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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*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10TH SEPTEMBER 2023, YEAR A

Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Response:

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Alleluia, alleluia!

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Reflection

'I shall be there with them.' Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today's gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when we are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love.

Parish Community Lunch

Sunday 10th September after 10am Mass, the parish is having a bring a plate to share lunch for all parishioners. Come along for a fun and social lunch.

Clergy Retreat—Fr Philip away

Fr Philip will be on a clergy retreat from Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September. During the week there will be communion service only.



Safeguarding Sunday

The Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on the second Sunday of September – September 10 this year. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. By promoting this day, it can make Safeguarding sound everyday and accessible for people in the church. By building awareness, more community members will get involved in supporting children's/youth ministries and contribute to building a culture of safety.

The Parish of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. For more information visit www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

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

Volunteers Needed



The Parish would like to thank Michael Goodway and Steve Rolls for their continued generosity in organising and taking our Return and Earn cans and bottles to the recyclers for our fundraising for the parish.

We require some volunteers to help out for a month (between 20th September to end of October), while Michael is on holidays. If you are able to help either weekly or fortnightly please contact the parish office on 8379 1740.

Ignite 2023



Ignite 2023 is fast approaching and now is the time to start making plans!

Have you considered volunteering and assisting to make this the best conference ever!

Opportunities exist to volunteer in either a part-time or full-time capacity. Click below to register for a volunteer role* and use one of these Coupon Codes (enter in the 'enter coupon code' box to reveal the rego option):

For Full-Time (\$100 - rostered close to entire program) - vft23
For Part-Time (\$165 - rostered about half of the sessions) - vpt23

[Click here to register now](#)

Contact **Angela Harris (Ignite Volunteer Co-ordinator 2023)** if you have any questions about Volunteering for Ignite.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion preparation classes have commenced. Please keep the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacrament in your prayers.

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

Piety Stall



The piety stall will be open for First Holy Communion gifts on Sunday (10th September) before and after 10am Mass and before and after the First Holy Communion Mass on 17th September. There is a lovely variety of gifts available, including veils and ties. The piety stall is CASH ONLY.

Weekday Mass Parking



During weekday Masses, parking will be available in the primary kiss n drop area in the available spaces. This is the parking closest to the Church.

Central Coast Secular Franciscans

There is a special Franciscan Mass on THURSDAY 14th September at Our Lady of the Rosary church at The Entrance, at 12 Noon.

A Franciscan Friar, Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, from Sydney will be celebrating Mass.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend Mass and a light lunch afterwards.

Secretary: Gerard Price ofs Mob. 0439 519 018, For additional information, please see the website: of-australia.org.au

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 11 September

Tuesday 12 September
The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday 13 September
St John Chrysostom

Thursday 14 September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday 15 September
Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday 16 September
St Cornelius and St Cyprian

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$38.90

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

Any devotion which is in opposition to, or not in conformity with, man's true calling is not an authentic devotion.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XXI, 3)



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Anniversaries: Joseph Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff.

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of Man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then she shall die for his son, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will be saved your life.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out your joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, expect the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments; You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbours; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.