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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*

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 20TH APRIL 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Response:

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!



CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen

Welcome to our Community

At the Vigil Mass, we welcomed Bryan Hawkins and Bernice Hickford into the Catholic Church, they are all now fully initiated Catholics.

The parish warmly welcomes all family and friends visiting from near and far. It is wonderful to have you with us to celebrate the resurrection. Enjoy the time with your family and a safe trip home.

Thank you!



Thank you to all who participated in the Holy Week liturgies. Your presence, effort, and devotion made this sacred time truly meaningful for our parish community.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped prepare the Church and grounds during last week's working bee—your generosity is deeply appreciated.

To the Liturgy and Décor Team: thank you for preparing the Church with such creativity, care, and love.

To our choirs, cantors, and musicians: your dedication and hours of preparation enriched our celebrations beautifully.

To the Scripture readers: thank you for proclaiming the Word with faith and conviction.

To our senior and junior servers, and all who contributed in any way—your service is truly valued.

A special thanks to the Liturgy Committee for your ongoing commitment and creative support.

We're also pleased to announce the installation of the *Deacon Jim Piety Stall* in the Church foyer. Sincere thanks to Cecilia and Wayne Henry for sponsoring it, and to Jose Varghese for his excellent craftsmanship.

Thank you all once again for your dedication and love for our parish.

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Darkinjung people

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, 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

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Easter House Blessing



Holy water will be available for distribution from this Saturday through the conclusion of the 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday. Small bottles and prayer cards (one per family) will be provided for you to take home and use in blessing your home.

If you would like a Fr Philip or Fr Joshi to come and bless your house, please sign up on the sheet located on the bench outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and address.

We will contact you to arrange a convenient time for the blessing.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Piety Stall

The newly installed **Deacon Jim piety stall will be open** for First Holy Communion gifts on Sunday (4th May) before and after the Mass.

There is a lovely variety of gifts available, including veils and ties.

The piety stall **accepts cash or eftpos**.

If anyone would like to volunteer to run the piety stall on 4th May from 11:00am to approximately 1:00pm. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2025

For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 **April** will be on **Thursday 10th and 24th**, 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.

Salesian Thought

***If one does not ascend the ladder he must descend;
if one does not conquer he will be conquered.***

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, I, 7)

Ignite Conference 2025

The Light 10-13 July proudly hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay

Experience God in the most extraordinary way through formation, renewal of faith, amazing people and powerful worship. Ignite Conference 2025 is coming to Broken Bay.



Registrations are now open. Please scan the QR Code to register and more information.

EASTER OCTAVE

Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$34.80

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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Anniversaries: Jack Gill, Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters, Grahame Lesha, Elizabeth Walker, Patricia Frankham, Maria Lledon, William Sy, Jason Calphy, Magdalena Laka, Nina Gatt, Magdalena Santos.

Recently Deceased: Leo Moloney, Sharon Barnes, Alijandro Pagan Jnr, David Ekin, Allan Clark.



Sunday of the Resurrection, Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Sunday of the Resurrection, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.