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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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JANUARY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: 1Sam 3:3-10, 19;
1Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

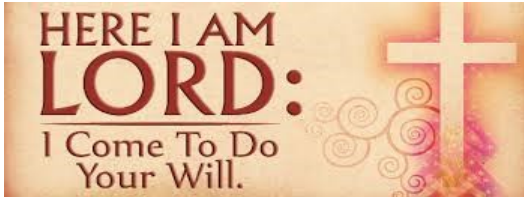
Response:

Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and
grace.

Alleluia!



Reflection

Called by name. It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognize the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life.'

RCIC and RCIA Program

If you wish for your child/ren or yourself to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course in the church in 2024. **RCIC lessons** will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 27th at 3pm**.

RCIA lessons will commence **Thursday 1st February at 7pm** in the Church.

The adults and children will then celebrate their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on **Saturday night 30th March**

For more information or to register please contact the parish office during office hours on 8379 1740 or email the office.

Sacramental Program Dates 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in year 4 and above will run over 6 weeks. Parent information and enrolment meeting is on **Tuesday 13th February at 7pm**. Classes commence on **Sunday 18th February at 10am** and continue for 6 weeks. The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on **26th March from 3pm to 7pm**. **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated with a special Mass on 7th April at 11:45am.

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 3 and above will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June at 10am. More details will be available at a later date.

If you would like to assist in helping prepare (teaching or assisting) the children for the sacrament please contact the parish office for more information.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for various ministries in the parish. If you would like to take up any ministry, please see ministry card for registration or contact parish office for information.

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 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 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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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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 JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Salesian Thought

Let us always belong to God, unreservedly and without interruption. May he ever live and reign in our hearts.

(Letters to Madame de Chantal)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 15 January

Tuesday 16 January

Wednesday 17 January
St Anthony

Thursday 18 January

Friday 19 January

Saturday 20 January
St Fabian
St Sebastian

Baptism Information Night

Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7pm in the church**. Please contact the parish office to register your interest or for more information about Baptism.

Birth of Mary MacKillop— January 15th, 1842



On Monday, we celebrate the birth of our patron saint. Mary

Helen MacKillop was born at Fitzroy, Victoria, on 15th January

1842, the first of eight children of Scottish immigrants, Alexander MacKillop and his wife Flora (née MacDonald), from whom she derived her Catholic faith and love for the Church. MacKillop could not support his family, who had to depend on the charity of relatives for survival, and at the age of sixteen Mary became the principal breadwinner. During 1861-1862, she worked as a governess in Penola, South Australia, where she met the local priest, Father Julian Tension Woods.

Mary MacKillop was kind to all people, even if they did not agree with her. She died on 8 August 1909 in Alma Cottage, North Sydney. Mary helped many people during her lifetime and after she died, the Sisters of St Joseph kept on doing the good work she had started.

Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint.

Mary's motto was **'never see a need without doing something about it'**.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$68.50



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;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



CATECHIST WANTED!

For a Combined Year 3 and 4 Class and Year 5 Class

Our Parish Catechist Ministry is currently seeking to fill a combined year 3 and 4 Catechist role starting this year at Woongarrah Public School on a Thursday on 12.00 noon for 30 minutes.

There is also from Term 2 a potential need for a Catechist for a year 5 class at Warnervale Public School on a Wednesday on 12.25pm for 30 minutes.

We are also needing assistants to help Catechists in the classroom.

If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to share God's Good News with our Parish children Please contact Kerrie on 0402815633.

Broken Bay News

The December 2023 issue is available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.

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Please remember our sick: Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Margaret Bowman, Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos.

Anniversaries: V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O'Keeffe, Angela Laukaitis, Victor Gatt, Alejandra Mabaquiao Jnr, Cherrie Pie Daclan, Cecilio Boniel, Felix Daclan.

Recently Deceased: Elisabeth Laka, Jim Speight, Alf James, Jason Davis, John O'Reilly.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' he answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi—which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of the day, It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'we have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ—and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.