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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

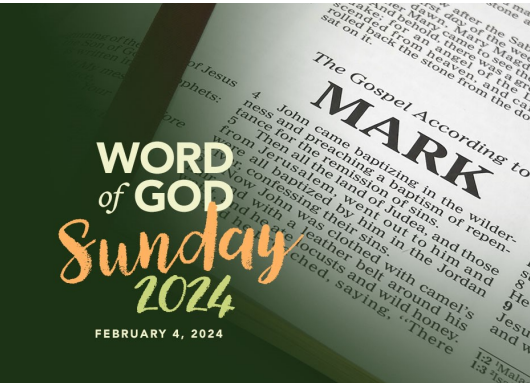
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4TH FEBRUARY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7;
1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Response:
Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!



Sacramental Program Dates 2024
Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in year 4 and above will run over 6 weeks. Parent information and enrolment meeting is on **Tuesday 13th February at 7pm**. Classes commence on **Sunday 18th February at 10am** and continue for 6 weeks.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on **26th March from 3pm to 5pm**.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated with a special Mass on 7th April at 11:45am.

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic. Parent information session **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm**. Classes commence **Sunday 26th May** for 4 weeks. **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June at 10am.

If you would like to assist in helping prepare (teaching or assisting) the children for the sacrament please contact the parish office for more information.

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February, February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Welcome Mass
New students and staff to MacKillop, Year 7 and Kindergarten students and parents are invited to join us for Mass on Sunday 18th February at 5pm.

Ash Wednesday—14 February
On Wednesday 14th February we will have **mass at 9:15am and 7pm**. There will be NO mass at 8:45am on this day.

Way of the Cross
All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 16th February in the Church.

- Sunday Mass**
Sat (Vigil) 5pm ,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm
- Family Mass**
Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children’s Liturgy
- Weekday Mass**
Mon—Communion Service
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 Wallarah Bay Club
- 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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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



Children's Liturgy will resume this Sunday (11th February) during 10am Mass.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2024 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please call or email the parish.

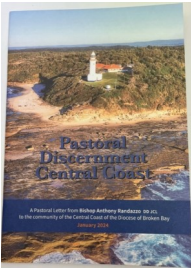
Rosary Prayer Group



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

The prayer meetings for **February on 15th & 29th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Pastoral Discernment



A pastoral letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo about Pastoral Discernment Central Coast is available at the back of the church for everyone to take a copy.

Carpark Speed Limit

SPEED LIMIT

10

For the safety of our children and all pedestrians, please be advised that the speed limit within the school car park is 10km per hour.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Counting Rosters

The new rosters for February to April 2024 are available at the back of the Church.

Salesian Thought

The loving heart loves God's commandments; and the harder they are the more sweet and agreeable it finds them.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 8, Chapter 5)

Catechist Corner



Catechists and assistants' meeting to be held on Monday, 12th February at the Milk Factory Café, Wyong at 10am.

Anyone interested to join this ministry is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Kerrie Deder, 0402818327, 8379 1740 or email kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on the 11th February at 10am Mass. More on this next week.

Working with Children Renewals

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe a secure environment for children in our parish, please ensure your Working with Children Checks are valid. If your WWC is due for renewal, please ensure you renew early to avoid delays.

Please visit the website and click renew your check.

www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check. If you don't have access to a computer or would like assistance please call the parish office for assistance on 8379 1740.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 5 February
St Agatha

Tuesday 6 February
St Paul Miki

Wednesday 7 February
St John Bosco

Thursday 8 February
St Jerome Emiliani
St Josephine Bakhita

Friday 9 February

Saturday 10 February
St Scholastica

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$58.20



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;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!

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Please remember our sick: Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Margaret Bowman, Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos.

Anniversaries: Thomas Antony, Leo Galea, Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani, Rosalie Crippin, V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O'Keeffe, Angela Laukaitis, Victor Gatt.

Recently Deceased: Robert Curry, Jill Margaret Bishton (Speight), Elisabeth Laka, Jim Speight.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Book of Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought about his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixed the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name

R.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

R.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew, Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.