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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*

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH AUGUST 2023, YEAR A

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Response:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Reflection

Jesus went up into the hills to pray. The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, 'Lord, save me,' we allow God to reach out and hold us.

Homelessness Appeal



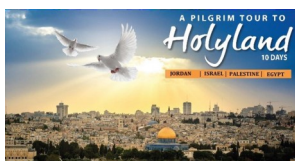
There is no place like home – but for many, having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Please give generously. The appeal takes place on the weekend 12, 13 of August. Envelopes are available at the end of each pew. Envelopes can be placed in any collection plate during the Mass.

MacKillop Parish 20th Anniversary Activities

During October and November the parish is holding a variety of fundraisers and activities: Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- 100s board - 21st and 22nd October
 - Cake Stall - 8am Mass, 29th October
 - Plant Stall—5th November
 - Pet Blessing—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.
- More details to come.

Warnervale Parish Pilgrim Tour to the Holy Land—2024



Amman / 4 nights in Bethlehem / 1 night in Nazareth / Tiberias / 1 night in Taba / 1 night in Sharm—El Sheikh / 2 nights in Cairo.

Departing Sydney 28th April 2024 and returning 10th May 2024.

Package cost \$3,100 per person (double, twin, triple share) or \$3,800 single share. Flights are not included.

Full itinerary on the Church notice board. If you are interested in experiencing amazing trip please register with parish office or see Fr Philip.

Jordan - Israel- Palestine - Egypt

10 nights and 11 days tour (1 night in

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

Mon—Communion Service
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 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 & 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

Get involved with National
Child Protection Week
3 – 9 September



CONFUSED? JOIN A DIALOGUE ABOUT "THE VOICE"

Let's take the heat out of the discussion.

Why Should Christians take this seriously?
Whose Idea is it?
What does it Actually Say?
How will it work?
What does the Church say?

**Come along on
Saturday 19th & 26th August from
10:30am to 12:30pm
by Margaret Hagan**

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Many thanks to the parishioners of Warnervale Parish who contributed so generously to St Vincent De Paul winter appeal. An amount of \$700 was collected and will help to support many in the area who are experiencing financial difficulties at this time.



Baptism Information Night



Our next Baptism Parent information session is **Tuesday 15th August at 7pm in the Church.** Please contact the parish office to register.

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion classes commenced this Sunday 13th August during 10am Mass, and continue on 20th August, 27th August and 10th September (with a practice after the last session after Mass).

First Holy Communion will be *celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon.*

Please contact the parish office via email or phone if you have any questions.

Bible Study Group

Robert Madafiglio has commenced a bible study group on Wednesday 9:30am (after 8:45am Mass). The bible study will be Galatians book by John Stott. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

The prayer meetings for August will be on Thursday evenings 17th & 31st at 7pm, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

RELIEF CATECHISTS NEEDED!! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP OUT?



We are looking for people who would like to train as Catechists. This may be once a week during school term, on your availability basis, or to relieve catechists when they are sick, take a holiday during the term, or when other family commitments arise which sometimes happens. Right now we have many of our catechists away either sick, bereavement leave or pressing family commitments. Due to this one of our schools has had no SRE for the past two weeks and the other school has had no teachers for kindergarten and years 3 and 4. Full training and all material resources are provided. Please contact Kerrie, Parish Coordinator – 0402815633.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 14 August
St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Tuesday 15 August
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 16 August
St Stephen of Hungary

Thursday 17 August

Friday 18 August

Saturday 19 August
St John Eudes

Sunday 20 August

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$33.50

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!**



Salesian Thought

*During this mortal life
we must choose eternal
love or eternal death,
there is no middle
choice.*

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 9, Chapter 13)



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Please remember our sick: Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen, Oscar Allen.

Anniversaries: Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.





Little Lighthouse Playgroup

*Fridays during term time, 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Primary multi-purpose room*

Little Lighthouse welcomes families with children aged 0 - 6. Our playgroup is a safe and friendly environment run by parent/carers volunteers. Please bring your own morning tea and sun hat.



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Kings 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the Fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ—it is the truth—my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They were descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.