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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*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18TH JANUARY 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Is 49:3,5-6;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Response:
Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Reflection



This Sunday's Gospel invites us to fix our eyes on Jesus as John the Baptist proclaims: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* These simple yet profound words reveal who Jesus truly is and what He comes to do offer His life for our salvation.

John does not point to himself but directs others to Christ. His role reminds us that discipleship is not about drawing attention to ourselves, but about witnessing to Jesus so that others may come to know Him. Through the Holy Spirit, John recognises Jesus as the Son of God, the One anointed and sent by the Father.

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, this Gospel challenges us to ask: Do we recognise Jesus present in our daily lives? Do our words and actions point others toward Him? Like John the Baptist, we are called to be witnesses—living signs of Christ's love, mercy and truth in the ordinary moments of life.

May we come to know Jesus more deeply as the Lamb of God, and may our lives proclaim Him with faith and humility.

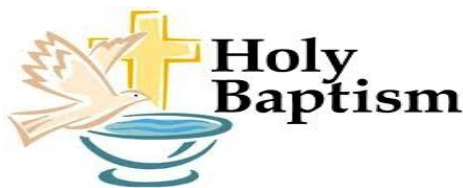
School Holidays

We ask you to be attentive to security issues and ring the parish mobile (0423 279 263) if you have any security concerns. During the holidays the gates to the Parish/College site will be locked at 3pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Piety Stall Volunteer/s

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the Piety Stall ministry. This role involves ordering supplies and overseeing the stall during sacramental celebrations, particularly Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

If you feel called to support this ministry and serve our parish in this way, please contact the parish office for further information.



Baptism Information Evening

Our monthly Baptism Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, **20th January 2026, at 7:00pm in the Church.** Parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptised are warmly invited to attend.

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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

REMEMBER

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.

Salesian Thought

In order that you may always give good news, entertain others as if you came from the other world, for if you talk to them in the language of the parts where they live, it will be no great news to them.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV 35)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

February 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 12th and 26th February 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 most welcome to attend.

MacKillop Online Newsletter



Please scan the QR code to subscribe to our weekly email *MacKillop Online* newsletter, sent each Friday afternoon.

Catechist News

Catechist Classroom Helpers Urgently Needed!

To help lead our children to Jesus.



As the school year recommences, we currently have a **Kindergarten class for which we are unable to offer Catholic SRE**, due to the unavailability of teachers. Parents have expressed a strong desire for their children to learn about the life of Jesus and to have our faith shared with them.

While there are other classes also in need of teachers, thanks to the generosity of one of our dedicated catechists, those classes are being covered.

The **Kindergarten class is held on Thursdays from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. All training and resources are provided**, and ongoing support is assured—you will not be undertaking this ministry alone.

*If you would like further information or feel called to assist with this important ministry, please speak with **Fr Joshi**, our new **SRE Coordinator**, or contact him at joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au or **0459 611 213**. You may also contact **Kerrie Deder** on **0402 815 633**.*

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 19 January

Tuesday 20 January

Wednesday 21 January

St Agnes

Thursday 22 January

Friday 23 January

Saturday 24 January

St Francis de Sales



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**From 22/12/2025 to 14/01/2026
we raised \$281.40**



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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Anniversaries: Rosalie Crippin, Richard Van Doorum, David Pennings, John O'Reilly, Craig Bengtson, Kenneth Grigg, Neville Pikulicif, Margaret Sellars, Marjorie, Francis, & Jonathan Breen.

Recently Deceased: Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millstead, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Teuila Kelly, Jessy Edwards, Bill McGuinness, Pamela Noble.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know, it, O Lord. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.