

## MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

*"God is good and has brought light and help  
when all was very dark"*

*Mary MacKillop 1899*



Mary MacKillop often said how lonely and sad she felt when she was away from Sisters, family and friends, especially when she went to Rome.

Mary went to Rome alone to meet the Pope and ask him to say "yes" to the Rule of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Rule was about the way the Sisters wanted to live and work with the poor and isolated people of Australia.

Mary could not speak Italian so sometimes it was difficult for her to communicate with people.

She travelled to unfamiliar places and had to work out how to get from place to place.

She was often sick.

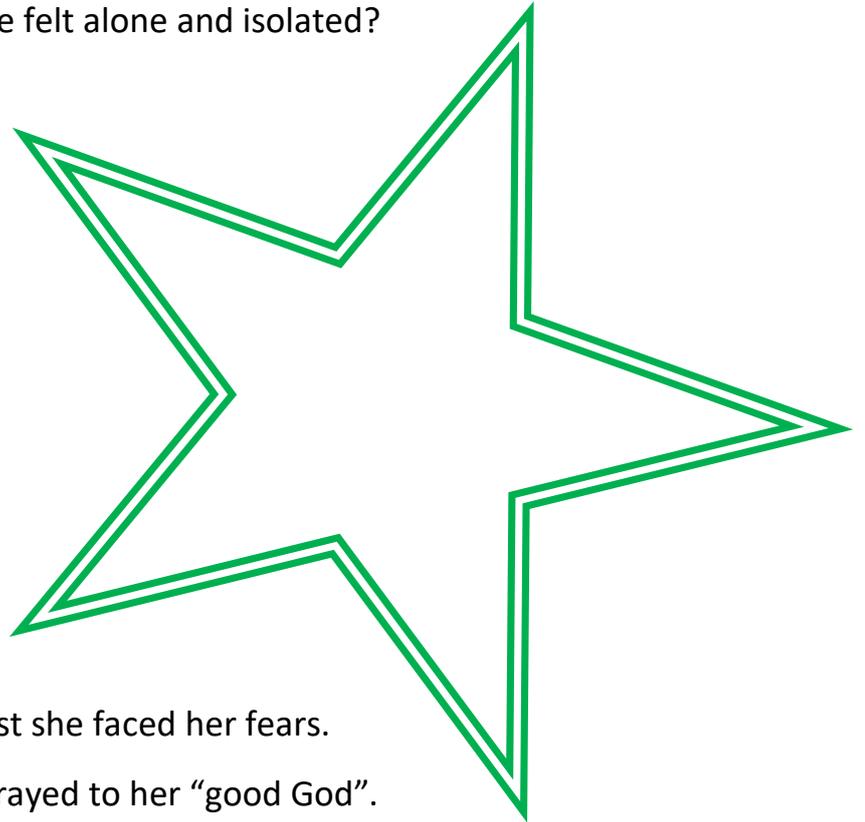
When have you felt lonely?  
*Write your answer in the star.*



Even though it is different to what Mary MacKillop felt, right now in Covid-19, we also may be experiencing the challenges of being isolated, being away from our friends, cousins, teachers and other people who are important to us.

**BUT REMEMBER**, we are not alone. Mary MacKillop can be a guide and help for us.  
What do **YOU** think Mary did when she felt alone and isolated?

*Write your answer in the Star*



Well, first she faced her fears.

Then she prayed to her “good God”.  
(that’s how Mary liked to speak about God!)

Trusting in God she never gave up or let unhappiness take over her life.

Mary had many good people,  
friends, strangers and God, who  
helped her and cared for her.

We also have good people,  
friends, teachers, family,  
God and others,  
who are happy  
to help and care for us.

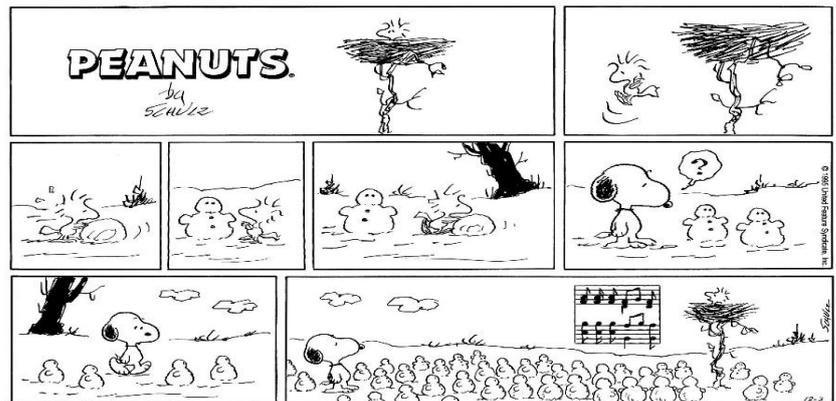
**ALWAYS REMEMBER,  
WE ARE NOT ALONE.**

# ACTIVITY

CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC STRIP  
OR A SIMPLE SHORT STORY BOOK  
AROUND THE FOUR

You can use your own words but keep  
the main idea going about  
Mary MacKillop and her fears, strength  
and determination.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES FOR YOU



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In the Gospel reading at Mass on Mary MacKillop's Feast Day  
we hear Jesus saying to his disciples:

"...don't worry about your life and what you eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it.  
Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing!...."

*What is Jesus saying to you in these words?*

*What is most important in your life?*

**Prayer: Dear God please help me to believe that you love me and are always with me helping  
and caring for me. May I always be thankful for all you provide for me. Amen.**