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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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14 MAY 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Acts 8:5-8; 14-17;  
1Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**Response:**

Let all the earth cry out to  
God with joy.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and  
my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.

**Alleluia!**

### Happy Mother's Day

#### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,

*You have loved us with an  
everlasting love  
(Jer 31:3), You have  
loved us even more as a  
mother loved her child.*

*Today, we give you thanks  
and praise for the gift of  
mothers. We pray for the  
mothers-to-be, who are  
just beginning to be the bearers of new life  
in them, may they welcome their  
forthcoming child with loving anticipation  
and joy.*

*We pray for the young mothers, may they  
cherish their child with tender care and  
unconditional love.*

*We pray for all Mother-figures, those who  
have loved, surrounded and shaped us with  
motherly care and compassion.*

*We especially pray for our own mothers  
who have nurtured and cared for us, Their  
sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of  
the extent of your love for us. Thank you  
for them. Grant health, blessings, and well-  
being for those our mothers who are still  
alive.*

*We also remember those mothers who are  
no longer with us.*

*While they live forever in our hearts and  
memory grant them eternal rest and  
reward of their labours.*

*Amen.*



### Sacrament of Confirmation

A parent information and enrolment evening will take place on **Thursday 18th May at 7pm in the Church.** It is essential that at least one parent comes to this session to enroll their child and collect the information, please ensure you bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised at our parish. Confirmation classes will then commence Sunday 28th May during 10am Mass, If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the children, please contact the parish office.

### Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal

This weekend we will hold our last PWBB appeal for this financial year. Envelopes will be available at the end of each pews, or directly to; St Mary MacKillop Parish; BSB: 062-784, Account Number; 10000 5628; reference PWBB and surname.

Donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay are distributed to five charities that directly support the people in our Diocese. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/donate/pastoral-works-broken-bay>

**PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay**  
Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.  
Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.  
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay

**Thank you for your generosity**  
Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two key diocesan ministries:

**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 9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am  
**1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am**

**Monthly BBQ**  
4th Sunday of each month  
after 5pm Mass

**Devotions**  
Rosary after weekday Mass  
Tues 6pm Rosary

**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 Breakfast**  
4th Saturday of the month at  
Warnies Café.

**Syro-Malabar Mass**  
1st Friday at 6pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm  
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

**Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator ([philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au))

**Secretary:** Kim McCarthy **Bookkeeper:** Johnson Mani

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**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

**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

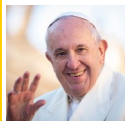
## Annual May Mass Count

During the month of May we will count the number of people attending Saturday and Sunday Masses. This has been done throughout the Diocese for a number of years and provides us with important information for allocation of resources and planning for the future.

### 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 **May will be on Thursday evenings 25th May at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

#### For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### New Ministry Opportunity - Welcome & Hospitality Team

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God - Rom 15:7*

In the wake of Covid and with considerable numbers of new families moving to the area, all are invited to be a part of our new *Welcome and Hospitality Team*. We are hoping to provide warm welcome at all four Mass times, particularly to reach out to newcomers. Some guidance will be provided and you may volunteer as much or as little as you would like.

For hospitality, we are looking for a couple of people to bring along a plate of morning tea for after each Sunday 10am Mass (this does not need to be onerous - e.g. you are very welcome to simply provide some packets of biscuits).

**Please contact Rita on 0448 742 591 for more information or pop your details on the Expression of Interest form at the back of the church.**



## 20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations

We are asking parishioners to write suggestions on what they would like to do as an 20th anniversary gift to the parish. There is a **suggestion box** set up in the breezeway where you can write your suggestions and place it in the box. The anniversary committee will then meet and collate the ideas.

Envelopes will be available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator - looking for the ideal candidate

The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will:

1. act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a **full-time position** for a **maximum term of two years**.

For more information please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply.

Applications close **Thursday, 18 May 2023**

### Creighton Funeral Services Grief Seminars

Creighton's Funeral Services are holding 2 workshops

1. **Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care Workshop** On Wednesday 7th June at 1pm
2. **Developing Emotional Literacy in Children** on Wednesday 16th August at 5pm.

All seminars will be held at Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery, 57 Palmdale Rd, Palmdale. To book your seat please call 1300 130 955. Please see notice board for more information about the seminars.

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 15 May**

**Tuesday 16 May**

**Wednesday 17 May**

**Thursday 18 May**

St John I

**Friday 19 May**

**Saturday 20 May**

St Bernardine of Siena

**Sunday 21 May**

The Ascension of the Lord

### Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$58.90**



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!**

### Safeguarding Awareness

**National Families Week** celebrates and promotes the capacities and resilience of families in creating strong, safe and connected communities.

**The theme for 2023 is Living Real, Dreaming Big.** It is a time to celebrate and reflect on the strengths and significance of families, contact extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community.

### Salesian Thought

*If you have the gift for mental prayer, always reserve for that the principal place above private vocal prayers.*

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 1)



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**Please remember our sick:** Jeff Gill, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

**Anniversaries:** Deacon Jim Caulfield, Richard Murphy, Kathri Chacko, Grahame Lesha, Mary Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Eileen & Vince Mulheron, Ann Bonnici, Agnes & Paul De Battista, Christine Elfes.

**Recently Deceased:** David Smith, Lilas Roche (Bishop Walker's sister), Robert Skewes, Don Scott, Gabriele Laka, Isaias Seki, Fr Bob Maguire.



# Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

**First Reading:**

**Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17**

**They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philp preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be god who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

# Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

## Second Reading

St Peter 3:15-18

**In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 14:15-21

**I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me and anybody who loves me loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.