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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11TH JANUARY 2026, YEAR A

**Readings:** Is 42:1-4, 4-7;  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mt 3:13-17

### Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Alleluia!**



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the conclusion of the Christmas season. As Jesus is baptised by John in the River Jordan, the heavens are opened and the Father's voice proclaims Him as the beloved Son, while the Holy Spirit descends upon Him.

This feast reveals the beginning of Christ's public ministry and invites us to reflect on our own baptism. Through the waters of baptism, we are claimed as beloved sons and daughters of God and called to live as witnesses of Christ in the world. May this celebration renew our commitment to walk faithfully in the light of our baptismal promises.

### Parish Office Hours

The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, 13 January 2026.

I will respond to all emails and phone messages as soon as possible upon my return.

### Prayer

*Loving Father,*

On this day we remember the waters of the Jordan,

where Your Beloved Son was revealed in glory

and the Spirit descended like a dove.

Renew in us the grace of our own baptism

wash away all that keeps us from You, and fill us with courage to live as Your children.

May we listen to the voice that calls us "beloved,"

walk in the light of Christ,

and bring Your hope and peace to the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**



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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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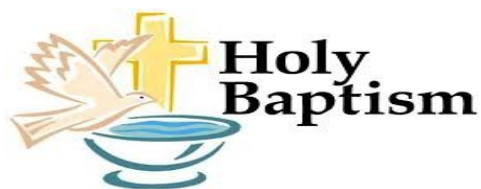
**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

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### Baptism Information Evening

Our monthly Baptism Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, **20th January 2026, at 7:00pm in the Church.** Parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptised are warmly invited to attend.

### Salesian Thought

*In order that you may always give good news, entertain others as if you came from the other world, for if you talk to them in the language of the parts where they live, it will be no great news to them.*  
(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV 35)

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We pray that this holy season brings peace, joy, and God's blessings to you and your families. The Rosary Prayer Group at Dianne and Bill Mifsud house will resume in **February 2026**

### Parish Collections

**1st Collection:** Contributions support the Clergy Remuneration Fund, providing financial aid to our priests.

**2nd Collection:** Funds the parish's operational management. Donations made through our tap-and-go terminals also go towards the 2nd collection.

**PWBB:** The Pastoral Works Broken Bay provides funding for charities that directly support the people of our Diocese. **Please note** that only PWBB donations are tax deductible.



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**Wednesday 14 January**  
**Thursday 15 January**  
**Friday 16 January**  
**Saturday 17 January**  
St Anthony  
**Sunday 18 January**



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- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

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# The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

## First Reading

### Prophet Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people  
and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

O give the Lord you sons of God  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

**R.**

The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever.

**R.**

# The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

## Second Reading

### Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

**God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

### Matthew 3:13-17

**When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.