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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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 18TH FEBRUARY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Gen 9:8-15;
1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Response:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Sr Marea's 60th Jubilee Mass



Please join us at 10am Mass in honouring Sr Marea's dedication, commitment, and service to the community as she marks 60 year milestone in her journey as a sister. Her unwavering faith and selflessness have touched the lives to many, and we are grateful for her presence among us. Lets come together to express our gratitude and best wishes to Sr Marea as she continues her calling.

Welcome



We would like to extend a warm welcome all the New Students, families, Year 7 and Kindergarten students and staff of MacKillop Catholic College to our Parish.

Way of the Cross

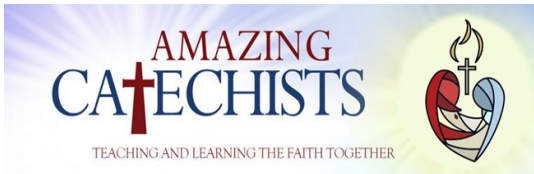


All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 16th February in the Church.

Lenten Reflection

Lenten Reflection will commence on Wednesday 21st February and continue every Wednesday during Lent at 9:30am, after 8:45am Mass. Everyone is welcome

Catechist Sunday



TODAY – SUNDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY – we celebrate Catechist Sunday at the 8am Mass. Catechist Sunday is a day to celebrate the ministry of passing on the faith.

As we celebrate Catechist Sunday, let us remember to pray for all catechists and faith formation leaders.

We congratulate and pray for all our catechists who give of their time and talents to bring God's love and Good News to the children in our local State Schools.

Please join us as we celebrate the work of catechists within our Parish.

The catechists would like you to join them for morning tea after the Mass.

If you would like to join the ministry or for further information phone Kerrie Deder, 0402 815 633 or email kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

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 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 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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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

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trail-blazer for future generations of women in her village. Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the back of the Church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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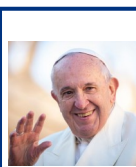
Sacramental Program Dates 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in year 4 and above will run over 6 weeks. Classes commence on **Sunday 18th February at 10am** and continue for 6 weeks.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on **26th March from 3pm to 5pm.**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated with a special Mass on 7th April at 11:45am.

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic. Parent information session **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm.** Classes commence **Sunday 26th May** for 4 weeks. **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 **February on 29th, Thursday evening at 7pm,** in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Salesian Thought

The one who can preserve gentleness in the midst of sorrows and sufferings and peace in the midst of the multiplicity and busyness of affairs – that person is almost perfect.

(Letter to Mere de Brechard, July 22, 1616. Oeuvres, XVII, 260)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 19 February
St Odan

Tuesday 20 February
St Francisco Marto

Wednesday 21 February
Collect St Peter Damian

Thursday 22 February
The Chair of St Peter

Friday 23 February
Collect of St Polycarp

Saturday 24 February
St John Theristus

Return and Earn

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;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



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Please remember our sick: Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Thomas Antony, Leo Galea, Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani, Rosalie Crippin, V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O'Keeffe.

Recently Deceased: Gilbert Fischer, Shirley Moon, John Zugajev, Oscar Presnilla, Robert Curry.



First Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading

Book of Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you....the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

Second Reading St Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.