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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2026, Year A

Readings: Is 25:6-10
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14

Response:
I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we
might see how great is the hope to which
we are called.

Alleluia!

Welcome Back

As our schools resume for Term 4, we warmly welcome back all our students, teachers, staff and families.

We pray that the new term will be a time of renewed energy, learning and growth. May God bless our children and young people as they return to their studies, and give them wisdom, patience and confidence in all that lies ahead.

We especially remember our teachers and school staff, giving thanks for their dedication and care in supporting and nurturing our young people.

May the Lord bless our school communities and guide us throughout the term ahead.

Parish Dinner 21 November 2026

Tickets available by either cash at the parish office or you can scan the QR code and pay via secure payment. Adults \$30 each, Children (ages 6-10 years) \$15 each and Children under 6 free.

Menu: Roast Beef with gravy, Roast Pork with apple sauce, Dinner roll, Potato with sour cream, Caesar salad, New York Coleslaw, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad. **Dessert:** Cheesecake, Mud Cake, Pavlova and Tea and Coffee.
BYO Drinks.



Tickets are available until 11th November. We encourage everyone to get their tickets early for a wonderful evening. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

Pray for our Year 12 Students

As our Year 12 students begin their final HSC exams on Tuesday 13th October, we keep them especially in our prayers during this important time in their lives.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may bless them with wisdom, understanding, calmness and perseverance as they complete their exams.

May they be reminded that their worth is not measured by their results, but by the gifts and talents God has given them.

We give thanks for the support of their families, teachers and friends, and pray that our Year 12 students may place their hopes and future confidently in God's loving hands.

Lord, be with our Year 12 students, guide them in their studies, calm their hearts and give them strength as they complete their final examinations. May they trust in You and know that they are held in the prayers of our parish community. Amen.

Reflection

The readings for this Sunday remind us that God's invitation is generous and freely offered to all. Like the guests invited to the wedding feast in the Gospel, we are called not only to accept God's invitation but to respond with hearts that are open, grateful and ready to live according to His ways. The Lord continually invites us into deeper relationship with Him; may we never become so distracted by the busyness of life that we overlook His invitation. May we come to the Lord with grateful hearts, clothed in faith, love and a willingness to share His goodness with others.

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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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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

Salesian Thought

To those who find the doors of religion as well as of marriage closed to them, a holy friendship is nigh indispensable for the welfare of their souls.

(Letters to Persons in the World, IV, 53)

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch

Location: Toukley Golf Club,

Time: 12.00 noon to 4:00pm

When: Sunday, 6th December 2026

Menu: 2 course lunch served at your table. Gluten Free options available, please let the committee know when booking. Desert: Pavlova with cream & Apple Pie with ice-cream. Drinks to purchase at the bar at your own expense. Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios.

Tickets: \$50 per person. Book and pay by 22nd November 2026.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee,

Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020

Rita 0448 74 2591



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for OCTOBER 2026

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

World Mission Sunday 18 October 2026

This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, with the theme "One in Christ, united in mission," reminding us that we are one family in Christ, called to bring hope, dignity and the love of the Gospel to others.



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Rosary Prayer Group



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

As **October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary**, our prayer meeting will be held **each Thursday evening** throughout the month at **7:00pm**, at the home of Bill and Dianne, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come together in prayer and reflection during this special month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome.

Catechist News



Plant the seeds of faith, hope and joy in the hearts and minds of children in our State schools and God will do the watering.

BECOME A CATECHIST OR A HELPER?

JOIN US TODAY!

Is Jesus calling you to "Come and see" (John 1:39) what it would be like to become a Catechist or a Helper?

Has your heart been opened to the possibility? Don't let the excuses stop you from finding out more. Please see one of our catechists after Mass who will only be too happy to give you information and help you get started.

Or you can contact Fr Joshi (Catechist Coordinator) or the Parish Office on phone; 8379 1740 or email at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

Saints Days

Monday 12 October

Tuesday 13 October

Wednesday 14 October

St Callistus I

Thursday 15 October

St Teresa of Jesus

Friday 16 October

Saturday 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$48.90

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;
- No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- Please place glass bottles in crates



Thank you for your continued support!

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Anniversaries: Eugenia Aquino Cruz, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jr, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, George Walters, Maisie Walters.

Recently Deceased: Benjamin Indolos, George Charlton, Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo.

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First Reading:

Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he give me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
in which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to your wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.