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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

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH JULY 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23  
Mt 13:1-23

### Response:

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### Alleluia, alleluia!

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### Alleluia!

### Reflection



Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

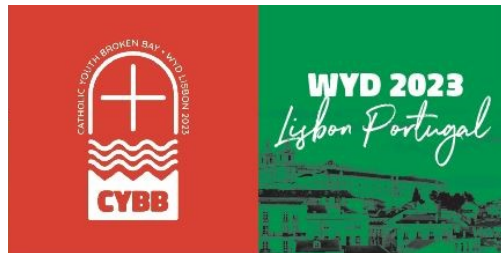
### Peter's Pence Appeal

This weekend we will hold our annual Peter's Pence appeal. This Collection supports the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This includes the most disadvantaged and emergency situations including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Please give generously.

### PWBB—End of Financial Year

Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and supports towards the Pastoral Works, Broken Bay appeals during year. End of financial year receipts for parishioners who donated to the PWBB are available in the breeze-way of the church.

### World Youth Day 2023



Please keep staff and students of MacKillop Catholic College in your prayers as prepare for their departure (21st July) for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. When they are there they will gather with young people from all over the world with Pope Francis.

### Shayne away for WYD Pilgrimage

Our seminarian, Shayne, will be away from 21/7 to 18/8. Please write any prayer intentions and place in the box at the back of the Church. Shayne will pray for these intentions at the many sacred places he will visit. Please keep Shayne and all the pilgrims of our diocese in your prayers.

### 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 Josephs Mens 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—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

## Mary MacKillop and Santa Maria Lunch

Please join us at **Toukley Golf Club**, Key Street, Toukley on **Sunday 6th August from 12noon** to celebrate Mary MacKillop feast day and Santa Maria feast day.

Cost include 2 course lunch prepared and served to your table, (includes bread roll, desert, tea and coffee). Drinks at your own expense from the bar.

There will be live entertainment by Cooper and Christ Randle. **Cost is \$45 per person. Please book and pay by 22nd July** to Charlie 0404 194 020, 4393 9998, Tony & Rita 0448 742 591 or Connie 4396 3704, or Joyce 4332 9963

## Salesian Thought

To love according to the spirit is to love according to the spirit; to live according to the flesh is to love according to the flesh; for love is the life of the soul as the soul is the life of the body.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, III, 47)

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 17 July**

**Tuesday 18 July**

**Wednesday 19 July**

**Thursday 20 July**  
St Apollinaris

**Friday 21 July**  
St Lawrence of Brindisi

**Saturday 22 July**  
St Mary Magdalene

**Sunday 23 July**  
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
Bible Sunday

## 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 **July will be on Thursday evenings 6th and 20th July at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$26.00

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!**



## Catechist Corner

### CATECHISTS HELPERS WANTED

*Is Jesus calling you to "Come and see" (John 1:39)*



*What it would be like to become a Catechist or helper*

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAY YES AND JOIN OUR MISSION**

CCD are running another Ministry Induction Course for new Catechists or helpers. The Course starts on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July. For more information and course details please contact Kerrie Deder, 0402815633.

## First Holy Communion



The First Holy Communion parent enrolment and information evening will be held on **Tuesday 1st August at 7pm in the school staff room.** It is essential that at least one parent come to this session to enroll their child and collect the information.

First Holy Communion classes commence on Sunday 13th August during 10am Mass, and continue on 20th August, 27th August and 10th September (with a practice after the last session after Mass).

First Holy Communion will be *celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon.*

Please contact the parish office via email or phone if you have any questions.

## Find us on Facebook



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

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July



**For a Eucharistic life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.



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**Anniversaries:** Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph, Paul Mifsud, Andrew Fenech, Dulce Gica, Frank Feliciotto.

**Recently Deceased:** Jackie McCall, Rose Kinney, Dawn Bruce, Stephen Callaghan, Fr Willie Moran OCD.



# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**First Reading:**

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

**The rain makes the earth give growth.**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The seed that falls on good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy yes, they sing. **R.**

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23

**All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

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all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

**A sower went out to sow.**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of his nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, but never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at one with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soils the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and procures now a hundredfold, no sixty, no thirty.

The Gospel of the Lord.