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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*

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 15TH JUNE 2025, YEAR C

**Readings:** Prov 8:22-31  
Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15

### Response:

O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



### Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a day that draws us into the central mystery of our faith—one God in three persons. Today's Gospel reminds us that although the future is unknown, we are not alone. Jesus promises the Spirit of Truth, who will guide us and continue his teaching. This unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is both a mystery and a deep assurance of God's presence with us.

### Prayer for Trinity Sunday:

*God our Father,  
you sent your Word to bring us truth  
and your Spirit to make us holy.  
Through them we come to know  
the mystery of your life.  
Help us to worship you,  
one God in three Persons,  
by proclaiming and living our faith in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have been baptised Catholic and are in year 3 or older in school).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, 31 July, at 6:30 pm.**

A parent information night will be held on Thursday, 19th June, at 7:00 pm in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 22nd June, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 4 weeks.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and assistants to help prepare children for the sacraments. No experience is needed—all resources and support are provided. If you have a heart for sharing your faith and guiding young hearts closer to God, we'd love to have you join us.

Please contact the parish office to learn more about this rewarding opportunity!

### Pastoral Works Broken Bay

We extend immense gratitude to all those who contributed to the Pastoral Works, Broken Bay Appeal. Your support is invaluable and has positively impacted numerous individuals in the past. Remember, donations exceeding \$2 are tax deductible. Donations can be via the envelopes or made online at **Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish; BSB: 062 784; Account no: 10000 5628; Reference PWBB and surname.**

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### 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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### 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

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## JUNE 15 WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Established by the UN in 2011, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) highlights the need to protect older people from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. In Australia, around 1 in 6 people aged 65 and over experience some form of elder abuse, often from family members, with many cases going unreported.

WEAAD reminds us of our shared responsibility to ensure older adults are safe, respected, and valued. Our parishes and communities play a vital role by fostering awareness, open conversation, and a culture of care.

This year's Safeguarding theme—**"Raising mental health awareness: Encouraging hope for the future"**—calls us to support the emotional well-being of all generations, including older Australians, ensuring they feel connected, heard, and hopeful.

For information or to report concerns of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people and adults with disability in their family, home or community, contact the NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline.

**Website:** [www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/)

**Or Call 1800 628 221 from Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.**

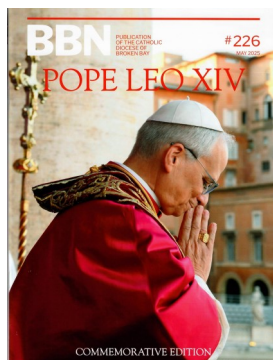


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Be Bold : Age With Attitude!

#BeBold #AgeWithAttitude #WEAAD2025

## Broken Bay News



The May 2025 Commemorative Edition is now available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.

### Salesian Thought

**Nothing is so strong as gentleness— nothing so loving and gentle as strength.**

*(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, IV, 9)*

### Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings for the month of **June** will be on **Thursday 19th** at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome to come.

### Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and guardians participating in Church services of the importance of accompanying children to the toilets before, during, or after Mass. This practice is crucial for the safety of all parishioners, particularly children. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 16 June**

**Tuesday 17 June**

**Wednesday 18 June**

**Thursday 19 June**

**Friday 20 June**

**Saturday 21 June**

**St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Sunday 22 June**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**



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### Return and Earn

**This week we raised: \$36.90**



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:** Betty Sharkey, Richard Calphy, Jane Fenech, Donald Hacker, Fr Tony Reynolds, Charles Firmstone, Emilio Nacua Sr, Geof Bull, Angelija & Adam Laukait, Connie & George Drover, Mavis & Lance Davie, Kilduff family, Sr Fran Nolan Sgs, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Jimmy Alcid.

**Recently Deceased:** Finn McConnon, Jacqueline Thomas, James Mahony, Pope Francis, Ada Smith.







**From Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the clergy and people of Broken Bay, in preparation for the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Year of Hope, 2025**

### **“The Gospel Is the Body of Christ”: A Call to Participation in the Eucharist**

Each Sunday, we gather at the altar as one Body in Christ, drawn into the divine mystery where heaven touches earth. We hear the Word proclaimed, we offer our prayers, and we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet amid the sacredness of the liturgy, a question stirs our hearts: Are we truly participating in the Eucharist, or merely present?

Saint Jerome, one of the greatest biblical scholars of the Church, offers us a striking reflection that pierces through routine and indifference. In his *Commentary on the Psalms*, he writes:

“For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [Eucharistic] Mystery, Christ’s body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God’s teaching. When we approach the [Eucharistic] Mystery, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God’s Word and Christ’s flesh and blood are being poured into our ears yet we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?” (cf. Homily 74 on Psalm 147)

Saint Jerome’s words bring us face to face with the gravity and beauty of the Eucharist, not only as a sacrament received at the altar but also as a mystery proclaimed in the Word of God. At the celebration of the Mass, both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are essential to our communion with Christ. Together, they form one act of worship that draws us into the Paschal Mystery.

### **The Word as Flesh**

In our Eucharistic celebrations, we sometimes unconsciously separate “hearing” from “receiving.” We may sit passively through the readings, waiting for the moment of Communion, forgetting that Christ is already coming to meet us in the Scriptures. Saint Jerome reminds us that when the Gospel is proclaimed, it is not merely a story or lesson, it is the living Christ speaking to His people. His Word, like His flesh, nourishes and transforms.

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When we listen attentively to Scripture, we open our hearts to conversion. Jesus told Satan in the desert, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). At Mass, we receive that Word from the mouth of God, poured into our ears, as Jerome says. If we approach the altar with reverence for the consecrated host, how much more should we approach the readings with attentiveness and humility, prepared, and receptive?

### **Reverence Beyond Ritual**

We are rightly distressed if a host is dropped or a chalice spilled. We genuflect, we kneel, we silence our mobile phones. But what of our interior disposition? Saint Jerome's challenge is clear: we should be no less reverent when the Word is proclaimed. If we allow our minds to wander or dismiss the homily as unimportant, we may be ignoring the voice of Christ calling to us.

The Church teaches that when the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 21). Participation in the Mass begins with listening deeply, with ears, heart, and will. This is not a passive act, but one that demands intention and openness. Reverence for the Eucharist is not limited to our actions at Communion, it begins the moment we leave our homes setting off towards the church, when we greet our brothers and sisters even in the car park, when we enter the church building, in our singing, in our silence, and it continues through every part of the liturgy.

### **Participation as Transformation**

The Bishops gathered at the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) emphasized the need for "fully conscious, and active participation" in liturgical celebrations (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 14). This is more than physical presence or everyone 'doing something' during the liturgy. It is the act of allowing ourselves to be drawn into the life of Christ. We bring our lives, our often-unseen joys, our sorrows, and we lay them on the altar in the visible gifts of bread and wine. We are not spectators of a sacred drama; we are participants in a divine offering.

Each time we participate in the celebration of the Mass, we are invited into a deeper union with the Blessed Trinity, through the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This union is not only sacramental but also scriptural. The Word prepares our hearts to recognize Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). In the encounter with the Word, we are pierced like those who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost: "they were cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37). Only then can we truly approach the altar of the Lord, changed and ready to be nourished by His real Presence.





## **A Eucharistic Life**

Our participation in the Eucharist must extend beyond the walls of the church building. If we are truly nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, both in Word and Sacrament, we are sent forth to live Eucharistic lives. We become, as Saint Augustine says, what we receive: the Body of Christ in the world (cf. Easter Sermon 227). The same reverence and attentiveness we show at Mass shapes our daily lives, in how we think, how we speak, how we serve, how we love, how we forgive.

When the liturgy concludes, we are not dismissed from worship but sent to continue it: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." We carry within us the Word we have heard and the Lord we have received. Active participation is not an obligation to be met, but a grace to be lived.

## **Heeding the Word of God, Honouring the Blessed Sacrament**

Saint Jerome's exhortation is as timely today as it was in the early Church. We are always at risk of becoming too comfortable, too casual, with the sacred. Yet the Eucharist is no ordinary meal, and the Scriptures are no ordinary words. They are Jesus Christ himself, speaking and giving himself to us.

Let us approach every Mass with renewed reverence, not only for the consecrated bread and wine, but for the Word that is Christ's own flesh poured into our ears. May we never treat casually what God offers so lovingly. And may our participation in the Eucharist, in both Word and Sacrament, be fully conscious, and life-changing.

+ Anthony Randazzo

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay

# The Most Holy Trinity, Year C

## First Reading

Book of Proverbs 8:22-31

**Wisdom was born before the earth was made.**

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:  
The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.  
The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.  
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
- and the waters will not invade the shore -  
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**O Lord our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? **R**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. **R**

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. **R**

# The Most Holy Trinity, Year C

## Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

**The God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 16:12-15

**Whatever the Father has in mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.