



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 15TH JANUARY 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Response:

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God

Alleluia!

Birth of Mary MacKillop—1842



Today 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 Tenison 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'.

Young People and Adults becoming Catholics

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 2023.

RCIC lessons will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 28th - at 3pm.**

RCIA lessons will commence **Thursday 7th February 2023 from 7pm** in the Church.

The adults and children will then celebrate their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night 9 April 2023.

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



Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

Monday 16 January — Mass



Fr Philip will have a special Mass instead of a Communion Service on Monday 16th January at 9:15am for the late Cardinal George Pell.

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 - Sat 9.15am

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 9.15 am

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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) 0412 051 839



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

The year of St. Francis de Sales

In order that you may always give good news, entertain others as if you came from the other world, for if you talk to them in the language of the parts where they live, it will be no great news to them.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV 35)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 16 January

Tuesday 17 January
St Anthony

Wednesday 18 January

Thursday 19 January

Friday 20 January
St Fabian and St Sebastian

Saturday 21 January
St Agnes

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching! It is now time to register for the Broken Bay WYD23 Pilgrimage. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am and 9:15am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am from 15th February, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner. 9:15am Mass will continue till 8th February.

Counting Rosters

The new rosters for February—April 2023 are available at the back of the Church.

Change of Venue for Monthly Luncheon

The monthly luncheon has been changed to Wallarah Bay Recreation Club (40 Wallarah Rd, Gorokan), it will still be on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12.00 midday.

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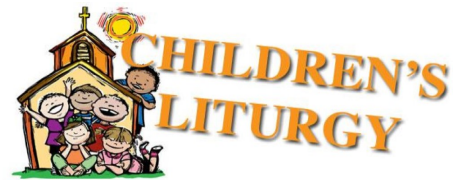
This week we raised \$149.60



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!



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team would like to wish all the children and families of the parish a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday break. The team will now take a break until the end of January 2023.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have worked with the parish children each week.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish office .

Engaged Encounter



GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

Chose anyone of the following dates; **February 25-26, May 6-7, August 5-6, November 11-12, 2023.**

ACYF is Back!



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is coming back! And we are counting down to this event which will be held in Melbourne in 2024! An event that provides the opportunity for thousands of young people to gather and share their love for Jesus, together! The festival is held over a few days, providing young Catholics from across the country an opportunity for encounter, formation, discussion, connection and evangelisation. Further details will be provided as information is released later this year!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish

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Thank you for your generous contribution



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

Anniversaries: VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families, Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen, Sandra O'Connor.

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.





Letter to Clergy and Parishioners in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Thursday 12 January 2023

My dear brothers and sisters

As Administrator of the Diocese whilst Bishop Randazzo is on leave, I offer this small tribute from our Diocese of Broken Bay to the late Cardinal George Pell who passed away in Rome on 11 January 2023.

When such a figure as colossal and as complex as Cardinal Pell passes away, we recognise that a particular moment in history has discovered us. It is a reflective moment that seeks to take stock of the influence of a person unequalled in the experience of the Church of Australia. The future will both further reveal and analyse the phenomenal nature of Cardinal Pell's life, his experience, his contribution. It is not for me now to offer insight into this. It is, however, for me to acknowledge that the Australian Church has been undeniably shaped by his leadership over so many decades. His passing represents a defining moment for the Catholic community in Australia, and of course, not only in Australia, but across the world given his international presence and ministry. No other Australian Catholic churchman has exercised such global influence.

Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto, *Be Not Afraid*, summarises that remarkable approach by which he sought both to arrest what he interpreted as an ecclesial life in danger of losing its identity and purpose, and to ensure that the Church did not lose its voice in the public domain. His stature and calibre, his determination, and his temperament, catapulted him into a status charged with significance of such complex dimensions, particularly given the challenges of the last twenty years through which we have struggled with the exposure of sexual abuse in our community. Yet, in the midst of this, Cardinal Pell retained always to those who knew him personally a compassionate camaraderie and disarming humour. There was a simplicity in him that was unmistakable to those closest to him.

My own personal association with Cardinal Pell extends nearly 40 years – I first met him when he was Principal of Aquinas College, Ballarat in the late 1970s. Through all his subsequent appointments as Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney, our relationship developed through various twists and turns. Though we both tacitly accepted that we “did not read the same books,” Cardinal Pell was unfailingly kind, generous and encouraging of me in my own appointments and engagements which often brought us together. I recall with fondness the morning spent with him in his office in Rome when he was Vatican Prefect of the Secretariat of the Economy I owe him a personal debt of gratitude for the manner in which he allowed me to make my own contribution to the Church.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson



Our own memories of Cardinal Pell will be a mixture, not least shaped by the media's perception of his indomitable character. Yet, all of us cannot but be in awe of his steadfastness, his loyalty, his perseverance, his fidelity, his commitment to what he believed was right and just. Robust and passionate, his death leaves an unmistakable vacuum.

At this time, I am especially conscious that many of those who exercise senior leadership in our Diocese of Broken Bay knew Cardinal Pell as a friend and colleague, having worked closely with him for many years when he was Archbishop of Sydney. This moment is a particularly sad one for them and on your behalf, I extend to them our deepest sympathy on the loss of such a confidante and mentor. I extend, too, our condolences to Cardinal Pell's family, particularly his brother, David.

The funeral details of the late Cardinal are currently being considered and we will join with the Archdiocese of Sydney in whichever way we can to ensure that the life and legacy of the Cardinal is given every fitting acknowledgement.

In the meantime, a Memorial Mass will be offered at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 6.00pm on Monday 16 January, the day on which a funeral Mass for the late Cardinal will be celebrated in Rome. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to join together in prayer for Cardinal Pell.

We commend the soul of Cardinal George Pell to Almighty God in the knowledge that he fought the race of faith to the very end. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Administrator of the Diocese
In the absence of Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Very Rev Dr David Ranson

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my god was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

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.**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John asked, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptizing with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.