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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*

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,  
12 SEPTEMBER 2021, YEAR B**

**Readings:** Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18;  
Mk 8:27-35

## Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in  
the land of the living.

## Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to  
me and me to the world.

## Alleluia!

## Reflection



‘WHO DO  
PEOPLE SAY I  
AM?’ In modern  
parlance, we could  
say that Jesus was  
seeking some  
feedback from his  
disciples about himself, especially how he  
was perceived, when he asked this  
question. If we were to ask Jesus, ‘how  
would you describe today’s Christians?’,  
what feedback do you think he might  
give? How do you think a non-believer  
might describe the Christian community?

## MacKillop Connect

We invite you (and your family and  
friends) to join us over Zoom every  
Tuesday and Friday evening at 6.30pm for  
MACKILLOP CONNECT: a time to open  
the Holy Scriptures, join together in  
prayer and catch up with  
our Parish family.

Register here for Friday: [https://  
bbcatholic.us19.list-manage.com/track/  
clicku=00ab08fbb22404b5c168f0223&id=  
=6bff22a0df&e=1022b41733](https://bbcatholic.us19.list-manage.com/track/clicku=00ab08fbb22404b5c168f0223&id=6bff22a0df&e=1022b41733)

And here for Tuesday: [https://zoom.us/  
meeting/register/  
tJAvdeiqqzovH9GUwtjRgen1jNl6Z5dYi  
wGr](https://zoom.us/join/register/tJAvdeiqqzovH9GUwtjRgen1jNl6Z5dYiWGr)

**New Parish Mobile Number**  
**0423 279 263.**



## Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend Parish Communities across  
Australia celebrate Safeguarding Sunday  
Mass. The Safeguarding Office of the  
Diocese of Broken Bay in collaboration  
with the Safeguarding teams of the  
Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of  
Parramatta are proud to make available a  
significant resource to support Catholic  
Communities develop a culture where  
adults consider, encourage and invite the  
participation and consultation of children  
and young people.

The resource is available online. Click  
here to access [www.bbcatholic.org.au/  
safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

## Online Mass Sunday 12/9

Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in  
celebrating Mass at 9.30am via live stream  
from the Cathedral. Click here to  
participate in the Mass [https://  
www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCNenwlfi7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlfi7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ)

## COVID Case

Fr Philip and all attendees at the funeral  
have tested negative for COVID but are  
still required to self-isolate for 14 days.  
Sunday morning online Mass will resume  
on Sunday 19th September at 9:15am.

**Diocese of Broken Bay**  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

## Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm ,  
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

## Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am  
Includes Children's Liturgy

## Weekday Mass

Tues - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am

## Anointing Mass

Third 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

## RCIA/Faith Renewal

Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip

## Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

## Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

## Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

## Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff  
for more information.

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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.

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Pray MacKillop



During these times of lockdown, it is important to stay united and connected in prayer.

"Pray MacKillop" is our weekly prayer email that contains prayer intentions from our parishioners here at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale.

To receive the weekly Pray MacKillop, please email [praymackillop@gmail.com](mailto:praymackillop@gmail.com) to register.

Your prayer intentions can remain anonymous should you so wish. You may opt out at any time.

## New Account Details

Since we are no longer having collections each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances. If you wish to assist, you can contribute directly to the parish account:

**Warnervale Parish**

**BSB: 062 784**

**A/C: 100005628**

Add your surname and if you have an envelope include the number **as reference** e.g., Smith 21. Otherwise you can write 'donation' or surname CWF.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September Environmental Sustainability



We pray that, we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable way of life, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## Broken Bay News



The September issue of Broken Bay News is now available online [https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_september\\_2021\\_issue\\_211](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211)

## Prayer Website

Pray as you go (<https://pray-as-you-go.org>) is a great website to access daily prayers. If you click on the day of the week, there will be an audio file for you to listen to the prayer of the day.

## Social Justice

### Listening to Our Neighbours

Rising sea levels, bigger king tides, more frequent and severe storms, coastal erosion, coral bleaching, and decreasing fish stocks are already a daily reality for Pacific island nations. Some islands are in imminent danger of disappearing beneath the waves and their communities are facing the painful task of relocating. Merineta from Tuvalu explains:

*"As a mother of a seven-month old baby I am worried about his future and his life – all the children of Tuvalu have a right to life – a right to an environment with good quality. I love my country, I love my people and my traditions, I love my culture and I don't want to lose them because of climate change. We all want to stay in our own lands because it defines who we are. We don't want to migrate or relocate".*

Recognising this tragedy, the Migrant and Refugee Section of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has released a detailed document on the pastoral care of people displaced by the climate emergency.

Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji has commented that extractive activities like gravel and stone quarrying, black sand mining, the dredging of coral reefs, deep sea mining, and felling forests for palm plantations are displacing or sowing discord among local communities, damaging the connectivity of family, tribe, clan that has been formed over many years.

This is not a matter for the peoples of the Pacific alone. Pedro Walpole SJ explains that the rain that feeds the rivers and sustains the tropical forests of Australia and Asia depends on weather patterns determined by moisture-bearing winds that are like a river above Asia and the Pacific.

**If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)



## THIS WEEK

**Monday 13 September**  
**St John Chrysostom**

9:15am Mass

**Tuesday 14 September**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9:15am Mass

**Wednesday 15 September**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

**Thursday 16 September**  
**St Cornelius & St Cyprian**

9:15am Mass

**Friday 17 September**  
9:15am Mass

**Saturday 18 September**  
4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

**Sunday 19 September**  
8am Mass  
**9:15am Livestreaming Mass** on Facebook page.  
10am Mass  
5pm Mass

## Return and Earn

Please leave the containers for recycling near the recycling bins. Just collect them in a plastic bag, or a container and either drop them at the church or give Steve Roll a call, 0427 401 666, and he can pick them up from you.

Thank you everyone who continues to support the return and earn.

## Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: **Reassure a friend or family member that the Church will always be there for them.**

## Coronavirus restrictions

**All public Masses have been suspended until 18 October.** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted during the Stay at Home Order.

The **Church is closed** to the public and is not available for private prayer.

**Baptism** have been postponed until further noticed.

**Weddings** are not permitted to take place.

**Funerals** maybe celebrated with a limit 10 people including the celebrant.

**Please remember our sick:** Anne Firmstone, Anne Byrne, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Jean Ganly, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** David Caire, Ken White, Joan Firmstone, Terry Quinnell, Deborah Dickerson, Anthony Attard, George Radacic, Alekutty Joseph, Joseph Buhagier, Therese Ann Hardman.

**Mass Intentions:** Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Dulce Gica, Frank Filciotto, Leanne Portman, Maria & Edward, Anna Ison.



## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

**I gave my body to those who struck me.**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snared of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorry and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

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### Second Reading

St James 2:14-18

**Faith without good works is dead.**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quiet dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds—now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia**

### Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

**You are the Christ.... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.**

Jesus and his disciples left for the village round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.