



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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH FEBRUARY 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Sir 15:15-20;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Response:

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of the Lord!

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Alleluia!



Welcome Br Shayne D'Cunha

This weekend we welcome back Br Shayne D'Cunha. Shayne was with us back in 2021 for 5 weeks and now he has been appointed by Bishop Anthony Randazzo to our parish from 1st February 2023 until Christmas 2023 on pastoral placement, part of his seminary formation. Please make Shayne feel welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are seeking teachers and helpers/assistance to help prepare the children for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each teacher and helper will be required to have a volunteers working with children check (<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au>) and complete an online Safeguarding course from the Diocese.

Reconciliation classes are set over 4 Sundays during 10am Mass, commencing 5th March, and continuing on 12th, 19th and 26th March. All volunteers will have a lesson plan to assist them in preparing the children.

Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on 28th, 29th and 30th March between 3pm and 5pm. Our parent information and enrolment evening will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm in the Church and we welcome all parents

with children in year 4 and above to come to this session to enroll their child. If you would like to teach or assist, please email (warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au) or call (8379 1740) the parish office to register.

IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates



Confirmation—year 3 and older will be celebrated on **Saturday 1st July** at 9am and 11am, (more details closer to the date).

First Holy Communion—year 4 and older will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th September at 12noon**, (more details closer to the date)

Ash Wednesday—22 February



On Wednesday 22nd February we will have **mass at 9:15am and 7pm**. There will be **NO** mass at 8:45am on this day.

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am from this Wednesday, (15th February), which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner.

Adoration on Wednesdays

Adoration will be from 8am to 8:30am commencing this Wednesday 15th February.

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 - Sat 9.15am
1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ
4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions
Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

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 Breakfast
4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass
1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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

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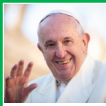
Office email: warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au **Web:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Salesian Thought

Do as little children do, who with one hand cling to their father, and with the other gather blackberries along the hedges.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 10)

Parish Pastoral Council Membership Recruitment

Join the Parish Council



There are currently vacancies on the Council. If you would like to fill one of these positions, we ask you to nominate yourself and write a brief paragraph describing what you have done in this parish or other parishes and give to Fr Philip or email your nominate to the parish office.

Baptism Information Night



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 5628

Thank you for your generous contribution

Cleaning Roster

Due to a shortage of cleaners, we have continued with a roster for 2023 for anyone who wishes to volunteer on a one off or on a more regular basis. If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday. Please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church.

For more information please see Fr Philip or email the parish office.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteers each week to ensure our Church is always clean for visitors and parishioners.

MenAlive Weekend Program

What are you doing on the 25/26 March? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, a local menALIVE weekend is being organised in Toronto, conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE TEAM. The cost is \$50 per person, with lunch and dinner on Saturday provided. Enquiries, phone Phil McWilliam (0408 88 0408), Col Gwynne (0409 047 644), or Toronto Parish Office (4959 2777).

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 13 February

Tuesday 14 February
St Cyril and St Methodius

Wednesday 15 February

Thursday 16 February

Friday 17 February

Saturday 18 February

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!

Central Coast Secular Franciscans

The Central Coast Secular Franciscans are holding their first meeting for 2023 on SUNDAY 19th February.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 am straight after the 9:30 Mass at The Entrance Catholic Church in the Reynolds room.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend this monthly meeting.

Secretary: Gerard Price ofcs, Mob. 0439 519 018. For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see the website: www.ofsaustralia.org.au.

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at

[St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale,](#)

please "like" our page to keep up to date with what is happening in the parish.



Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiato jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families.

Recently Deceased: Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestine our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestine to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are ethe very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depth of everything, even the depth of God.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 5:17-27

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'it has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a write of dismissal, But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this come from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord.