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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

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Sirach 27:30-28:7;  
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Response:**

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
**Alleluia!**

### First Holy Communion



The parish congratulates all the children and their parents as they come to First Holy Communion today. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that our children bring to our lives and the invitation they give us to open up our lives more fully to the grace of Christ.

*Enjoy this special day, and a lifetime of receiving the love of Jesus in the Eucharist. God Bless*

**Congratulations** go to our parents who have brought their children to this point where their child is now a full member of the Catholic Church. Holy Communion completes the journey your child began in baptism. May you feel proud and blessed that your commitment in faith has brought you to this day.

**Welcome** to all the family members and friends attending the Holy Communion Masses this weekend. Thank you for honouring our children with your presence. May the whole day be blessed.

**Thankyou.** The parish thanks all our volunteer teachers who have supported the Sacramental Program throughout the year. Each of you has given the gift of your time and teaching, your faith and patience over the past year to help the children prepare for the Sacraments. Thank-you!

### Parish Community Lunch

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Community Lunch last Sunday after 10am Mass. It was a lovely afternoon with delicious food, entertainment and facepainting by our fabulous parishioner Jamie and Stephanie from Vocal Events Parties [www.vocalevents.com](http://www.vocalevents.com)



### Fr Philip Holidays

Fr Philip will be taking some leave from Monday 25th September to Saturday 28th October to visit family and friends in India. While he is on leave we will have Fr Baby from Toukley Parish with us at Warnervale Parish. Please keep Fr Philip in your prayers for his travels.

### 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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Volunteers Needed



The Parish would like to thank Michael Goodway and Steve Rolls for their continued generosity in organising and taking our Return and Earn cans and bottles to the recyclers for our fundraising for the parish.

We require some volunteers to help out for a month (between 20th September to end of October), while Michael is on holidays. If you are able to help either weekly or fortnightly please contact the parish office on 8379 1740.

## Catechist Corner

DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD  
BECOME A CATECHIST



YES, you can be a Catechist or a Catechist Assistant. Never be afraid to try something new.

### REMEMBER

- ◆ Amateurs built the ark.
- ◆ Professionals built the Titanic.

For more information: Please contact Kerrie Deder, Catechist Coordinator: 0402815633 or email [kandadedera@westnet.com.au](mailto:kandadedera@westnet.com.au).

## Find us on Facebook

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## 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 **September will be on Thursday evening 14th and 28th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for SEPTEMBER

### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

## Baptism Information Night



Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office to register your attendance.

## Trivia Night—October

Next event is **Saturday 7th October starting 6:30pm** at MacKillop College Hall. Tickets are \$7 per person. For more info or to book call Bill on 0412 051 839 or visit [mactrivia.com.au](http://mactrivia.com.au)



## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 18 September**

**Tuesday 19 September**  
St Januarius

**Wednesday 20 September**  
St Andrew Kim and  
St Paul Chong Ha-sang

**Thursday 21 September**  
St Matthew

**Friday 22 September**

**Saturday 23 September**  
St Pius of Pietrelcina

**Sunday 24 September**  
World Refugees & Migration Day

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$37.20

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)*



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**Anniversaries:** Joseph Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff.

**Recently Deceased:** Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.





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# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## First Reading:

**Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7**

**Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

**Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

**I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders Week of the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet.

"Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.