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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*

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH JULY 2026, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23  
Mt 13:1-23

**Response:**

The seed that falls on the good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Alleluia!**

### Understand the Church

The hierarchy of liturgical celebrations in the Catholic Church continuation from last week.

In the Catholic Church, liturgical celebrations are ranked by theological importance into three main tiers: **Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials** (obligatory or optional). These ranks determine the specific readings, prayers, and liturgical colours used during Mass.

#### 2. Feasts

Feasts are the second tier of celebrations, usually commemorating events in the Lord's life or significant saints (such as the Apostles and Evangelists).

- Mass Requirements: Specific readings and prayers are assigned, and the *Gloria* is said, but the Creed is not recited unless it falls on a Sunday.
- Examples: The Baptism of the Lord, the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Feast of the Archangels.

#### 3. Memorials

Memorials are the lowest primary rank of celebrations, intended to honor saints on the universal calendar. Memorials are further divided into two sub-categories:

- Obligatory Memorials: Must be observed. The saint is honored with specific Collect (opening) prayers at Mass, though the daily scriptural readings for the day are generally not disrupted.
- Optional Memorials: Celebrated at the

discretion of the presiding priest. If not explicitly celebrated, the Mass reverts to the standard weekday liturgy.

- Examples: Memorials of saints like St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus or St. Francis de Sales.

#### Special Designations and Classifications

The Church further organizes these celebrations based on when they occur and their broader rank on the calendar:

- **The Paschal Triduum:** The pinnacle of the entire liturgical year, which takes precedence over all other celebrations.
- **Sundays:** Sundays hold a special, unique status. During major seasons like Advent, Lent, and Easter, Sundays outrank even most Solemnities.

**Feria Days:** These are standard weekdays during the liturgical year when no special Solemnity, Feast, or Memorial is celebrated.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR CARMELO

This Sunday, 12 July, we celebrate Fr Carmelo's birthday. We wish him a joyful day and a year filled with happiness, good health, and many blessings.

### Peter's Pence Appeal

Thank you to all who generously supported the Peter's Pence Appeal last weekend, which assists the Holy Father's charitable works and the mission of the Universal Church.

#### 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

## Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Santa Maria Lunch

Venue: Toukley Golf Club

Date: Saturday, 15 August 2026

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

You are warmly invited to join us for an enjoyable afternoon of good food, great company, and live entertainment. This year's luncheon will feature a **two-course meal served at your table**, including a traditional roast of pork and turkey with roast potato, baked pumpkin, seasonal vegetables and gravy.

A gluten-free option—grilled barramundi is available on request. Please advise the committee when booking if you require this option. Dessert will be a choice of pavlova with cream or apple pie with ice cream.

We are delighted to welcome **Carol Zammit** as our live entertainer for the afternoon.

**Tickets:** \$45 per person **Bookings close:** 31 July 2026

For tickets or further information, please contact a committee member:

**Charlie Scicluna** — 0404 194 020

**Rita** — 0448 742 591

**Dianne Mifsud** — 0413 454 547

**Ellen Hardcastle** — 0423 916 014

## Santa Maria Feast Day

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites all parishioners to join us in celebrating the **Feast of Santa Maria on Sunday, August 16th**, in our parish.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Mass at 3:00 PM
- Procession at 4:00 PM, followed by Benediction
- Fireworks display at 6:00 PM

Please note that there will be **NO 5:00 pm Mass on this day.**



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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.**

**JULY 2026:** The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 23rd July at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are most welcome to attend.

## End of Financial Year

Receipts for Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) will be available from next weekend (18-19 July). We extend our sincere gratitude to all who generously contribute through out the year.

## Pew Cleaning

A massive thank you to Dave from DJM Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning for his hard work on steam cleaning all the pews last week.

For personal carpet or upholstery cleaning, please contact **Dave on 0414 487 297.**



## Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for JULY

### For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

## Salesian Thought

**Do everything calmly and peacefully. Strive to see God in all things without exception, and consent to His will joyously.**

**Do everything for God, uniting yourself to Him in word and deed.**



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## SAINTS DAYS

Monday 13 July

Tuesday 14 July

Wednesday 15 July

**St Bonaventure**

Thursday 16 July

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Friday 17 July

Saturday 18 July

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$43.90



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:** Eliezer Deganos, Paul Mifsud, Andrew Fenech, Charlie Gatt, Felicidad Silverio Sevilla, Emmanuel Francis, Frank Feliciotto, Jane Fenech, Tess Ann Hardman, Finn McConnon.

**Recently Deceased:** Jenny Paul, Pat Pate, Karen Pearson & Gary, Peter Gill, Elliott Gill, Gina Mathias, Maria Grundy, Roslyn Smith, Angela Polito, Fr David Taylor, Emmanuel De Battista.



# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11

**The rain makes the earth give growth.**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The seed that falls on good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
and drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

### St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23

**All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

### Matthew 13:1-23

**A sower went out to sow.**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.