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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*

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, 13TH APRIL 2025, YEAR C

**Readings:** Entrance: Lk 19:28-40  
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

### Response:

My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!** Christ became obedient for  
us even to death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave  
him a name above all other names.



On Palm Sunday we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The gospels that describe this event speak of large crowds laying palm branches on the road before Jesus and proclaiming him as king. Here is a man with Charisma, with a stirring message! An yet, before the week is out he has been betrayed into the hands of his enemies and crucified. Also known as Passion Sunday the day highlights the paradox of Christ's kingship. Our palms represent his victory; but a victory that only comes through suffering and self sacrifice.

### Good Friday—Way of the Cross



**On Good Friday  
(18th April) at 10am**  
we will be walking  
the Way of the Cross  
with stations of the  
cross around the

outside of the Church. We are asking for  
14 families / individuals to volunteer to set  
up one station each. You will be given a  
script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the  
14 stations is available at the back of the  
Church.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We joyfully  
congratulate  
the children of

our parish who received the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation this past week! May this  
important milestone in their faith journey  
draw them ever closer to Christ. Let us  
continue to keep them in our prayers as  
they grow in God's grace and prepare to  
receive their First Holy Communion on 4th  
May.

A heartfelt thank you to Kerry Power, Tim  
Snelling, Wayne Wilkins, Christine  
Hibbard, and Karen Dacey for your  
dedication and faithful guidance over the  
past six weeks in preparing the children for  
this sacred moment. Your commitment to  
their spiritual formation is a true blessing  
to our parish community.

### Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday 18th April we will be  
having the Good Friday Holy Land  
Collection. Envelopes will be available in  
the Church.

### ANZAC Day Commemoration

ANZAC day commemoration will be held  
at the conclusion of the 9.15 Mass on  
ANZAC Day. Ex-Service men and women  
are invited to wear their medals. Everyone  
is invited to bring items connected with  
their defence Force activities, or other  
wartime memorabilia to place before Mass  
on the display table.

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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

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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

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**Web:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale)

## Easter House Blessing



Holy water will be available for distribution from Easter Vigil through the conclusion of the 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday. Small bottles and prayer cards (one per family) will be provided for you to take home and use in blessing your home.

If you would like Fr. Philip or Fr. Joshi to come and bless your house, please sign up on the sheet located on the bench outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and address. We will contact you to arrange a convenient time for the blessing.

## Salesian Thought

*When your heart is wandering and distracted, bring it back gently and quietly to its point, restore it tenderly to its Master's side.*

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V 13)

## Chrism Mass 2025

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday 15 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

Your new planned giving envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the Church.

*Thank you for your ongoing generosity; your support means so much.*

If you prefer to give online, you can do so easily through our website.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2025

**For the use of the new technologies.**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## 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 **April** will be on **Thursday 10th and 24th**, 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.

## Ignite Conference 2025

*The Light 10-13 July proudly hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay*  
Experience God in the most extraordinary way through formation, renewal of faith, amazing people and powerful worship. Ignite Conference 2025 is coming to Broken Bay. Registrations are now open. Please click the QR Code to register and more information.



## Holy Week Timetable

**Holy Thursday (17th April):**  
7.30pm

**Good Friday (18th April)**

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

**Holy Saturday (19th April):**  
7.30pm

**Easter Sunday (20th April)**

8am, 10am & 5pm

**Note:** there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



## Return and Earn

This week we raised: **\$62.10**



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

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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

**Anniversaries:** Archibald Crippin, Patricia Frankham, Maria Lledon, William Sy, Jason Calphy, Magdalena Laka, Nina Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Erma Abucq, Modesto Ramon, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Mark Weiss.

**Recently Deceased:** Leo Moloney, Sharon Barnes, Alijandro Pagarán Jnr, David Ekin, Allan Clark.



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

## Entrance

**Luke 19:28-14**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, "The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they sat Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen saying,

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## First Reading

**Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7**

**I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

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.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.,

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him:

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet,

I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

# **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C**

## **Second Reading**

**St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11**

**He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## **Gospel**

**Luke 22:14-23:56**

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

The Gospel of the Lord.