



Sydney Catholic Schools

Raising funds for CWF and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

CWF FUNDRAISER | TERM 3

# MUFTI-DAY AND BBQ

Charitable Works Fund is the charity of our Catholic Archdiocese, serving families and those in need across our Sydney community.



Donate through the **student collection box** or at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools)



AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2023





## FOREWORD

Our Church is not about buildings, it is about the people who gather together in Jesus' name. The life, work and mission of the Church are enriched by its people.

CWF does incredibly good work for the most vulnerable in Sydney, which includes single mothers, the homeless, people struggling with mental health challenges, the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as our indigenous people, seminarians, catechists, and many more.

The Social Justice Statement 2023, released in anticipation of Social Justice Sunday (27 August 2023), reminds us of the value, hopes and needs of Aboriginal people.

Donations raised by Sydney Catholic Schools will help Catholic charities like Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, who promote reconciliation, truth-telling, shared understanding, well being and pastoral support of Aboriginal people.

We invite all schools to consider hosting a Mufti-day and BBQ fundraiser, inviting all students, staff and parents to be involved. Every School that raises over \$1,000 will receive a special certificate, and plaques for the top three Schools awarded at a special assembly.

Together, we wish to reach the amazing amount of \$350,000 that CWF needs each year to support Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

Our first Australian Saint, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, challenged the people of her time: "never see a need without doing something about it".

Her challenge rings as true for us today as it did then. We can do something about this by holding our own CWF fundraiser to assist the agencies of the CWF.

Your support for this worthy cause is truly appreciated and will make a huge difference.



**Anthony Cleary**

Director, Mission and Identity, Sydney Catholic Schools



## APPEAL OVERVIEW

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney in partnership with Sydney Catholic Schools, is calling all students to host a Fundraiser for our major Archdiocese charity, the Charitable Works Fund (CWF), in spirit of St Mary Mackillop and in support of Social Justice Sunday.

### Purpose

The purpose is threefold.

#### 1. Follow in the footsteps of St Mary Mackillop

St Mary Mackillop is our first and only saint, and the Catholic Church in Australia holds her as her 'patron' saint. She is known for her strength of character, her devotion, a model of forgiveness, and a pioneer in education, particularly for the poor and suffering.

#### 2. Grow awareness of Social Justice Sunday

Social Justice Sunday is when Australia Bishops invite our community to reflect on social justice. This year the theme is giving voice to Aboriginal communities and is celebrated on 27 August 2023.

#### 3. Raise donations for the Charitable Works Fund

The third purpose is to raise funds, through hosting a Multi-Day fundraiser and BBQ, inviting students, staff and parents to be involved. All funds raised will support local Catholic charities, such as Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, who are at the forefront of serving our community.

### Term 3 Commencement

Friday 25th August is recommended as a possible date to hold the fundraiser. If this date does not suit, it can be held on a day more suitable for your school schedule, between August and the end of year, to maintain a spirit of solidarity among Catholic Schools.

All schools are expected to make this their major Term 3 Fundraiser in support of our Archdiocese.



## RESOURCES

Visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools) to download resources to promote the appeal.

- Schools newsletter messages
- Classroom Poster A2
- Parents flier A5
- Student collection box A6
- Online donation portal
- Prospectus
- Remittance advice

**Submit order quantities** for collection boxes and A5 fliers at [ourfaithourworks.org/schools](http://ourfaithourworks.org/schools). Each box is pocket-sized, light-weight card, flat packed and simple to distribute.



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**Thank you for your  
dedication to justice,  
fairness and outreach  
to those in need.**





## 4 STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

### 1. Set a date for your Mufti-day and BBQ Fundraiser

There is no better and tastier way to raise funds than hosting a Mufti-day and BBQ . It's a simple and fun way to bring your whole School community together – students, staff and parents all chipping in for a good cause.

If a BBQ is not the best activity for your School, then please do choose an activity the suits your community.

### 2. Go online to order your materials and download resources.

Visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools)

### 3. Organise a classroom activity and student collection boxes

- Spend a short time in class learning about Aboriginal topics or Social Justice Sunday.
- Play the short CWF video (4 mins) to learn about CWF.
- Distribute the pocket-sized collection box & parents' flier for students to take home.
- Set a date in 2 weeks for students to return their collection box containing generously received from parents, family and friends.

### 4. Banking your donations

Donations can be made in two ways:

- directly online at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools)
- using the EFT remittance advice issued by SCS.

No administration or transaction fees are charged.  
Every dollar goes to the charitable work.

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## ST MARY MACKILLOP

Mary was born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants. She was the eldest of eight children and spent her early years working to support her family. At the age of 24 she dedicated her life to God and took on the name “Mary of the Cross”.

Along with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, Mary opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. Many other women came to join her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia’s first religious order: the Sisters of St Joseph.

Mary and the Sisters were committed to serving the poor – to going to where the need was and living amongst those in need. This took Mary all over Australia to many rural areas.

Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life, which at one point culminated in her being excommunicated. In the face of trial, Mary was a model of forgiveness, insisting no ill be spoken of those who wronged her, while also remaining resolute in her convictions.

Despite her struggles with Church authorities, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters were able to offer social services that few, if any, government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike. They worked among the Indigenous. They taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers.



Money was a constant worry, but the Sisters, who begged from door to door, were bolstered by faith and by the conviction that their struggles were opportunities to grow closer to God.

By the time Mary was approaching the end of her life, the congregation was thriving. She died in 1909 at the age of 67. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on August 8.

Mary was remarkable as a strong female leader in 19th century Australia. Education in this country is what it is today thanks to her dedication and determination.





## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is responsible for collecting funds for the purpose of supporting the charitable and pastoral works of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Beneficiaries include:



### Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) promotes reconciliation and mutual understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. It also looks after the pastoral care of the Catholic Aborigines and supports them in the living of their faith.



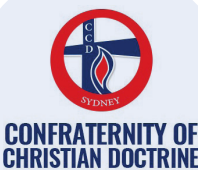
### CatholicCare

CatholicCare stands in the Catholic tradition of compassion and concern for social justice. Its role is to facilitate the development of individuals, families and communities most in need through quality services, research and advocacy. It offers programs to cover counselling, accommodation, employment assistance, migrant support, aged care and family support.



### Chaplaincy Services

Catholic Chaplaincy Services provide care and spiritual guidance throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney, covering aged care facilities, universities and hospitals. They are a source of comfort and friendship to people in need, minister to the sick and help foster a Catholic culture at university campuses.



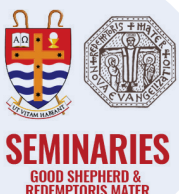
### Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools. The CCD is currently responsible for the training and support of around 2,000 volunteers who teach Special Religious Education classes each week to around 30,000 Catholic School Children in public schools.



### Ephpheta Centre

The Ephpheta Centre provides services to the deaf and hard of hearing communities including Sunday Mass in sign language, sacramental preparation for both children and adults, pastoral care and community support, outreach to families with young deaf children, advocacy services, spiritual development and leadership.



### Seminaries

The Seminary of the Good Shepherd (Homebush) provide an environment that nurtures the calling that a man experiences for service in the priesthood, looking at their character development, pastoral skills and academic training to enable them to carry out their mission in the Church.





## SUPPORTING ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY



The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) is a ministry of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and is funded through the support of the Archdiocesan's Charitable Works Fund. Our vision is to promote Reconciliation through shared understanding, well-being and pastoral support in the living of our faith.

ACM provides community services from two centers, in Alexandria and the Reconciliation Church at Phillip Bay (near La Perouse). Aims of ACM are to:

- Provide a welcoming and culturally safe environment
- Act as a connection between Aboriginal peoples and the Archdiocese of Sydney
- Promote the ACM, its prayer life, works and outreach
- Broaden the network and relationships with the internal and external agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney
- Advocate on behalf of Aboriginal people living within the Archdiocese of Sydney

Resources and educational materials from ACM can be found at  
<https://aboriginal.sydneycatholic.org/resources>





## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2023

In a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated in Australia on the last Sunday in August and in 2023 takes place on 27 August.

The Social Justice Statement 2023 focuses on support to Aboriginal communities whose voice has not always been heard. Resources and educational materials for 2023 will be available from mid-August and can found at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>.

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– Saint Mary MacKillop

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