



# 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*

## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH FEBRUARY 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

**Readings:** Lev 19:1-2, 17-18;  
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**Response:**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

**Alleluia!**

### AMAZING CATECHISTS

TEACHING AND LEARNING THE FAITH TOGETHER



### Catechist Sunday—19 February

This Sunday we acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry in our public schools. Our parish has catechists in Warnervale and Woongarra primary schools. Our catechists hand on the Gospel message and form the young in the way of faith.

#### Why do we celebrate Catechist Sunday?

In 1935, the Vatican published "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education", a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honour those who serve the Christian community as catechists. The document fostered the concept of Catechist Sunday. Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechist Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in passing on their faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechist Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

#### What does the word "Catechist" mean?

The word might be more familiar than we think. Many Catholics have used the word

"catechism" for years, and they know that it relates to the compendium of the teachings of the Church. The root word, "catechesis", is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound". The act of catechesis is the bringing of the teachings of the Church to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

### Welcome Mass

This weekend we welcome all new students and staff to MacKillop Catholic College, including Year 7 and Kindergarten students and their parents. Everyone is invited to join us for Mass Sunday at 5pm and for Pizza after Mass.

### Ash Wednesday—22 February



On Wednesday 22nd February we will have **mass at 9:15am and 7pm.** There will be NO mass at 8:45am on this day.

### 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 24th February in the Church

### Lectio Divina

Bro. Shayne will be leading a Lenten reflection group. We will meditate upon and discuss the readings of the upcoming Sunday. The first meeting will take place on the Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb from 6-7pm in the Church.

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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—Communion Service  
Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am

### 1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

### Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month  
after 5pm Mass

### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass  
Tues 6pm Rosary

### Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month  
at 9:15am

### Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 8am to 9am

### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

### Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at  
Warnies Café.

### Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm  
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

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**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

**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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## CATECHIST CORNER



On this Catechist Sunday we warmly welcome our 2 new helpers who are completing their training – **Amelia and Jiby**, also pleased to have Br Shayne with us this year. We thank them very much for their generosity and willingness to share their love of God with our children. Please keep Amelia, Jiby and Br Shayne in your prayers.

Well another school year is about to begin and all our Catechists are looking forward to seeing the children and teaching them about Jesus. Please keep them, their students, and their families and schools in your prayers.

**Please consider becoming a Catechist or a helper so that we can continue to show the children the way to Jesus.**

**Be not afraid to take the first step. Remember you are not alone God is always with you.**

For more information: Kerrie Dederer, Coordinator 0402815633

Email: [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Or any of our catechists Khiara, Lorette, Paul and Maureen

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Volunteers Needed



We are seeking teachers and helpers/ assistance to help prepare the children for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each teacher and helper will be required to have a volunteers working with children check (<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au>) and complete an online Safeguarding course from the Diocese.

**Reconciliation classes** are set over 4 Sundays during 10am Mass, commencing 5th March, and continuing on 12th, 19th and 26th March. All volunteers will have a lesson plan to assist them in preparing the children.

**Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on 28th, 29th and 30th March between 3pm and 5pm.**

If you would like to teach or assist, please email or call the parish to register.

## 20th Anniversary Celebrations



The PPC would like expressions of interest for any parishioners who would be interested in being part of the parishes 20th anniversary planning group. If you are interested please contact PPC Chairperson Michael McCarthy on 0418 437 438 or [mad13m@bigpond.com](mailto:mad13m@bigpond.com), or parish office.

## Parent Engagement Coordinator Position

MacKillop Catholic College is excited to announce a new role that is being introduced to Catholic Schools across Broken Bay. The Parent Engagement Officer is a part time role and would suit a Parent that is just as passionate about our College as we are and making sure everyone feels like they belong. For more information, please review the advertisement on [seek \(www.seek.com.au/job/59988857\)](http://www.seek.com.au/job/59988857)

## Salesian Thought

**Not only is God in the place where you are, but He is in a very special manner in the depth of your spirit.**

*(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 2)*

## Seniors Event

**WARNERVALE WELLNESS CENTRE** Catholic Health Care are hosting an open day on Thursday 23rd February 10am to 12pm at their “mind and move hub” 1 Minnesota Road Hamlyn Terrace. Enter via gates to Our Lady of Loreto Gardens Aged Care. **See flyers at the back of the church.**



## IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates

**Confirmation**—will be celebrated on **Saturday 1st July at 9am and 11am.**

**First Holy Communion**—**year 4 and older** will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th September at 12noon**

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 20 February**

**Tuesday 21 February**  
St Peter Damian

**Wednesday 22 February**  
Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 23 February**

**Friday 24 February**

**Saturday 25 February**

## Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$131.90



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## 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 **March will be on Thursday evenings 16th and 30th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.



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**Anniversaries:** Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiato jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families.

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.



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## First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

### You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”’

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, not must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord”

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

### R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

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## Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 3:16-23

**All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.**

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are the temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you think of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

**Love your enemies.**

Jesus said to his disciples; 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man take you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, you are doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord.