

CWF FUNDRAISER | TERM 3

Annual schools multi-day to raise funds for the Charitable Works Fund. CWF is our Archdiocese's charity, serving families and those most in need across our Sydney community.



To find out more and to donate:
Scan the QR code, or
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FOREWORD

Thank you for taking part in this year's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) fundraising campaign.

The Charitable Works Fund is our Archdiocese of Sydney's charity. It is a great instrument to reach out to the most vulnerable in Sydney including the homeless, people struggling with mental health challenges and single mothers. It supports and empowers our indigenous people, seminarians, deaf and hard of hearing people, catechists and many more.

In 2026 the CWF Fundraising Appeal will be highlighting the works of two ministries supported by the Charitable Works Fund:

CatholicCare Disability Services - Focusing on their life skills program that support people with disability to be more independent.

The Seminary of the Good Shepherd - Supporting the formation of men, who are called by God to the priesthood.

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 in Term 3 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
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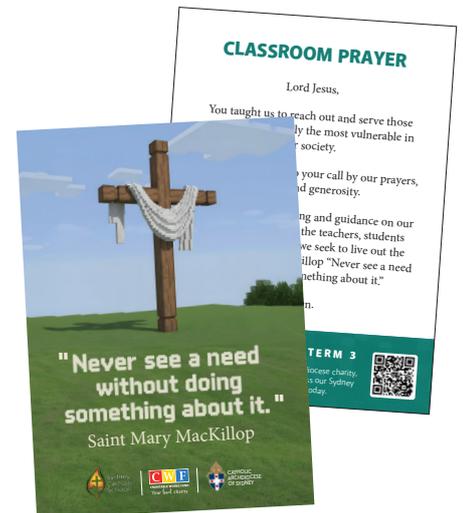


4 EASY STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

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](#)

Available resources at: www.ourfaithourworks.org/schools

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



Prayer Card

Every school that raises over \$1,000 will receive a special certificate. The top three schools will receive a plaque at a special assembly.

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 30 August 2026 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 believes 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.



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.



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.



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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