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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*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18TH MAY 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Acts 14:21-27
Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

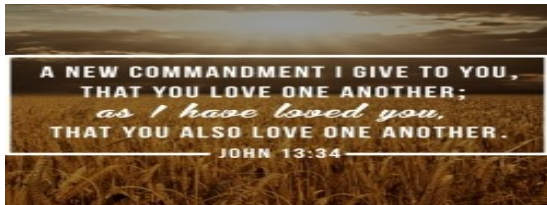
Response:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!



Reflection

‘LOVE ONE ANOTHER.’ Today’s Gospel comes from Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: ‘as I have loved you, you also must love one another’. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

Prayer;

Loving God, fill my heart with the love that you freely give. Make love my first and last thoughts. May I love others and freely give to them. Make my spirit a spirit of joy, happiness and love for both my friends and my enemies. Help me love as abundantly as you have loved me. Amen

Annual May Mass Count

During the month of May we will count the number of people attending Saturday and Sunday Masses. This has been done throughout the Diocese and provides us with important information for allocation of resources and planning for the future.

Sacrament of Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have been baptised Catholic and are in year 3 or older in school).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, 31 July, at 6:30 pm.**

A parent information night will be held on Thursday, 19th June, at 7:00 pm in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 22nd June, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 4 weeks.

Fr Joshi—Annual Leave

Fr Joshi will be taking leave to travel home from Monday 19th May and returning Friday 20th June. Please keep Fr. Joshi in your prayers while he is away.

Prayer for Fr Joshi’s safe travels.

Heavenly Father, we entrust Fr. Joshi to Your care as he embarks on his journey. Grant him protection from all harm and guidance in every step. May Your angels accompany him, shielding him from danger and bringing him safely to his destination. Bless those he meets along the way, and may his presence be a reflection of Your love and peace. Grant him restful moments and joyful encounters, and bring him back home safely, renewed in spirit and health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese of Broken Bay
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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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Catechist Corner



The CCD Broken Bay supports and provides resources for parishes Catechists Ministry and is funded by Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Please donate to this appeal. A \$5 donation provides a workbook for a child, \$20 donation buys 4 books.

For information on joining the Catechist Ministry please contact Kerrie Dederer phone: 0402 815 633 or email kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au

Pastoral Works, Broken Bay

This weekend, we continue our appeal in support of **Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)**. This initiative funds essential diocesan ministries that receive little or no government assistance.

Your contributions help sustain two key ministries:

- The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), and
- The Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program,

In addition, PWBB also supports:

St Lucy's School,
St Edmund's College, and
The Ephpheta Centre,

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Donation envelopes are available at the ends of the pews and at the back of the Church. Completed envelopes may be placed in any collection plate or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us reach our target and continue these vital ministries.



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Baptism Information Night

Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7pm** in the Church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au to register your attendance.

Salesian Thought

Humility makes us distrust ourselves, whereas generosity makes us trust in God. Humility which does not produce generosity is unquestionably false.
(Spiritual Conferences Vol.1, 1)

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 **June** will be on **Thursday 19th** 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. All are welcome to come.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our
constant companion.*

*Be with our new Shepherd,
Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the
Church. Fill him with the power of
your Spirit, the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.*

*May he walk with you, in wisdom and
humility, and lead us, together with all
God's people, to embody your love for
the world.*
Amen.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 19 May

Tuesday 20 May
St Bernardine of Siena

Wednesday 21 May
St Christopher Magallanes

Thursday 22 May
St Rita of Cascia

Friday 23 May

Saturday 24 May
Our Lady, Help of Christians



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Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$37.60



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.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

Thank you for your continued support!

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Please remember our sick: Finn McConnon, Pili Menardo Leal, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Sr Fran Nolan Sgs, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jr, Jimmy Alcid, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Stacey Wright, Michael Bourke, John Luamann, Glenn Arnold, Maureen Fenner, Jack Gill, Anne Firmstone.

Recently Deceased: Jacqueline Thomas, James Mahony, Pope Francis, Ada Smith, Leo Moloney.



Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **R**

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Second Reading

Book of Apocalypse 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord.