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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 1ST MARCH 2026, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Gen 12:1-4
2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Response:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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Holy Hour for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028

A nationwide Holy Hour will be observed this Sunday. In our parish, Adoration will take place following the 8:00am Mass and conclude at 10:00am.

All parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate in this special time of prayer and to unite with Catholics across Australia in this shared hour of devotion.

Memorial Wall

Thank you to all parishioners who have dedicated a plaque in memory of their deceased loved ones. The Memorial Wall is progressing beautifully and stands as a touching tribute to those who have gone before us in faith.

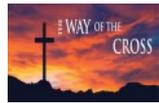
We gratefully acknowledge **Steve's Oasis Landscapes** for preparing and rendering the wall, and for laying the new turf in the surrounding area. We also sincerely thank **Jose Varghese** for securing the plaques to the wall, **Cutting Edge Laser Design** for their fine craftsmanship in producing the plaques, and **Archangel Design** for designing the Memorial Wall sign.

Orders for memorial plaques will be placed twice each year, in May and November. Parishioners wishing to purchase a plaque for a deceased family member are invited to contact the parish office via email at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au for further information and payment details.

Men's Group

The St Joseph's Men's Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00pm in the School Board Room to pray and reflect through *Lectio Divina*, using the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All men aged 18 years and over are warmly invited to attend.

Way of the Cross



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

Lenten Reflection

Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a Lenten Reflection with Fr Philip, following the 8:45am Mass.

This weekly gathering provides an opportunity for prayer and reflection on the upcoming Gospel. We look forward to sharing this special time together.

Holy Week Timetable

Holy Thursday (2 April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (3 April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (4 April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (5 April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



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

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Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (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) 0412 051 839

24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation



Commencing on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**, our parish will hold **24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation**, starting after the morning Mass and concluding with the **9:15am Mass on Thursday 26th March**. To help ensure continuous participation, please sign up on the form at the back of the Church to indicate the time you will be attending.

We invite everyone to take part in this time of prayer and reflection.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**.

March 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 12th & 26th March at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are most welcome to attend.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders chose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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MacKillop Fun Fest Fair

Our parish and school community are excited to host our very first **MacKillop Fun Fest Community Fair**, and we warmly invite you to be part of this joyful celebration.

We are currently seeking **market stall holders and small businesses** who would like to participate and showcase their goods and services on the day. If you would like to be involved please contact Lucy Marien on her email at lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Parish Stall – Call for Donations

Our parish will have a stall on the day, selling cakes, slices, biscuits, knitted goods, bric-a-brac and 100s club. If you can contribute, please contact Barbara Cardwell at 0412 506 520 or email bjc_1953@hotmail.com.

Salesian Thought

Why should we die a spiritual death, since we have so sovereign a remedy at hand?

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 19)

Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and guardians participating in Church services of the importance of accompanying children to the toilets before, during, or after Mass. This practice is crucial for the safety of all parishioners, particularly children. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Baptism Information Evening

Our next **Baptism Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 17 March at 7:00pm in the Church**. All parents preparing to have their child baptised are warmly encouraged to attend.



Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 2 March
Tuesday 3 March
Wednesday 4 March
Thursday 5 March
Friday 6 March
Saturday 7 March
Sunday 8 March
Third Sunday of Lent

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$72.20

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!

MacKillop Online Newsletter



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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: Corazon Armonio, Conchita, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Neville & Zlatka Pikulich, Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Richard Van Doorum.

Recently Deceased: Adolphe Parfait, Lynette Desforges, Jane (Giovanna) Bugeja, Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Betty Scicluna.



Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading

Book of Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive n famine.

R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,

as we place all our hope in you.

R.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him!'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.