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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*

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20TH AUGUST 2023, YEAR A

Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7;
Rom 11:13-15
Mt 15:21-28

Response:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Warnervale Parish Pilgrim Tour to the Holy Land in 2024



Jordan - Israel-Palestine -Egypt

10 nights and 11 days tour (1 night in Amman / 4 nights in Bethlehem / 1 night in Nazareth / Tiberias / 1 night in Taba / 1 night in Sharm—El Sheikh / 2 nights in Cairo.

Departing Sydney 28th April 2024 and returning 10th May 2024.

Package cost \$3,100 per person (double, twin, triple share) or \$3,800 single share. Flights are not included.

Full itinerary on the Church notice board. If you are interested in experiencing amazing trip please register with parish office or see Fr Philip.

Weekday Mass Parking



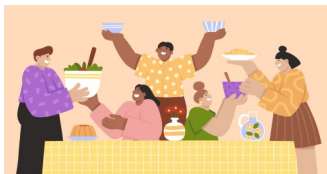
During weekday Masses, parking will be available in the primary kiss n drop area in the available spaces. This is the parking closest to the Church.

Trivia Night—2nd September



Next event is *Saturday 2nd September starting 6:30pm* at MacKillop College Hall. Tickets are \$7 per person and are, available after mass, for more info or to book visit the website mactrivia.com.au.

Parish Community Lunch



bring a plate to share lunch for all parishioners in the school undercover area. Come along for a fun and social community lunch.

Homelessness Appeal



Homelessness August appeal envelopes are still available at the back of the Church and at the end of each pews. Envelopes can be placed in any collection plate at Mass.

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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 & 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 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 & 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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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) 0412 051 839

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

Get involved with National
Child Protection Week
3 – 9 September



CONFUSED? JOIN A DIALOGUE ABOUT "THE VOICE"

Let's take the heat out of the discussion.

Why Should Christians take this seriously?
Whose Idea is it?
What does it Actually Say?
How will it work?
What does the Church say?

**Come along on
Saturday 19th & 26th August from
10:30am to 12:30pm
by Margaret Hagan**

Bible Study Group

Robert Madafiglio has commenced a bible study group on Wednesday 9:30am (after 8:45am Mass). The bible study will be Galatians book by John Stott. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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 **August will be on Thursday evenings 17th & 31st at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion preparation classes have commenced. Please pray for the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacrament.

First Holy Communion will be *celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon.*

CATECHIST CORNER

**"YOU WILL BE MY
WITNESSES" (Acts 1.8)**

A STORY FROM OUR WONDERFUL CATECHIST LORETTE KELTY

Hi, I'm Lorette Kelty, I teach SRE to kindergarten children at Warnervale and Woongarra schools.

I became a catechist a long time ago when I was tapped on the shoulder by the Parish Priest and I said YES as my mother was a catechist and if she could do it so could I. Here I am 17 years later still going and I love it.

The children have been learning that God made the world and that we should care for it, God loves them and is always there for them and they are friends of Jesus. Next, we talked about how God gave them the gifts of hearing, seeing and touching and that we all belong to God's family and also Baptism.

I get plenty of support and I'm not alone. Teaching scripture is my way of giving back.

**THE CHILDREN WILL LOVE
YOU. PLEASE GIVE IT A GO.**

Sincerely Lorette.



Catechists and Assistants needed for 2024. Please join Lorette in the Catechists ministry and help our children be all they can be. Trust in your call from God and answer that call by contacting Kerrie Deder - kandadedera@westnet.com.au or 0402815633. Start the training now.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 21 August
St Pius X

Tuesday 22 August
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 23 August
St Rose of Lima

Thursday 24 August
St Bartholomew

Friday 25 August
St Louis

Saturday 26 August

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$96.10

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!**



Salesian Thought

*We must do all by love,
and nothing by force. We
must love obedience
rather than fear
disobedience.*

(Letters to Persons in the World,
III, 11)



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Please remember our sick: Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen, Oscar Allen.

Anniversaries: Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.





Little Lighthouse Playgroup

*Fridays during term time, 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Primary multi-purpose room*

Little Lighthouse welcomes families with children aged 0 - 6. Our playgroup is a safe and friendly environment run by parent/carers volunteers. Please bring your own morning tea and sun hat.



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give you his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

R.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.