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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19TH APRIL 2026, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33;
1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Response:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us,
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Reflection

He walked by their side. In today's Gospel we meet a person who walks with us, and talks with us, even when we walk away from him. Jesus will never abandon us. Let us invite him to eat with us. He will bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim our faith in the resurrection.

Carpark Speed Limit



As the school resumes and traffic increases with more cars and children in the area, we want to remind everyone of the following important safety measures:

Speed Limit: The speed limit within the school

car park is strictly **10 km/h**. Please adhere to this limit at all times to ensure the safety of our children and pedestrians.

Parking Rules: Kindly avoid parking in any reserved spots during school hours (8am to 4pm).

Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our school community. Thank you for prioritising the safety of our children and contributing to a welcoming and secure space for everyone.

Let's work together to keep our school and parish zone safe!

Welcome College Staff & Students

Welcome back to all staff and students as we begin a new term.

We hope you have had a restful and refreshing break, filled with time for family, rest, and renewal. As we return to school life, we do so with gratitude for the opportunities ahead and with hope for all that this term will bring.

A new term is always a fresh beginning—an opportunity to grow in learning, to strengthen friendships, and to continue building a community marked by respect, kindness, and care for one another. We especially welcome those who are new to our school community and trust you will quickly feel at home among us.

As we journey together, may we support one another with patience and generosity, striving always to do our best in all that we undertake. We look forward to the learning, experiences, and achievements that await us in the weeks ahead.

Wishing everyone a positive and rewarding term ahead.

Thank you

We extend our sincere thanks to Dianne Mifsud for her generous donation of the Angel, and to Steve Vassallo for crafting the beautiful pillar on which it stands. This lovely addition now graces the area outside the Church side doors and is a meaningful expression of faith and generosity within our parish community.

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'

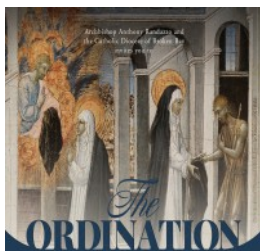
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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for APRIL

To pray for priests in crisis

Ordination to the priesthood of Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyen and Huy Trần



Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyen and Huy Trần will be ordained to the priesthood on Wednesday, 29 April 2026 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara by Archbishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Broken Bay.



Please RSVP your attendance using the QR code.

Baptism Information Night



Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or via email at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au to register for the information night, if you wish to have your child/ren baptised.



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Thanks

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2026.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week and put the boxes and envelopes in the box near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel by 30th April. If you requested tax receipts Caritas will send them to you directly.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.



Rosary Prayer Group

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

April 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 30th April 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.

Salesian Thought

A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will which the called person has to serve God in the way and in the places to which Almighty God has called him.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V, 8)



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SAINTS DAYS

- Monday 20 April
- Tuesday 21 April
- Wednesday 22 April
- Thursday 23 April
- Friday 24 April
- Saturday 25 April ANZAC Day
- Sunday 26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$93.60

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;
- ♦ No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

Thank you for your continued support!

MacKillop Online Newsletter



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Anniversaries: Violet Gove, Corazon Armonio, Conchita, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Neville & Zlatka Pikulich, Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Richard Van Doorum.

Recently Deceased: Emmanuel De Battista, Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait, Lynette Desforges, Jane (Giovanna) Bugeja, Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani.





15 April 2026

LETTER ON ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE

Dear Fathers & Deacons, my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has now been three weeks since my appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts. I am deeply grateful for the many good wishes that I have received on the announcement. They have meant a great deal to me.

Since that time, it has been a joy to celebrate the Easter mysteries with you, to baptise twelve people at the Easter Vigil, and once again to recount the joy of the Resurrection. I pray that the peace of the Risen Christ continues to enliven the hearts of all people.

Now, it is time for me to prepare for my departure for Rome. In recent days I have had the opportunity to consider how the next months might unfold, and it is opportune for me to share something of how the months ahead might look.

There are a number of pastoral encounters that had been scheduled in my diary prior to the news of my new appointment, which will now need to change, and my office will be in contact with those communities and persons who may be affected.

Notwithstanding, with great joy I am looking forward to the Ordinations to the Priesthood of Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyễn and Huy Trần on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 7:00pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and being with them in the days following as each celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving. From 7-14 May 2026 I will participate in the Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and then travel for meetings in Rome until 22 May 2026, returning for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Pentecost Sunday on 24 May 2026.

At the end of that week, we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Diocese with Mass on the evening of Thursday 28 May 2026. This will also be my Mass of Thanksgiving with you, and we will have the opportunity to gather at The Light of Christ Centre following the Mass for me to express my gratitude. I am hopeful, however, that a number of us may still come together for our Anniversary Diocesan dinner on Friday 29 May 2026 at the Epping Club which will also be an occasion to celebrate our Catholic life and Christian discipleship through our annual presentation of awards.

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I will then have two other public occasions: the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills on Sunday 31 May 2026, and the patronal celebration of the Parish of St Ives on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 7 June 2026, at which time I shall install Fr Paul Durkin as the new Parish Priest.

I will depart for Rome on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

Through this period, the Holy Father has appointed me as Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese, and on my departure, it will be the duty of the College of Consultors to elect a Diocesan Administrator until such time as the Holy Father nominates a new Bishop for the Diocese.

During this time of Administration, the College of Consultors continues, as does the service of the Deans. I am grateful for the continuing service of Fr David Ranson as my Vicar General until the time of my departure, along with the Diocesan Chancellor, Mrs Kelly Paget and Vice Chancellor, Miss Ruth Moraes, whose roles endure throughout the period of Administration. The Council of Priests, however, ceases until such time as my successor is appointed. Regrettably, given that the See is vacant, our journey towards a Diocesan Synod now needs to be placed on hold until the Holy Father grants the Diocese a new Shepherd.

I am pleased to share that given the stage to which it has already developed, the Cathedral Precinct Project, which I have discussed with the Holy Father, may continue with its current momentum, and those processes related to its planning may progress - albeit, of course, in a way that is open to my successor to review.

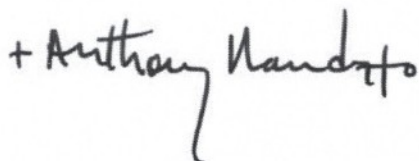
It will be for the one entrusted with governance subsequent to my departure to consider those events that are planned for the remainder of the current year.

Throughout, it is vital that the ordinary life of our parishes and communities continues under the pastoral care of our priests. Likewise, the mission of evangelisation throughout the Diocese continues to be supported by our faithful Chancery team. The Clergy/Parish Personnel Day on 22 April 2026 will be a very worthwhile occasion to ensure that the good work already undertaken continues to grow.

I will have several opportunities over the coming weeks to reflect with you more on our journey of faith together over these past six and a half years. However, with this letter I hope that the shape of the coming months may be a little clearer.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, in the knowledge that the clergy and people of Broken Bay are very much in mine,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Anthony Randazzo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord; "You are my God."
O lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

Second Reading

First letter of St Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

They recognized him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.