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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*

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**20TH JULY 2025, YEAR C**

**Readings:** Gen 18:1-10;  
Col 1:24-28 ; Lk 10:38-42

## Response:

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of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## Reflection

In our homes, we live with boundaries — private spaces like bedrooms or home offices, and rules like curfews or respectful speech. These boundaries help create order and protect one another.

But sometimes we set boundaries for the wrong reasons — to exclude or punish, like refusing to speak to a sibling when we're upset. These kinds of barriers can hurt more than help.

In Jesus' time, social boundaries excluded certain groups. Last week's Gospel reminded us of the Samaritans. This Sunday, in **Luke 10:38-42**, we see another example: women. While Martha follows expected roles, Mary crosses a boundary by sitting at Jesus' feet as a disciple — and Jesus welcomes her.

As a family, read this Gospel together and reflect: Are there boundaries we keep that separate rather than unite? How can we break down those walls?

When we pray the **Lord's Prayer**, we call God "Our Father" — a reminder that we are all His children, and no one should be left out. Close your reflection by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

## Peter's Pence Appeal

Thank you to all who generously supported the Peter's Pence Appeal which assists the Holy Father's charitable works and the mission of the Universal Church. To learn more visit: [obolodisanpietro.va/en](http://obolodisanpietro.va/en)

## Expressions of Interest



The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking expressions of interest from the parish community with regard to compiling a fundraising cook book.

If you are interested please advise Barbara Cardwell 0412 506 520 or email [bjc\\_1953@hotmail.com](mailto:bjc_1953@hotmail.com). We will be promoting it more at Masses over the next few weeks.

## End of Financial Year

Receipts for Pastoral Works Broken Bay are now available at the back of the Church. We sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous contributions throughout the year.

## School Resumes—21 July

School will resume for Term 3 on **Monday, 21st July**. We look forward to warmly welcoming all students back and trust the holiday break has been a restful and rejuvenating time for students, staff, and families alike. May this term be filled with growth, learning, and a deepening sense of community.

Please note that during the holidays, upgrades to school security were undertaken. **New fencing and gates have been installed around the school perimeter**, enhancing safety for all. These changes will **not impact access to the Church**.

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

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## St Mary MacKillop Feast Day 10 August



### You're Invited to Our Parish Feast Day Celebration!

On **Sunday, August 10th**, 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.

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.

*Please bring a dish to share and join us in making this a truly memorable day for everyone.*

*We look forward to celebrating with you!*

### 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 **July** will be on **Thursday 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. Everyone is welcome to come.

### Salesian Thought

Live joyfully! Our Lord is looking down on you *lovingly. Holy joy, or as we should say, joyful holiness would be a good motto for our time.*

### Thank You for Supporting the Holy Land Collection

On behalf of the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land and the local Christian communities, thank you for your generous contribution of **\$1,500.50** to the 2025 Good Friday Holy Land Collection.

Your support helps preserve the sacred sites of our faith and provides vital assistance to those living in difficult and often dangerous conditions. Despite ongoing conflict, the Christian presence in the Holy Land remains a symbol of peace and hope.

Please continue to keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers. Your solidarity makes a real difference.

### Catechist and Assistants are NEEDED!!



**JESUS IS CALLING YOU!**  
**Will you answer the call?**

**WHY volunteer as a  
Catechist or an Assistant?**  
**Because Jesus needs your help.**

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

For information please contact our Coordinator, Kerrie Dederer.

Ph: 0402 815 633

or via Email:

kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au

### SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 21 July**

**Tuesday 22 July**

St Mary Magdalene

**Wednesday 23 July**

**Thursday 24 July**

**Friday 25 July**

St James

**Saturday 26 July**

St Joachim and St Anne



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### Return and Earn

**This week we raised: \$29.60**



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!**

### Find us on Facebook

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**Please remember our sick:** Olivia Curtis, Ruby Huerto, Chiara Wallace, William (Billy) Hardman, Jo O'Loughlin, Ronald (Royce) Wright, Pili Menardo Leal, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Kavanattu, Stanley Nolan, Aleykutty Joseph, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Paul Mifsud, Charlie Gatt, Betty Sharkey, Richard Calphy, Jane Fenech, Donald Hacker, Fr Tony Reynolds.

**Recently Deceased:** Tonci Kalebic, Adam Death, Lissy Thankachan, Rhonda Loader, Violet Gove, Finn McConnon, Jacqueline Thomas, James Mahon.



# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## First Reading

Book of Genesis 18:1-10

**Lord, do not bypass your servant.**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tend to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour to make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from the heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbor,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

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## Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

**The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of his mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make the all perfect in Christ.

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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and yield a harvest through perseverance.

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## Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

**Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman names Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do all the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.