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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 17TH AUGUST 2025, YEAR C

**Readings:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10;  
Heb 12:1-4;  
Lk 12:49-53  
**Response:**  
Lord, come to my aid!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;  
I know them and they follow me  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Reflection

Families work hard to nurture unity and love, so it can be unsettling to hear Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 12:49-53) speak of bringing division—even within households.

Unity is built through everyday acts: sharing meals, attending Mass, celebrating together, and honouring traditions. Yet following Jesus sometimes means making choices that are not popular—whether as parents guiding children, or as children standing firm among friends. These decisions may feel like division at first, but ultimately they deepen our unity in faith and love.

This week, talk together about times when doing the right thing was hard. Pray as a family for the Holy Spirit's gift of courage, so that you may follow Jesus faithfully, even when it is challenging.

### Santa Maria Feast Day

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites all parishioners to join in the celebration of the Feast of Santa Maria on **Sunday, 17th August** at our parish.

**Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at 3:00pm**, followed by a **procession at 4:00pm** and **Benediction**. The evening will conclude with a **fireworks display at 6:00pm**.

**Please note: There will be no 5:00pm Mass on this day.**

### New Weekly Mailout

There are only two weeks remaining to register for our weekly online mail-out before we transition to our new system.



To continue receiving weekly parish updates, please scan the QR code provided and complete your registration.

**Important:** Mailchimp will be deactivated on 30 August. Beginning in September, all communications will be sent via our new PACEM system.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition.

### Homelessness Appeal

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who have already contributed to the CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal.

If you would still like to make a donation, envelopes are available at the back of the Church, on each pew, and can be placed in any collection point or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Online donations can also be made at <https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate/>.

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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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### 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)*

### 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 **AUGUST** will be on **Thursday 7th and 21st** 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.

### After the Honeymoon

The Parish and Marriage Resource Centre has launched a program for newlywed couples to accompany them during the first year of marriage. Dispatched every two weeks for a year, **Smart Loving Newlywed Date Nites** is brimming with inspiration, tips and practical tools. Couples can subscribe for **FREE** at [www.smartloving.org/newlywed](http://www.smartloving.org/newlywed)

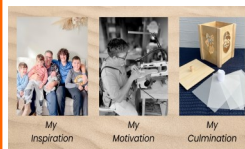
### Jubilee Year—Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis – Saturday, 6th September.

Our pilgrimage to the Shrines continues with a special visit to Chatswood Parish and the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis on **Saturday, 6th September**. The visit will include the celebration of **Mass**, as we prayerfully anticipate Blessed Carlo's upcoming canonisation.

Participants are asked to meet in the parish carpark at 7:15am for a prompt 7:30am departure. A **sign-up sheet** is available at the back of the church. Please include your **name, contact number**, and indicate whether you are able to offer or require a lift to assist with carpooling arrangements. We warmly invite you to be part of this meaningful day of **prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.**

### Fundraising Handcrafted unique Family Treasures



Ray Stanton of **Stanton Wood Works** is a skilled craftsman and proud member of our parish, with a passion for creating beautiful, personalized wooden treasures for families, friends, and special occasions. Every item is handcrafted with care—and when you order, **10% of your purchase will be donated back to MacKillop Parish.**



Browse Ray's work at [stantonwoodworks.au](http://stantonwoodworks.au) or scan the QR code. **Be sure to mention you're from MacKillop Parish!**

### SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 18 August**

**Tuesday 19 August**

**Wednesday 20 August**  
St Bernard

**Thursday 21 August**  
St Pius X

**Friday 22 August**  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday 23 August**



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### Return and Earn

**This week we raised: \$85.30**



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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**Recently Deceased:** William (Billy) Hardman, Praveen Thomas, Eliamma Chacko, Ronald (Royce) Wright, Emmanuel Francis, Tonci Kalebic, Adam Death, Lissy Thankachan, Rhonda Loader.



# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## First Reading

Prophet Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

**You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.**

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Lord, come to my aid?**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **R**

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **R**

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

Many shall see the fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **R**

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. **R**

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4

**Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us**

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

**I have come not to give peace, but discord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.