Blessing & Closing

**Bishop:** I have called each one of you here today specifically to commission you as my representatives in your parishes, and so promote the Good News of Jesus Christ, to love God and love one another as Mary MacKillop did.

There are many people in our midst who are in need, and as a Christian community we are challenged by the Gospel message to assist them in whatever way we can.



*Let us pray: In all our words and actions may we give thanks to God in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*(Col 3:17)*

*All: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.*



*Bishop: May God put our faith into action, to work in love, and persevere in hope.*

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*Bishop:*

*May Almighty God bless you in his mercy, and make you aware of his saving wisdom.*

*In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Leave this place confident that God's Love and my gratitude go with you as you proclaim the message of Jesus to care for those in any kind of need.*

*All:           Amen*

*Thank You...*

# *The Voice of God*

*Luke Connaughton*

*The voice of God goes out through all the  
world:*

*God's glory speaks across the universe.*

*The great King's herald cries from star to star:*

*With power with Justice, Christ will be the  
way.*

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*Anointed with the Spirit and with power,  
He comes to crown with comfort all the  
weak,  
To show the face of Justice to the poor:  
With power with justice, Christ will be the  
way.*

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*His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,  
The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,  
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