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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*

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH AUGUST 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Response:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia!

Reflection

The Gospel for the **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** reminds us of the power of persistent faith. The Canaanite woman approaches Jesus with unwavering trust, refusing to lose hope even when faced with difficulties. Her perseverance is rewarded as Jesus responds, *"Woman, you have great faith."* (Matthew 15:28)

This Gospel encourages us to remain steadfast in prayer and to trust in God's loving timing, even when answers are not immediate. It also reminds us that God's love and mercy are offered to all people, calling us to welcome others with compassion and generosity.

May we, like the Canaanite woman, place our complete trust in the Lord, confident that He hears our prayers and walks with us always.

Santa Maria Feast Day

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites all parishioners to join us in celebrating the **Feast of Santa Maria on Sunday, August 16th**, in our parish. The schedule of events is as follows:

- Mass at 3:00 PM
- Procession at 4:00 PM, followed by Benediction
- Fireworks display at 6:00 PM

**Please note that there will be
NO 5:00 pm Mass on this day.**

Fr Philip—Annual Leave

Please note that **Fr Philip** will be away from the parish on leave from **Monday, 17 August, until Wednesday, 30 September.**

As Fr Philip begins this period of leave, we invite you to keep him in your prayers. May the Lord watch over him throughout his travels, grant him safety on every journey, renew him in body, mind, and spirit, and bring him home refreshed to continue his ministry among us.

"Heavenly Father, be with your servant as he travels. Protect him from all harm, guide him safely on his way, and surround him with your peace. Grant him rest and renewal, and bring him home safely to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal 2026

There is no place like home, but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same— a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. CatholicCare supports the homeless with services like women's refuges, transitional housing, young parents homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. CatholicCare donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church, and can be placed in any collection spot or the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Diocese of Broken Bay
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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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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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Rosary Prayer Group



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

AUGUST 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 20th August 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 welcome.

Salesian Thought

God only values man for his soul, and the soul only for its will, and the will only for its love. *Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 18)*

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED!

ANSWER GOD'S CALLING WITH US!

We are seeking new volunteers to continue this rewarding ministry in our local public schools.

If you have ever considered sharing your faith with the next generation, we warmly invite you to explore becoming a catechist or catechist assistant. No teaching experience is necessary training and ongoing support are provided.

To find out more, please speak with Fr Joshi or contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au for more information.

By volunteering, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of young people by helping them grow in faith and discover God's love.

Memorial Wall Plaques

Parishioners wishing to dedicate a memorial plaque in honour of a loved one can now make payment via direct bank transfer using the details below, or by scanning the QR code and selecting **6. Memorial Plaque.**



Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish
BSB: 062-784
Account Number: 10000 5628

Reference: Plaque & Surname
Cost: \$100 per plaque

Once payment has been made, please email the parish office at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following information:

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

To ensure the plaques are ready for the **Commemoration of All Souls' Day** in November, we kindly ask that all requests and payments be submitted by **30 September.**

Thank you for helping us honour and remember our departed loved ones in this special and lasting way.

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 in this regard.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 17 August
Tuesday 18 August
Wednesday 19 August
Thursday 20 August

St Bernard

Friday 21 August

St Pius X

Saturday 22 August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$44.30



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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Please remember our sick: Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Dorothy McGinlay, Darrell Travers, Kenneth Grigg, Willibrordus Laka, Wilhelmina Seki, Salmen Damanik, Maureen Hassan, Charlie Spiteri, Jolly, Ronald Wright, Eliezer Degan.

Recently Deceased: Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo, Jenny Paul, Pat Pate.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Prophet Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.