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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

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JUNE 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8

Response:

We are his people:
the sheep of his flock

Alleluia, alleluia!

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repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Reflection

God chooses ordinary people for an extraordinary mission. In today's First Reading, the Lord tells Israel, "You shall be my special possession... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6). Though we are not perfect, He calls us His own and invites us to live as a holy people. St. Paul reminds us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). God's love reconciles us to the Father and empowers us to live as His children.

In the Gospel, Jesus looks with compassion on the crowds "like sheep without a shepherd" and tells His disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:36-37). He then calls the Twelve, gives them authority, and sends them out.

Jesus still looks upon our world with the same pity. Many people today feel lost, anxious, or abandoned. As baptized Catholics, we are called to be His laborers bringing mercy, hope, and the Gospel to our families, workplaces, and community. This week, ask yourself:

- Who around me needs to experience God's care?
- How can I serve as one of the Lord's laborers in my daily life?

May the Eucharist strengthen us to go out and proclaim: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Understand the Church

Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar.

The Church's calendar—often called the Liturgical Calendar or Christian Year—is fundamentally different from our standard January-to-December civil calendar. Instead of just tracking the passage of time, it is designed to take believers on a yearly journey through the entire life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Think of it as a repeating cycle that patterns human life after divine history. Rather than moving in a straight line, it moves in a wheel of distinct seasons, each paired with specific symbolic colors used in church decorations and vestments (the robes priests or pastors wear).

The Liturgical Year at a Glance



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 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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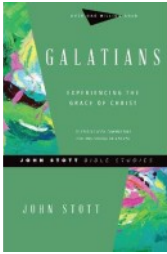
Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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) 0412 051 839

Bible Study



Join us Wednesday's after 8:45am Mass for an enriching Bible Study Group led by Robert Madafiglio. We'll be exploring the "Galatians: Experiencing the Grace of Christ" with insights from John

Stott's work.

Everyone is warmly invited to participate—come and deepen your faith with us! Journey through the Scriptures.

Salesian Thought

The smallest distraction does not withdraw your soul from God, for nothing withdraws us from God but sin.

(Spiritual Conferences, 9)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

June 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 25th June 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.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for JUNE



For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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Pastoral Works, Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal

Envelopes for PWBB are available at the back of the Church. To give parishioners an opportunity to donate to PWBB until the end of the financial year. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Memorial Wall Plaques

If you would like to dedicate a plaque in memory of a loved one, you can now make payment by bank transfer with the details below, or by scanning the QR code and selecting 6. Memorial Plaque



Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish;
Account Number: 10000 5628; **BSB:** 062-784;
Reference: Plaque & Surname

Cost \$100 per plaque

After making your payment, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following details:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Name(s) of those dedicating the plaque.

Memorial plaques may be ordered at any time throughout the year. Once a minimum of 20 requests has been received, an order will be placed. We encourage parishioners to submit their requests as soon as possible, as we hope to place an order and have the plaques ready in time for the commemoration of All Souls' Day in November.

Thank you for helping us honour and remember your loved ones in this meaningful way.



Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 15 June
Tuesday 16 June
Wednesday 17 June
Thursday 18 June
Friday 19 June
St Romuald
Saturday 20 June
Sunday 21 June

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$43.30



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: Emmanuel Francis, Frank Feliciotto, Dulce Gica, Mary Ann Sammut, Jane Fenech, Tess Ann Hardman, Antonio Macapagal, Finn McConnon, Donald Hacker, Grahame Lesha.

Recently Deceased: Karen Pearson & Gary, Peter Gill, Elliott Gill, Gina Mathias, Maria Grundy, Roslyn Smith, Angela Polito, Fr David Taylor, Emmanuel De Battista, Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait.



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:
Book of Exodus 19:2-6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. We are his people; the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:36-10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.