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Christmas



ADVENT CALENDAR

25 DAYS COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS

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Juliana loves learning with our mobile learning bus in Timor-Leste - [click to learn more.](#)

Advent Prayer

God,
Ever present yet always expected
Attune our hearts to the signs of your coming
And our minds to the unfolding of your promise
As we journey through this Advent time
Amen

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Women in Peru learn leadership skills with our Women's Empowerment project - [click to learn more.](#)

*"Find happiness in making
others happy."*

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP
1899



Merewai is able to support her family with our Women's Leadership project in Fiji - [click to learn more.](#)

*"So great is the strength we
possess in our unity."*



Juli mentors Indigenous youth in Australia through our EAL project - [click to learn more.](#)

*"A beautiful bright light shines at the
end of this path and a few more
windings will bring us to it."*

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

1907



With our Parents Training project, Josefina is able to support her children's learning - click to learn more.

*"We must teach more by
example than by word."*



Our Women's Empowerment project is helping women to become community leaders - click to learn more.

"Love one another, bear with one another,
and let charity guide you
all your life..."

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Learn more about resilient mothers in Fiji supported by our Economic Empowerment project - [click here](#).

*"Believe in the whisperings of
God to your own heart."*

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Our First Nations Tertiary Scholarships provides financial support to students like William - [click to learn more.](#)

Advent Prayer

*God of the promise
You on whom we rely,
Visit us with your joy and peace
As we journey with anticipation
Through this Advent time
Amen*

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH



Our education projects in Timor-Leste are helping children access learning resources - [click to learn more.](#)

*"Let no obstacle deter us from
proceeding with courage."*

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Santusa is breaking the cycle of poverty, with our Vocational Training in Peru - [click to learn more.](#)

*"There where you are,
you will find God."*

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1871

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Litia has learnt leaderships skills through our Women's Empowerment project in Fiji - [click to learn more.](#)

"Take fresh courage..."

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Our Financial Literacy project is helping Aussies doing it tough - click to learn more.

*"Never see a need without
doing something about it."*

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Gilberto supports his children's schooling through our Livelihoods project in Timor-Leste - [click to learn more.](#)

"Be calm and full of hope."

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP
1871



Learn more about how women in Peru are increasing their civil participation - [click here to learn more.](#)

*"Be eager in your desires but humbly
patient in their accomplishments."*



Ala is learning literacy skills through our Leadership project in Fiji - [click to learn more.](#)

Advent Prayer

*Liberating God,
Touch us with healing and compassion
So that we too may work for
Your transformative vision for the world
Especially in this Advent time
Amen*

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Our scholarships help First Nations students access tertiary education - [click to learn more.](#)

*"Remember we are all but
travellers here."*

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1867

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In Timor-Leste our Teacher Training project helps children access quality education - [click to learn more.](#)

*"Truly wonderful are the
ways of God."*

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP
1873



In rural Peru our Vocational Training projects provide livelihoods training - [click to learn more.](#)

*"God gave me such a wonderful
sense of his watchful presence."*

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In Fiji Ranadi is learning business skills to help support her family - [click here to learn more.](#)

*"When I could not see my way God
kept my heart full of trust."*

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP
1874

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Our Community Grants help grass-root organisations support every day Aussies - [click here to learn more.](#)

"God's love is too deep for
words to express."

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP
1870



Our Livelihoods projects in Timor-Leste helps families send their children to school - click to learn more.

*"We have much for which
to be thankful."*



Our projects in Peru are helping women become active in their communities - [click to learn more.](#)

Advent Prayer

*Holy God,
You are very near*

*Encourage us when the way feels unending
Prompt us with your inclusive love. To be community-minded and selfless
As our journey in this Advent time is coming to an end
Amen*

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In Fiji, Mereoni has gained vital knowledge and skills through our Leadership project - [click to learn more.](#)

*"Let us be joyful and
thank God."*

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1874

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Our Financial Inclusion project helps Aussies in need take control of their finances - [click here to learn more.](#)

*"When I could not see my way
God kept my heart full of trust
to make it all come right."*

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

1883

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"Wherever this may find you, I will with all
my heart, wish you a very happy Christmas
and bright and happy New Year."

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP
1899

About Mary MacKillop Today

Mary MacKillop Today is an international and community development organisation working in Australia and overseas.

Since 2018, we've continued the legacy of a 150-year-old ministry founded by Saint Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Like Mary, we believe in the power of education as a proven pathway out of poverty.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our supporters, we provide access to education and the learning of practical life skills. We work with local communities and partners in Australia, Timor-Leste, Fiji, and Peru to ensure that women, men and children living at the margins have opportunities to learn and thrive.

Everything from encouraging joy in the classroom for our youngest learners, to promoting healthy living free from preventable diseases, to giving people tools and training to build dependable livelihoods, to helping people reach financial independence in the face of hardship — our work is made possible through the kindness of our donors.

We are a registered charity, a member of the Australian Council for International Development and we are accredited by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing the Australian Government's development program. We receive support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

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Wishing you peace and happiness this Christmas.