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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*

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6TH AUGUST 2023, YEAR A

Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
2Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

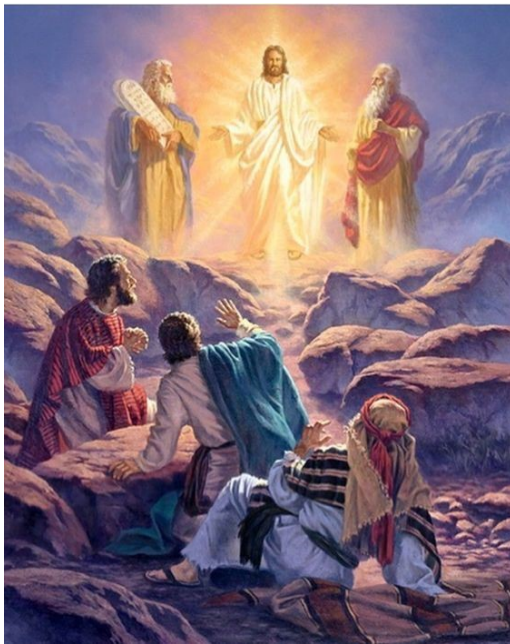
Response:

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Reflection

Today is the Transfiguration of the Lord. On Mount Tabor, Jesus who was accompanied by Peter, James, and John, was transfigured before their eyes. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared, affirming Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises. This event reveals Christ's identity and His mission to bring light and salvation to the world. May the transfiguration inspire us to open our hearts to the transformative power of God's love.

MacKillop Parish 20th Anniversary Activities



During October and November the parish is holding a variety of fundraisers and activities: Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- 100s board - 21st and 22nd October
- Cake Stall - 8am Mass, 29th October
- Plant Stall—5th November
- Pet Blessing—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.

More details to come.

Pastoral Carers Volunteers

Within our parish boundaries we have 9 nursing homes. We have a faithful team of Pastoral Ministers who visit people in the nursing homes. We are seeking more volunteers to visit the nursing homes. If you could spare an hour every week, fortnight or month, please contact Michael Goodway 0418 294034 for more information.

Santa Maria Fest Day

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee would like to invite all parishioners to help celebrate the feast of Santa Maria on **Sunday 13th August in our parish.** Mass will be celebrated at 3pm followed by a procession at 4pm with benediction after. There will be fireworks at 6pm. **Please note there will be NO 5pm Mass on this day.**

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—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 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

MacKillop Parish 20th Anniversary fundraiser



Are you a keen gardener who can help us out? If so, can you please grab your secateurs and start growing some cuttings for the 20th-anniversary **PLANT STALL fundraiser on the 5th November.**

Please add your name, contact details and an estimate of how many plants to the sign up sheet at the back of the Church. Ed has kindly offered to help with the plant staff. If you have knowledge of plants and would like to assist Ed, please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

CONFUSED? JOIN A DIALOGUE ABOUT "THE VOICE"

Let's take the heat out of the discussion.

Why Should Christians take this seriously?

Whose Idea is it?

What does it Actually Say?

How will it work?

What does the Church say?

**Come along on
Saturday 19th & 26th August from
10:30am to 12:30pm
by Margaret Hagan**

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion classes commence on Sunday 13th August during 10am Mass, and continue on 20th August, 27th August and 10th September (with a practice after the last session after Mass).

First Holy Communion will be *celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon.*

Please contact the parish office via email or phone if you have any questions.

Bible Study Group

Robert Madafiglio will commence a bible study group on Wednesday 9th August at 9:30am (after 8:45am Mass). The bible study will be Galatians book by John Stott. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Warnervale Parish Pilgrim Tour to the Holy Land

Jordan—Israel—Palestine—Egypt

10 nights and 11 days tour (1 night in Amman / 4 nights in Bethlehem / 1 night in Nazareth / Tiberias / 1 night in Taba / 1 night in Sharm—El Sheikh / 2 nights in Cairo).

Departing Sydney 28th April 2024 and returning 10th May 2024.

Package cost \$3,100 per person (double, twin, triple share) or \$3,800 single share. Flights are not included.

Full itinerary on the Church notice board. If you are interested in experiencing amazing trip please register with parish office or see Fr Philip.

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 **August will be on Thursday evenings 17th & 31st at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 7 August

St Sixtus II
St Cajetan

Tuesday 8 August

St Mary of the Cross

Wednesday 9 August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Thursday 10 August

St Lawrence

Friday 11 August

St Clare

Saturday 12 August

St Jane Frances de Chantal

Sunday 13 August

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$39.70

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!



Salesian Thought

We have freedom to do good or evil; yet to make choice of evil, is not to use, but to abuse our freedom.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 12, Chapter 10)



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Please remember our sick: Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen, Oscar Allen.

Anniversaries: Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.





Little Lighthouse Playgroup

*Fridays during term time, 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Primary multi-purpose room*

Little Lighthouse welcomes families with children aged 0 - 6. Our playgroup is a safe and friendly environment run by parent/carers volunteers. Please bring your own morning tea and sun hat.



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The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A

First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all people see his glory. **R.**

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Peter 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it was a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

His face was shining 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.