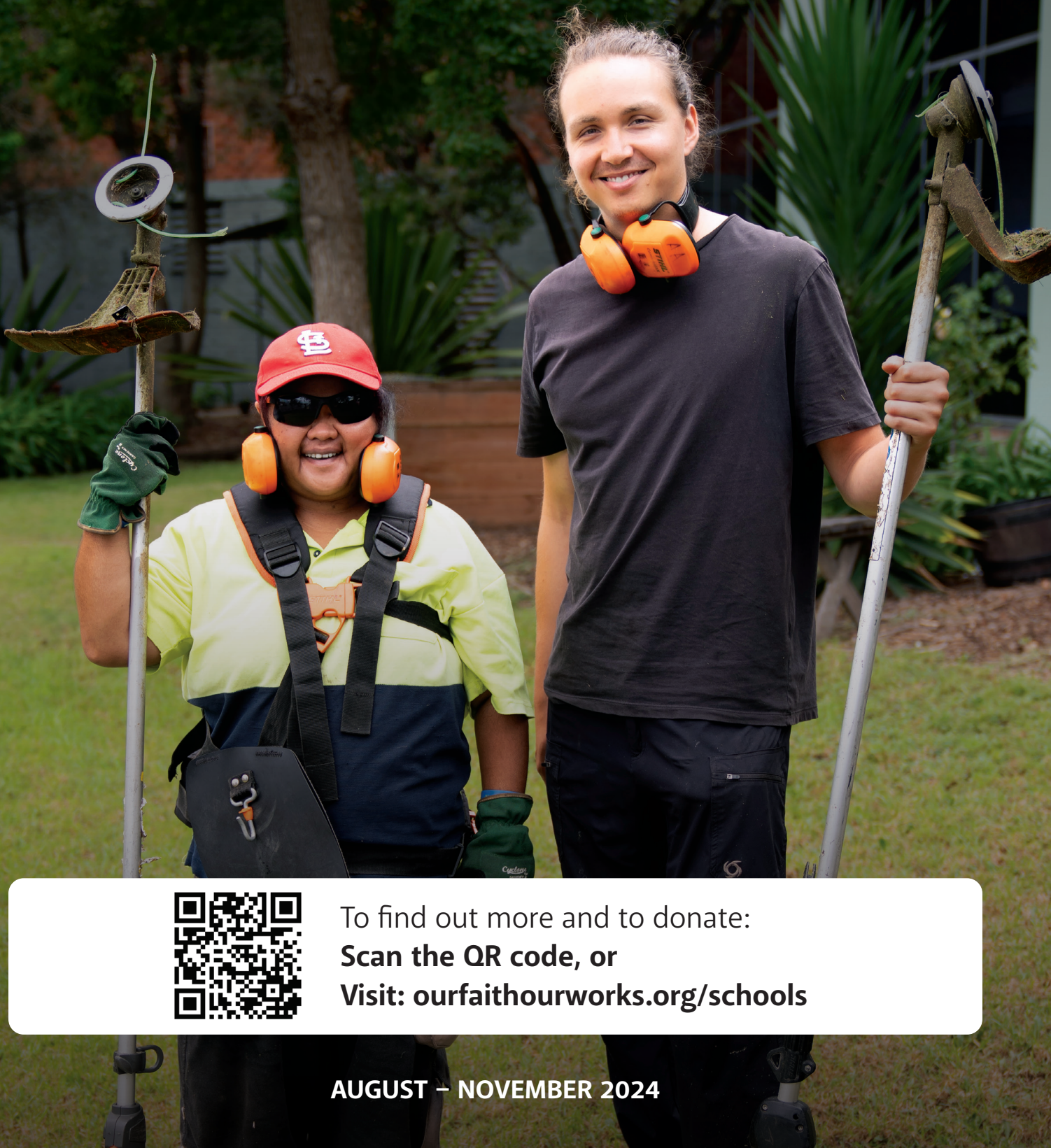




CWF FUNDRAISER | TERM 3

Annual schools mufti-day to raise funds for the Charitable Works Fund supporting CatholicCare Disability Services.

The CWF is our Archdiocese charity, serving families and those most in need across our Sydney community.



To find out more and to donate:
Scan the QR code, or
Visit: ourfaithourworks.org/schools

AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2024



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 many 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.

In 2024, the CWF Fundraising Appeal will be highlighting support for CatholicCare Disability Services, which works to provide the following:

- social programs to make lasting friendships, explore local communities and develop skills for life and independence;
- one-on-one assistance to attend appointments and activities;
- hands on support and work experience to build skills for work and help to find the right job, and
- assistance at home and in the community, including the best gardening and cleaning services.

We invite all schools to consider hosting a Mufti-day and/or 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 will be awarded at a special assembly.

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 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.



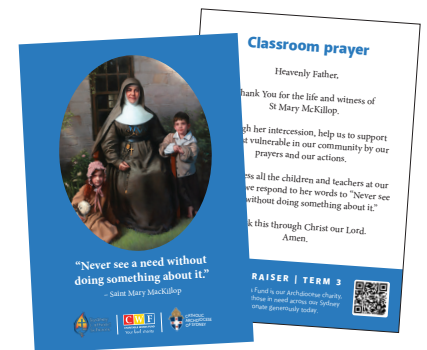
Yours in Christ,
Anthony Cleary
Director: Mission and Identity
Sydney Catholic Schools

Inspirational
prayer cards
available.



4 EASY STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

1. Watch the [3-minute CWF Fundraising video](#)
2. Say the [classroom prayer](#) with your class
3. Set a date for your mufti-day and Fundraiser
4. Order free prayer cards to distribute to your students by clicking [here](#)



Prayer Card

Available resources at: www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools

- Classroom poster
- Prayer cards
- Video
- Online donation page

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Thank you for your commitment to social justice.



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.

Social Justice Sunday

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 will be celebrated on 25 August 2024 in Australia.

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:



CatholicCare

CatholicCare's Disability Services believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to 'Learn, Work and Connect' with others. They provide many inclusive programs, such as:

- Social programs
- One-on-one assistance to attend appointments
- Hands on support and work experience to build skills for work and help to find the right job
- Assistance at home and in the community.



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.



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.



**“Never see a need without
doing something about it.”**

– Saint Mary MacKillop

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