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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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11TH MAY 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Rev 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Response:

We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I
know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!



This weekend, we give heartfelt thanks to God for the gift of mothers. We honour those who gave us life, nurtured our faith, and taught us how to love with patience, strength, and compassion.

We especially turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the perfect model of motherhood, who continues to intercede for all mothers and families with her maternal care and unfailing love.

We remember and pray for all mothers today: those who are with us and those who have gone to their eternal rest, mothers by birth, adoption, or spiritual guidance, and those who may be experiencing hardship, grief, or loneliness. May the Lord bless them abundantly for their sacrifices and love, and may they find lasting joy and peace in their sacred vocation.

"O Mary, mother of all, wrap your loving mantle around all mothers and guide them always to your Son."

Wishing all mothers in our parish a joyful and Blessed Mother's Day.

Jubilee Year—Pilgrimage

Reminder of our pilgrimage journey on **Saturday, 10 May**, with a visit to **East Gosford Parish** and the **Shrine of St John Paul II**. All participants are asked to meet in the parish carpark at **7:45am** for an **8:00am departure**, to attend **9:00am Mass at St Patrick's, Gosford**.

We warmly invite you to join us for this special opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Annual May Mass Count

During the month of May we will count the number of people attending Saturday and Sunday Masses. This has been done throughout the Diocese for a number of years and provides us with important information for allocation of resources and planning for the future.

Sacrament of Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have been baptised Catholic and are in year 3 or older in school).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, 31 July, at 6:30 pm**.

A parent information night will be held on **Thursday, 12th June, at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 22nd June, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 4 weeks.

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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

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

Catechist Corner



The CCD Broken Bay supports and provides resources for parishes Catechists Ministry and is funded by Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Please donate to this appeal. A \$5 donation provides a workbook for a child, \$20 donation buys 4 books.

For information on joining the Catechist Ministry please contact Kerrie Dederer phone: 0402 815 633 or email kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au

Fundraising Handcrafted unique Family Treasures



Ray Stanton of Stanton Wood Works is a skilled craftsman and proud member of our parish, with a passion for creating beautiful, personalized wooden treasures for families, friends, and special occasions. Every item is handcrafted with care—and when you order, 10% of your purchase will be donated back to MacKillop Parish.

Browse Ray's work at stantonwood-works.au or scan the QR code. Be sure to mention you're from MacKillop Parish!



Donation

Special

Salesian Thought

Generous devotion does not wish to have companions in all that it does, but only in its aim, which is the glory of God and the advancement of our neighbor in divine love.
(Spiritual Conferences, 1)



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Pastoral Works, Broken Bay

This weekend, we continue our appeal in support of **Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)**. This initiative funds essential diocesan ministries that receive little or no government assistance.

Your contributions help sustain two key ministries:

- The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), and
- The Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program,

In addition, PWBB also supports: **St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College, and The Ephpheta Centre,**

Your generosity has made a significant difference in the lives of many, and your continued support is deeply appreciated. *All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.*

Donation envelopes are available at the ends of the pews and at the back of the Church. Completed envelopes may be placed in any collection plate or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us reach our target and continue these vital ministries.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings for the month of **May** will be on **Thursday 8th & 22nd**, at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome to come.



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REGINA CAELI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$40.10

Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

Please remember:

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates



Thank you for your continued support!

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Please remember our sick: Finn McConnon, Pili Menardo Leal, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Deacon Jim Caulfield, Stacey Wright, Michael Bourke, John Luamann, Glenn Arnold, Maureen Fenner, Jack Gill, Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters, Grahame Lesha, Patricia Frankham, Maria Lledon.

Recently Deceased: Jacqueline Thomas, James Mahony, Pope Francis, Ada Smith, Leo Moloney.





The Catholic community of Broken Bay is invited to a

Free Seminar and Morning Tea

Featuring an expert legal advisor.

- Do you have a Will in place?
- Know the difference between Enduring Guardianship and Power of Attorney?

Let us help you resolve your questions.

Opportunity for a complimentary WILL for attendees*.

*Terms and conditions apply.

Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

Presenter
Cecilia Castle

Principal of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 35 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker, writer on legal topics, and a parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.



Tuesday 20 May 2025

10:30am to 12:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance 2261

Morning Tea provided.



Register Now

More information contact - parish.admin@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1653

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**CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Second Reading

Book of Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.