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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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October 2026, Year A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 45:1,4-6
1 Thess 1:1-5
Mt 22:15-21

Response:
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you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Reflection

Whose image do we bear? This is the central question posed by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel as he brilliantly navigates a trap laid by the Pharisees concerning the payment of taxes. By instructing them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," Jesus provides more than a lesson in civic duty. He challenges us to look closely at our own lives and acknowledge where our true allegiance lies.

While a coin bears the stamped image of an earthly ruler, human beings bear the very image and likeness of the living God. As we gather for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), we are invited to reflect on how well we surrender our whole selves—our time, talents, relationships, and choices—back to the One who created us. Being a faithful citizen of this world does not conflict with our faith; rather, our everyday lives should be an active reflection of God's absolute love and authority over all creation.

First Anniversary Mass

On Wednesday, 4 November, at 11:00 am, Fr Philip will celebrate a special Mass to commemorate the first anniversary of the passing of Betty Scicluna.

Charlie and the family warmly invite parishioners to join them in prayer as we remember Betty with love and thanksgiving, entrusting her soul to the loving mercy of God. May she rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Pray for our Year 12 Students

As our Year 12 students continue their HSC exams, we keep them close in our prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to bless them with wisdom, calmness, and perseverance. May they be reminded that their true worth is not measured by exam results, but by the unique gifts God has given them. We place their hopes and futures confidently in God's loving hands.

Lord, be with our Year 12 students, guide them in their studies, calm their hearts and give them strength as they complete their final examinations. May they trust in You and know that they are held in the prayers of our parish community. Amen.

Parish Dinner 21 November 2026

Tickets available by either cash at the parish office or you can scan the QR code and pay via secure payment. Adults $30 each, Children (ages 6-10 years) $15 each and Children under 6 free.

Menu: Roast Beef with gravy, Roast Pork with apple sauce, Dinner roll, Potato with sour cream, Casar salad, New York Coleslaw, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad. **Dessert:** Cheesecake, Mud Cake, Pavlova and Tea and Coffee.
BYO Drinks.

Tickets are available until 11th November. We encourage everyone to get their tickets early for a wonderful evening. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

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, governanceand culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.***
'Safeguardingiseveryone'sresponsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Salesian Thought

Humility makes our hearts gentle toward the perfect and the imperfect: toward the perfect, out of respect; toward the imperfect, out of compassion.

[Letter to Rose Bourgeois]

Catechist News

BECOME A CATECHIST

Yes, you can be a Catechist or a Helper

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" – JESUS



Jesus loves children and views them as precious. So why not spend some time with them and tell them all about Jesus' life and his love for them.

To be able to share the gifts of faith, hope and love to the children and watching them grow in knowing all about our faith and knowing that Jesus loves them is the best gift we can give to God and the children.

So if you hear the call of the Holy Spirit don't say **NO** because you think you don't have the skills or experience to become a catechist or a helper in the classroom.

REMEMBER

God doesn't call the equipped.
He equips the called.

For more information please contact Fr Joshi on email, joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au. The parish office or any of our catechists.



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Rosary Prayer Group



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

As **October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary,** our prayer meeting will be held **each Thursday evening** throughout the month at **7:00pm**, at the home of Bill and Dianne, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come together in prayer and reflection during this special month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for OCTOBER 2026

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

CatholicCare Annual Appeal

This weekend, we are invited to partner with Catholic Mission to support families in Malawi rebuilding after devastating floods and helping children access education.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, please consider supporting this vital work with a compassionate gift.

Envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the Church, or you can donate online at catholicmission.org.au/united.





Email: admin @centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

Saints Days

Monday 19 October
Tuesday 20 October
Wednesday 21 October
Thursday 22 October
St John Paul II
Friday 23 October
St John of Capistrano
Saturday 24 October
St Anthony Claret

Return and Earn

This week we raised $

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!

MacKillop Online Newsletter

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



Please remember our sick: John Firmstone, Harrison Aitken, Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Christine Burns, Kathleen Nolan, Eugenia Aquino Cruz, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Joan Firmstone.

Recently Deceased: Andre Hiep, Benjamin Indolos, George Charlton, Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo.

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First Reading:

Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

R.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

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Second Reading
St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel
Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.