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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*

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
1ST OCTOBER 2023, YEAR A**

**Readings:** Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11;  
Mt 21:28-32

**Response:**

Remember your mercies,  
O Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the  
Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



Our Lady of the Rosary feast day is next **Saturday 7th October**. The Rosary is a way of contemplating the *face of Christ* seeing him - we may say - *with the eyes of Mary*. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel is in full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio ineunte*: the Church has to launch out "into the deep" in the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities.' *John Paul II in 2002*

## 20th Anniversary Dinner



We are delighted to invite you to a joyous and momentous occasion as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish. Over this time, we have grown together as a loving and vibrant community, and it is only fitting that we come together for a celebration on Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall. Tickets are available through try booking at [www.trybooking.com/CLVWE](http://www.trybooking.com/CLVWE). Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free.

## Daylight Savings

Daylight savings starts this Sunday 1st October 2023. REMEMBER to turn your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed.

## Wood panel on Sanctuary Wall

We are excited to share with you an opportunity to enhance the beauty and solemnity of our sacred space. Our beloved church's Sanctuary is the heart of our worship, and we are initiating a special project to adorn it with a magnificent wood panel on the concrete columns that will elevate our worship experience.

We kindly request your support in making this project a reality. Your generous donations will help us acquire the wood panel and ensure its expert installation. Every contribution, no matter the size, will be a vital part of this effort. **The total cost is \$8,250. Donations can be made via our account; Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, BSB: 062 784, Account no: 10000 5628, or money placed in an envelope marked with Sanctuary donation.** Your generosity will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

## Homelessness Appeal

CatholicCare have send a lovely letter thanking all the parishioners who generously donated to the Homelessness Appeal in August. Our parish raised \$993 towards helping people in our Diocese.

**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

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

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**Office email:** [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Web:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale)

**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

**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

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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for OCTOBER

### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a life-style at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## School Holidays

School holidays commences Monday 25th September to Friday 6th October.

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:00pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

## Central Coast Santa Maria and Parish Christmas Lunch

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at Toukley Gold Club, Key Street, Toukley from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Meal consists of pre-dinner nibbles, bread role, ham, turkey and pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin and mixed vegetables. Also served is a dessert of pudding with custard, Pavlova and ice cream. All is prepared by the chef for the club. Tea and coffee available. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person, available till 19<sup>th</sup> November.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or Joyce on 4332 9963 or Connie and Charlie on 4396 3704 or Rita and Tony on 0448 742 591. We assure you of a convivial atmosphere and a warm welcome.

## Rosary Prayer Group



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

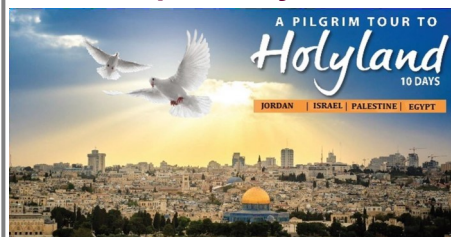
The prayer meetings for **October will be on every Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

## Trivia Night—October

Next event is **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October starting 6:30pm** at MacKillop College Hall. Tickets are \$7 per person. For more info or to book call Bill on 0412 051 839 or visit [mactrivia.com.au](http://mactrivia.com.au)



## Warnervale Parish Pilgrim Tour to the Holy Land In April / May 2024



### Jordan - Israel-Palestine -Egypt 10 nights and 11 days tour.

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.

If you are interested please register via email to the parish office ([warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)) with names and contact numbers of everyone in your party by Tuesday 31st October 2023.

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 2 October**  
The Holy Guardian Angels

**Tuesday 3 October**  
St Theodore Guerin

**Wednesday 4 October**  
St Francis of Assisi

**Thursday 5 October**  
St Faustina Kowalska

**Friday 6 October**  
St Bruno

**Saturday 7 October**  
Our Lady of the Rosary

**Sunday 8 October**  
Day of Prayer to Support Life

## Return and Earn



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

*Among the virtues we should prefer that which is most conformable to our duty, and not that which is most conformable to our inclination.*

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 1)



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

**Anniversaries:** Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Josephen Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers.

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





## Mary's Faithful Wardrobe

MacKillop Catholic College and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish are starting an initiative to help families where pre-loved sacramental dresses and outfits find a new purpose.

Do you have used Sacramental outfit that are no longer needed? Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of those in our community who are preparing for their Sacrament.

Consider donating your outfits to spread joy and blessings:

### Accepting Donations Of:

- Communion Dresses for Girls
- Confirmation Dresses for Girls
- Suits and Accessories for Boys

### Why Donate:

1. **Make a Difference:** Your donation can help a child or family in need celebrate this sacred milestone.
2. **Spread Love:** Share the joy of your Sacramental day with others in the community.
3. **Reduce Waste:** Give these special outfits a second life, promoting sustainability.

**Drop-off Location:** Donations can be handed to the Parish office during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm) or by contacting Lucy Marien (Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator) on 7256 2116.



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Catholic College  
WARNERVALE

*Donations Needed*

# *Mary's Faithful Wardrobe*

Mary's Faithful Wardrobe is a new initiative where preloved sacramental dresses and outfits find a new purpose. We collect these beautiful garments from generous donors and, in the spirit of faith and community, lend them to families that may need one for their special day. We understand that some families face different challenges, making it difficult to afford these special garments. This is why we offer a borrowing system, ensuring that no child misses out on these significant moments.

If you have a garment that you would like to donate, please contact either Lucy Marien (PEC at MacKillop) [lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or Kim McCarthy (Parish Secretary) [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

We sincerely appreciate your generosity, and with your support, we aim to make many children feel exceptionally special in the future.

Thank you!





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WARNERVALE





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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### First Reading:

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

**The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? It is not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’  
The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from the old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright  
He sows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

## St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

**In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him a name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, would bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

## Matthew 21:28-32

**He went out moved by regret.**

**The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is our opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." he answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went to and said the same thing to the second ho answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better o fit and believe him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.