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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 8TH FEBRUARY 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Response:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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the man who follows me will have the
light of life.

Alleluia!

First Fruit Offering



With Lent around the corner, let us prayerfully consider how we are being called to enter more deeply into discipleship, through the offering of ourselves, our hearts, and our trust in God. Planned giving is not merely a practical commitment; it is a spiritual one. It is an opportunity to offer Him our first and our best, from a grateful heart. Your financial offerings fuel the ministries and outreach which enable our parish family to grow together, in pursuit of Christ's Mission. Let us make space for God, asking Him to prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Thank you for the many ways you strengthen our parish through your faith, love, and generosity. Look out for the QR code for simple, easy planned giving! Or envelopes are available where you collect your bulletins.



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.

Catechist Sunday

On Sunday 15 February, our Parish will celebrate **Catechist Sunday**. Catechists are warmly invited to attend the 10:00am Mass, where they will receive a special blessing for the coming school year. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to meet our Catechists, ask any questions, and learn more about this rewarding ministry if you have been considering becoming involved.

Ash Wednesday



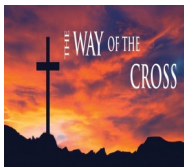
Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 18th February. This is the beginning of Lent.

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



All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 20th February in the Church.

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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

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Catechist Ministry News

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Kerrie Deder** for her dedication, guidance, and leadership of the Catechist Ministry over the past 5 years. Kerrie has generously served our parish with great faith and commitment. While she has decided to step back from the coordinating role, we are grateful that she will continue to share the Word of God as a catechist teacher.

We also welcome **Fr Joshi**, who has kindly accepted the role of Catechist Coordinator. We thank him for his willingness to support and lead this important ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TEACHING EXPERIENCE WELCOME

Do you have a heart for sharing faith with children?

We would love your help

Our Special Religious Education (SRE) classes are about to begin, and we are currently seeking volunteers for the following classes:

Warnervale Public School

- Wednesdays, 12:20 – 12:50pm (Year 5)

Woongarra Public School

- Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:00pm (Kindergarten)

All lesson materials are provided, including a teacher's manual, children's workbooks, and prepared PowerPoint lessons. The commitment involves a 30-minute class, with approximately one hour of preparation per week.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support children in their faith journey and to serve our parish in a meaningful way.

For more information about becoming involved in this wonderful and rewarding ministry, please contact the Parish Catechist Coordinator, **Fr Joshi**, on **0459 611 213** or via email at joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au



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2026 Sacrament Date

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 for an enrolment letter and form.

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)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

February 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 12th and 26th February 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.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 9 February

Tuesday 10 February

St Scholastica

Wednesday 11 February

Thursday 12 February

Friday 13 February

Saturday 14 February

St Cyril and St Methodius



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- ♦ 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!

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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: Neville & Zlatka Piku, Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Rosalie Crippin, Richard Van Doorum, David Pennings, John O'Reilly, Craig Bengtson.

Recently Deceased: Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millstead, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Kenneth Grigg, Teuila Kelly.





OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 4 March College Open Event

College Tours from 4:00am - 6:00pm

Thursday 5 March Kinder Connect

Fun morning from 9.30 am

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Broken Bay

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor;
clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.
Then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

R.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

R.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

R.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.