



# Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus,  
to grow as his disciples,  
using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST FEBRUARY 2026, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

**Readings:** Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13  
1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

**Response:**

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

### IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates 2026

#### Confirmation (Year 3 and older)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday 12th November or Saturday 14th November Date to be confirmed by the Diocese.**

A parent information night will be held on **Thursday 15th October at 7pm** in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 18th October, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 3 weeks and 4th week will be held at 4pm in the Church followed by Mass.

#### Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Year 4 and older)

• **First Holy Communion:** The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, 26th April at 11:45am**

• **Reconciliation:** The Sacrament will take place on **Tuesday, 31st March 2026, between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.**

A parent information night for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 19th February at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes starting on **Sunday, 22nd February, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 5 weeks then on 6th week (19th April) class will commence at 4pm.

Please email the Parish Office at [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au) for an enrolment letter and form.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS ([philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au))

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**Bank Details:** Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, Account # 10000 5628, BSB: 062-784

**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ([lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au))

**Safeguarding:** When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

**Diocese of Broken Bay**  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

#### **Sunday Mass**

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,  
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

#### **Family Mass**

Every Sunday at 10am  
Includes Children’s Liturgy

#### **Weekday Mass**

Mon 7:30am  
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am

#### **Monthly BBQ**

4th Sunday of each month  
after 5pm Mass

#### **Devotions**

Rosary after weekday Mass  
Tues 6pm Rosary

#### **St Joseph’s Men’s Group**

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

#### **Anointing Mass**

3rd Saturday of the Month  
at 9:15am

#### **Reconciliation**

Sat 4pm - 4.45 pm

#### **Baptisms**

Sunday 11.30am Contact the  
Parish Office for details.

#### **Baptisms Preparation**

3rd Tuesday of each month at  
7pm in the church

#### **Weddings**

By appointment

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tues to Sat/ 8am to 9am

#### **Parish Luncheon**

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at The Ary (Ziva),  
Main Rd, Toukley

#### **Men’s & Women’s Breakfast**

4th Saturday of the month at  
8am at Warnies Café.

#### **Syro-Malabar Mass**

1st Friday at 6pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad:  
your reward will be great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

### Palms—Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday falls on **Wednesday 18th February**. Please bring in your blessed palms from last year so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday. Baskets will be placed at the entrance of the Church so you can leave your palms.

### Ash Wednesday



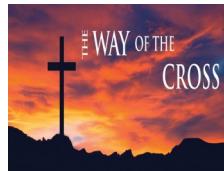
Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 18th February. This is the beginning of Lent.

The liturgical timetable for the Parish is **9:15am Mass with distribution of ashes** (*Note: There will be no 8:45am Mass this day.*)

**7:00pm Mass with distribution of ashes**

Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** (one main meal, no snacks) for those 18 to 60 years of age and **abstinence** (from eating meat) for those over 14 years of age.

### Way of the Cross



20th February in the Church.

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday

## Catechist Ministry News



We welcome to our ministry and thank our new volunteers, Anu, Zenida, Stefy and Bernice. They will begin their training soon and start in the classroom. We also welcome Sr Jennifer.

We are looking for a talented person who would be able to design the front cover of our recruitment brochure. If you feel you are able to help us with this please contact Fr Joshi, 0459611213 or Kerrie 0402815633.

For more information on being a part of this wonderful and rewarding ministry please contact the parish Coordinator Fr Joshi 0459 611 213 [joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au).



### Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY

#### For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### MacKillop Online Newsletter



Please scan the QR code to subscribe to our weekly email *MacKillop Online* newsletter, sent each Friday afternoon.



#### Tuggerah Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy

Ricky Li  
Registered NDIS provider  
Phone 4355 4445  
[www.tuggerahphysio.com.au](http://www.tuggerahphysio.com.au)

## First Fruit Offering



As we begin the second year of our First Fruits planned-giving initiative, we give thanks for the generosity that has already strengthened our community.

Your commitment has sustained the mission, ministries and ongoing maintenance of our parish.

This week, we invite you once again to reflect on God's blessings and consider renewing or deepening your First Fruits offering for the year ahead. Together, we continue building a vibrant parish rooted in gratitude and service.



Look out for the QR code for simple, easy planned giving! Or envelopes are available where you collect your bulletins.

**Please remember our sick:** Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Alan Smith, Anne Levett, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

**Anniversaries:** Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Rosalie Crippin, Richard Van Doorum, David Pennings, John O'Reilly, Craig Bengtson, Kenneth Grigg, Neville Pikulicif.

**Recently Deceased:** Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millsteed, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Teuila Kelly, Jessy Edwards.

## SAINTS DAYS

### Monday 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord

### Tuesday 3 February

### Wednesday 4 February

### Thursday 5 February

St Agatha

### Friday 6 February

St Paul Miki

### Saturday 7 February



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Donated to SMOTC MacKillop Parish  
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## Return and Earn

### This week we raised

Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

### Please remember;

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](https://www.facebook.com/SMOTCMacKillopParish), please "like" our page.



## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### First Reading

Prophet Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

#### **In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to gaze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### **R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

**R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphans.

**R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**R.**

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Second Reading

#### Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31

##### **God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad:  
your reward will be great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

#### Matthew 5:1-12

##### **Happy are the poor in spirit.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.