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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*

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

Readings: Is 55:1-3;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Response:

The hand of the Lord feeds us,
he answers all our needs.

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Farewell to Paul Kelly

Please join us at the **10.00 am Mass this Sunday, 2 August**, as we farewell Paul Kelly and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to our parish.

Paul has been a faithful parishioner and has served as a Special Religious Education (Catechist) teacher in our local public school for the past eight years. We are deeply grateful for his commitment and faithful witness, and we wish him every blessing for the future.

Morning tea will be shared after Mass, and all parishioners are warmly invited to join us in thanking Paul and wishing him well.

CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

Next weekend (9th August). The parish will hold our annual Homelessness Appeal to support CatholicCare. Envelopes will be available at the end of each pew and at the back of the church.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Saturday 8th August

You are warmly invited to join our parish community as we celebrate the Feast of St

Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a special Mass at **10:00am** in the **School Hall**. Following

Mass, everyone is welcome to stay for 'a cuppa with Mary' shared morning tea.

Please note that **there will be no 9:15am**

Mass on Saturday, 8 August.

For catering purposes, we kindly ask that you add your name to the RSVP sheet located at the back of the church if you plan to attend. If you have any questions please call Sr Marea on 0418 267 178 or Judy White on 0428 168 193.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Sunday 9th August

Next **Sunday, August 9th**, we warmly invite all parishioners to come together as a community to celebrate the **Feast Day of our patron saint** a joyful and meaningful occasion for our parish and school community.

We'll begin with a **special Mass at 10:00am**, followed by a **bring-a-plate lunch** in the school canteen area.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another, share delicious food, and celebrate the spirit of our community.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO FR JOSHI
FOR WEDNESDAY,
6TH AUGUST**

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

Please Pray For our Year 12 Students

Over the next fortnight, our Year 12 students will be sitting their HSC Trial Examinations. We ask our parish community to keep them in your prayers during this important time.

May the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom, peace, and confidence, helping them to do their best. May they always remember that their worth is found not in their results, but in God's love for them.

We also pray for their families and teachers as they support and encourage them throughout the examination period.

Catechist News

Volunteers Needed

We have recently farewelled three long-serving catechists and are now seeking new volunteers to continue this important ministry in our local public schools.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a catechist or catechist assistant, please speak with **Fr Joshi** or contact the parish office on **8379 1740**. Your support can make a lasting difference in sharing the faith with the next generation.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

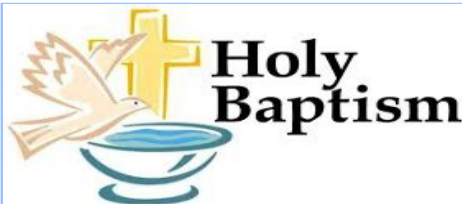
AUGUST 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 6th & 20th August at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome.



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Baptism Information Evening

Our next **Baptism Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 18 August 2026, at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

All parents preparing to have their child baptised are warmly encouraged to attend.

To register, please email the Parish Office at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au. In your email, please include the following information:

- Your name; Your partner's name
- Your child's name and date of birth
- Your contact details

Santa Maria Feast Day

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites all parishioners to join us in celebrating the **Feast of Santa Maria on Sunday, August 16th**, in our parish.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Mass at 3:00 PM
- Procession at 4:00 PM, followed by Benediction
- Fireworks display at 6:00 PM

Please note that there will be NO 5:00 pm Mass on this day.

Salesian Thought

So gentle is God's hand in the handling of our hearts!

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2, Chapter 12)



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 3 August

St Dominic

Tuesday 4 August

St John Vianney

Wednesday 5 August

Thursday 6 August

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday 7 August

Saturday 8 August

St Mary of the Cross

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$63.10



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: William (Billy) Hardman, Dorothy McGinlay, Darrell Travers, Kenneth Grigg, Willibrordus Laka, Wilhelmina Seki, Salmen Damanik, Maureen Hassan, Charlie Spiteri, Jolly, Ronald Wright, Eliezer Degan.

Recently Deceased: Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo, Jenny Paul, Pat Pate.





30 July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

IDENTIFYING AS CATHOLICS IN THE 2026 CENSUS

As you may be aware, Australia will undertake the national Census this August. This important event provides an opportunity for every person to be counted and for our communities to be better understood and served.

In recent years, some groups have encouraged Australians to identify with a religion only if they are actively practicing, suggesting that those who are less engaged should instead select "No Religion."

As Catholics, we know that the journey of faith is often personal and, at times, complex. While our practice of the faith may vary throughout different seasons of life, many people continue to identify as Catholic because it remains a fundamental part of who they are. Research consistently shows that many Australians who may not attend Mass regularly still regard their Catholic faith as an important part of their identity.

For this reason, I encourage you, when completing your Census, to identify your religion as Catholic if you feel this reflects your faith and identity.

Selecting "Catholic" in the Census is more than a statistical exercise. It helps ensure that the presence and needs of the Catholic community are recognised within Australian society. Census information is used by governments, researchers and community organisations to:

- Plan schools, hospitals and community services;
- Inform the allocation of resources and funding; and
- Better understand the spiritual, cultural and social life of our nation.

An accurate picture of the Catholic community strengthens the Church's ability to advocate for the needs of our people and to continue serving communities across Australia.

Every person who identifies as Catholic helps tell the story of the Church's continuing presence and mission in Australia. Your response contributes to a clearer understanding of the Catholic community, enabling the Church to better serve those in need, support families, educate future generations, and continue proclaiming the hope of the Gospel with confidence.

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The Census will be conducted in August, and every household will receive information about how to complete it, either online or by paper form.

I encourage you to take a few moments to complete the Census prayerfully and accurately. Thank you for your participation and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our parish and the wider community.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Ranson". The signature is stylized, with a large "D" and a long, sweeping "R".

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all who are thirsty;
Though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and , at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat.
And rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
Listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us,
he has answers all our needs.**

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.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts.

R.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 8:35, 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trails through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death or life, no angle, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.