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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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH OCTOBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 25:6-10;
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Response:

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all the days of my life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we
might see how great is the hope to which
we are called. **Alleluia!**



Matthew 22, 1-14

Reflection

Come to the banquet. Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterised by joy, integrity and true peace. Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring to the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Wood panel on Sanctuary Wall

We are excited to share with you an opportunity to enhance the solemnity of our sacred space. Our church's Sanctuary is the heart of our worship, and we are initiating a special project to adorn it with wood panel on the concrete columns that will elevate our worship experience.

We kindly request your support in making this project a reality. **The total cost is \$8,250. Donations can be made via our account; or money placed in an envelope marked with Sanctuary donation.** Your generosity will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.



Parish Anniversary Activities

During October and November the parish is holding a variety of fundraisers and activities: Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- **100s board** - 21st and 22nd October
- **Cake Stall** - 8am Mass, 29th October
- **Plant Stall**—5th November
- **Pet Blessing**—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.
- **20th Anniversary Mass**—Thursday, 16th November at 6:30pm

20th Anniversary Dinner

We are delighted to invite you to a joyous and momentous occasion as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish. Over this time, we have grown together as a loving and vibrant community, and it is only fitting that we come together for a celebration on **Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall.** Tickets are available through try booking at www.trybooking.com/CLVWE. Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free and includes dinner, tea, coffee and dessert.

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 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 & 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

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 **October will be on every Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

MacKillop Parish 20th Anniversary fundraiser



Are you a keen gardener who can help us out? If so, can you please grab your secateurs

and start growing some cuttings for the 20th-anniversary **PLANT STALL fundraiser on the 5th November**.

Please add your name, contact details and an estimate of how many plants to the sign up sheet at the back of the Church. Ed has kindly offered to help with the plant staff. If you have knowledge of plants and would like to assist Ed, please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or via email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Catholic Mission Appeal 21-22 October

Next weekend we will hold our annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Donation envelopes will be available at the back of the Church and at the end of each pew. Donations can also be made via the QR code below.

**Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE**

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

Central Coast Santa Maria and Parish Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at **Toukley Gold Club**, Key Street, Toukley from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on Sunday, 3rd December 2023.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Meal consists of pre-dinner nibbles, bread role, ham, turkey and pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin and mixed vegetables. Also served is a dessert of pudding with custard, Pavlova and ice cream. All is prepared by the chef for the club. Tea and coffee available. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person, available till 19th November.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or Joyce on 4332 9963 or Connie and Charlie on 4396 3704 or Rita and Tony on 0448 742 591.

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 16 October

St Hedwig
St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Tuesday 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday 18 October

St Luke

Thursday 19 October

St John de Brebeuf
St Paul of the Cross

Friday 20 October

Saturday 21 October

Return and Earn



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!



Salesian Thought

Genuine devotion is consistent with every state of life. Like liquid poured into a container, it adapts itself to any shape.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XXI, 3)

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



PREPAID FUNERAL PLANS AVAILABLE

- ✓ Lock in the price today
- ✓ Document your wishes

24/7 care line **4324 1533**

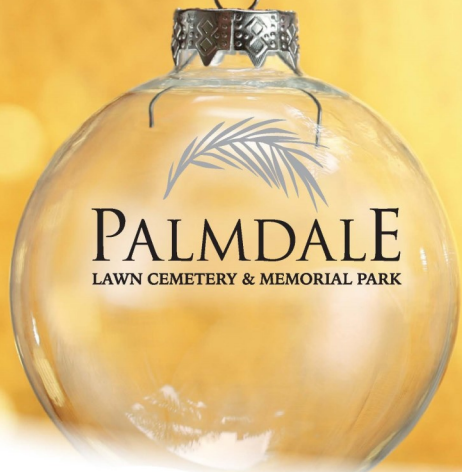
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Please remember our sick: Joel Diaz, Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Nolan, Christine Burns, Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Joseph Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS.

Recently Deceased: Peter Banfield, Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri.





Christmas

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 2nd Dec 2023

Commencing at 10am

Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park Palmdale Road, Palmdale.

We invite you to attend a beautiful memorial service with our community to offer comfort and to show that we do not grieve alone.

Feel free to bring a framed photo of your loved one to display during the service.

Our service will include: Music with songs, a candle-lighting ceremony, a Christmas ornament with your loved one's name for you to take home and light refreshments to share.

For further details or to RSVP please enquire at the office

Phone **4362 1203**





Little Lighthouse Playgroup

*Fridays during term time, 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Primary multi-purpose room*

Little Lighthouse welcomes families with children aged 0 - 6. Our playgroup is a safe and friendly environment run by parent/carer volunteers. Please bring your own morning tea and sun hat.



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good for you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eye of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to the king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to all those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants.

“The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.