



WOMAN AT THE WELL

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# AHS Art Pilgrimage

Experiencing Our Sacred  
Story Through Art

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## Station 1: Turrbal Garden – Aquinas Mall

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator God,

Today we pray together on common ground. Common ground of an ancient land that you created. Common ground of over 65,000 years of peoples and place.

***ALL: Lord, we are longing for acknowledgement.***

We acknowledge that your creation was disturbed and disrupted in 1788. We acknowledge our failure to break the Great Australian Silence. We acknowledge the true history of the land now called Australia.

***ALL: Lord, we are longing for truth.***

We grieve the truth of statistics that show we are not equal. Truth of death, sickness, imprisonment. Truth of lack of education and lack of employment. Truth of a gap that isn't closed.

***ALL: Lord, we are longing for justice.***

We seek justice for Stolen Land, Stolen Wages, Stolen Children. We seek justice for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

***ALL: Lord, we are longing for love.***

Today we stand together on common ground. We come together in the love of Christ and the love of our neighbour. We confess we have not loved one another as you have called us to and promise to do better. We long to embrace unity with diversity. We are longing for acknowledgement, truth, justice, love, and hope.

***ALL: Lord, give our First Peoples***

***comfort for the pain, in their day of mourning,  
courage for the fight, on their day of invasion,  
strength for the journey, in their days of survival.***

***Give us the compassion and respect***

***To walk the journey of Reconciliation***

***With our First Nations' brothers and sisters.***

***Lord, You, are our hope. Amen.***



**A Prayer for Healing** – a common prayer by the group:

All-powerful Creator Spirit,  
you are present in the whole  
universe

and in the smallest of your  
creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness  
all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your  
love,

that we may protect life and  
beauty.



Help us to better protect the waters of these once mighty rivers which are the lifegiving  
source for this land and its peoples, for the myriad fish, the birds of the air, the  
animals that drink from their waters and the food that is grown from the  
nourishment of the soils of the country they traverse.

Fill us with courage and peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one,

Help us to identify with the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in  
your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives and our environment,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.'

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

*(Adaptation of Laudato Si' Prayer for the Earth)*

## Station 2: Women of St Ann's



Dear God, creator of women in your own image,  
born of a woman in the midst of a world half women,  
carried by women to mission fields around the globe, made known by women to all the  
children of the earth,  
give to the women of our time  
the strength to persevere,  
the courage to speak out,  
the faith to believe in you beyond  
all systems and institutions  
so that your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty,  
so that men and women become whole,  
so that the church may be converted to your will  
in everything and in all ways.

We call on the holy women  
who went before us,  
channels of Your Word  
in testaments old and new,  
to intercede for us  
so that we might be given the grace  
to become what they have been  
for the honour and glory of God.

**Saint Esther**, who pleaded against power  
for the liberation of the people, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Judith**, who routed the plans of men  
and saved the community, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Deborah**, laywoman and judge, who led  
the people of God, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Elizabeth of Judea**, who recognized the value  
of another woman, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Mary Magdalene**, minister of Jesus,  
first evangelist of the Christ, **-Pray for us.**



**Saint Agnes**, patron saint of victims of sexual abuse, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Scholastica**, who taught her brother Benedict to honour the spirit above the system, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Hildegard**, who suffered banishment for the doing of right, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Joan of Arc**, who put no law above the law of God, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Clare of Assisi**, who confronted the pope with the image of woman as equal, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Julian of Norwich**, who proclaimed for all of us the motherhood of God, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**, who knew the call to priesthood in herself, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Catherine of Siena**, to whom the pope listened, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Teresa of Avila**, who brought women's gifts to the reform of the church, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Edith Stein**, who brought fearlessness to faith, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Elizabeth Seton**, who broke down boundaries between lay women and religious by wedding motherhood and religious life, **-Pray for us.**

**Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop**, who challenged the establishment in the name of the poor and the powerless, **-Pray for us.**

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**Mary, mother of Jesus,**

who heard the call of God and answered,

**Mary, mother of Jesus,**

who drew strength from the woman Elizabeth,

**Mary, mother of Jesus,**

who underwent hardship bearing Christ,

**Mary, mother of Jesus**, who ministered at Cana,

**Mary, mother of Jesus**, inspired at Pentecost,

**Mary, mother of Jesus**, who turned the Spirit of God into the body and blood of Christ, **pray for us. Amen.**



## Station 3: St Patrick –St Patrick’s Hallway, University Wing

### St. Patrick’s Prayer

May the Strength of God pilot us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Host of God guard us

Against the snares of the evil ones,

Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May Thy Salvation, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and evermore.

**ALL: Amen.**



## Station 4: William Bustard Paintings – Principal's Reception



### For Discussion:

What are your most treasured places in the School?

What would you choose to paint if you had the opportunity?



## Station 5: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.



## Station 6: Mary, Mother of Mercy – Magnolia Place



### The Feast Day Prayer 24/9

Mary, Mother of God, I turn to you in all my pressing needs and difficulties as to a most sure refuge. I implore the help of your protection and choose you as my advocate. I entrust my cause to you who are the Mother of Mercy, and I wish to offer you day by day my most reverent love. But that my devotion may be pleasing to you, help me to maintain my soul and body in the spotlessness of your purity, help me to try as best I can to walk in your footsteps, humbly seeking to be like you.

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen

## Station 7: The Mosaic Rill – Magnolia Place

### Baggott St Suite: Cup and Saucer by Mary Wickham

Did it bring you comfort, this china,  
The little cup worn at the rim and  
Translucent as the shell of an egg,  
Reminding you of Coolock days,  
The warm liquid soothing and refreshing?

Did you read the leaves all those years ago  
And know that your life would end  
Here in quite another place?  
Of life filled – life emptied.  
Of call given – and fulfilled.  
Of encouragement and conviviality,  
Bonds of kinship  
And gesture of gracious hospitality.

Taking the cup of your life  
The cup of your life.  
Drinking the sweet-bitter draught that was yours.

[Baggott St Suite: Cup and Saucer | Mary Wickham \(marywickhamrsm.org.au\)](http://marywickhamrsm.org.au)



## Station 8: The Offering – Catherine Court

### The Suscipe of Catherine McAuley

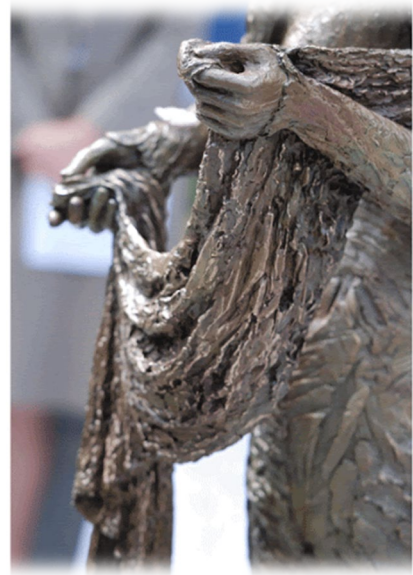
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My God, I am Yours for time and eternity,  
Lord, I am Yours forever.  
It is You who must teach me  
To trust in Your providence, Loving Lord.

You are a God of love and tenderness  
I place my faith in You -  
And I ask that you grant me  
Acceptance of Your will, Loving Lord.

Take from my heart all painful anxiety  
Let nothing sadden me but sin -  
And then let my delight be  
Hoping to see Your face, God, my all!

My God, I am Yours for time and eternity,  
Lord, I am Yours forever.  
It is You who must teach me  
To trust in Your providence, Loving Lord.



## Station 9: Mercy Stained Glass Window – Potter Library



### Through the Eyes of Mercy

Words and music, Timothy Sherlock, 2021, Micah 6:8, Matthew 25:35-40

Song commissioned by the Sisters of Mercy Brisbane to commemorate 160 years of service.

What does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Through eyes of Mercy, with hands of Mercy  
with voices of Mercy, in the spirit of Mercy  
we are emboldened to live our lives anew,  
in Mercy and Justice to heal a hurting world.*

I was hungry and you gave me food.  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.  
I was a stranger and you invited me in.

*Through eyes of Mercy, with hands of Mercy  
with voices of Mercy, in the spirit of Mercy  
we are emboldened to live our lives anew,  
in Mercy and Justice to heal a hurting world.*

In Mercy and Justice, in Mercy and Justice,  
in Mercy and Justice, in Mercy and Justice,  
Amen.

## Station 10: The Woman at the Well – Potter Library



### ***The Woman at the Well***

By Dianne Minnaar

1.4(L) x 1.1 (w)

Substrate: Live edge Camphor Laurel timber

### **Jesus and the Woman at the Well (John 4: 1-15; 39)**

**4** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” <sup>2</sup> —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> But he had to go through

Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony.

**For Reflection:**

Take a moment to reflect on the significance of this story for us:

- Where do I need a well in my life at present?
- What kind of a well am I to others?
- How can I become that well, by which Jesus sits and offers life giving water to others...all others?
- Am I open to finding the well deep within others?

**Prayer:**

God of all peoples,  
just as Jesus and his disciples journeyed through Samaria to reach their appointed destination;  
teach us how to walk through strange, foreign places,  
how to meet people different from ourselves—  
that we might say to them "come and see".  
You bypass no one; in this may we follow you.

May we also be like the Samaritan woman: willing to examine our lives in Jesus' presence  
that we may continue to be true followers of Christ in spirit and in truth,  
that we may share with those we know what it is like to meet with Jesus.  
The truth revealed her faults yet liberated the unnamed woman.  
May your truth reveal us to ourselves and set us free in you.

God of the nations, lead us so that truth and truthfulness may direct our leaders, inform our nation, govern our everyday lives, so that we may live in justice and peace together.

Empower us to be like the woman at the well so that we may share the story of Christ and be the well for others in offering the life-giving water to them.

Give us and all who thirst for you that living water of your Spirit:  
water of refreshment,  
water of healing,  
water of cleansing,  
water of life.

Amen

## Station 11: The Sisterhood – Potter Library

### *The Sisterhood*

By Chern'ee Sutton

Size 183cm w x 121 cm

Medium – Acrylic and textured acrylic on canvas



## **Standing On The Shoulders**

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I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me,  
I am stronger for their courage, I am wiser for their words.  
I am lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future,  
I am grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this Earth.

We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us  
they are saints and they are humans, they are angels, they are friends.  
We can see beyond the struggles and the troubles  
and the challenge when we know that by our efforts  
things will be better in the end.

**They lift me higher than I could ever fly  
Carrying my burdens away.  
I imagine our world if they hadn't tried.  
We wouldn't be here celebrating today.**

I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me  
I am honoured by their passion for our liberty.  
I will stand a little taller, I will work a little longer  
And my shoulders will be there to hold the ones who follow me.

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# All Hallows' School

## Prayer

Merciful God,  
Bless our All Hallows' community.  
We give thanks for those who came before us,  
The legacy they have led,  
And their work for mercy and justice.

Help us to continue to live joyfully  
And respond with compassion to  
The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Bless those who will come after us,  
So that now and in generations to come,  
the spirit of the Sisterhood may prevail.  
Empower them to continue our legacy of service,  
Integrity and respect.

We make this prayer with open hearts and minds.  
Amen.

