



Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward

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*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th September 2026, Year A

Readings: Is 55:6-9;
Phil 1:20-24, 27
Mt 20:1-16

Response:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!



Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God's ways are not always the same as our ways.

Through the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus challenges us to look beyond comparison, fairness and what we believe we deserve, and instead to recognise the generosity of God's love.

The Lord calls each of us to work in His vineyard, at different times and in different ways. His invitation is always open, and His mercy and generosity are offered freely to all. May we learn to rejoice in the blessings others receive and trust in the goodness of a God whose love knows no limits.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this weekend, may we open our hearts to God's abundant grace and allow His generosity to shape the way we live and serve one another.

RCIA Program

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic?

Our parish will commence the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program on Thursday, 8 October at 7.00pm in the Church. The program is open to adults aged 16 years and over who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic. For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office. We warmly welcome you to join us on this journey of faith.

MacKillop Catholic College Year 12 Charity Day

On Tuesday, 22 September, from 7am to 9am, MacKillop College's Year 12 students will be hosting their Charity Day.

The event will feature fun activities, fancy dress, and music, providing a great opportunity for the Year 12 Class of 2026 to give back to the community.

Students will be stopping traffic and collecting donations as cars and buses enter the College grounds.

Please support their fundraising efforts by bringing any loose change and allowing extra travel time. All proceeds will go to CatholicCare.

Thank you for your support!

Memorial Plaque

To ensure that memorial plaques are beautifully prepared and installed in time for November, parishioners are kindly asked to **submit all details and payment to the parish office by 30 September.**

Plaques are \$100 per plaque. Once your bank transfer is complete, please email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the full name of the deceased, their dates and places of birth and date and place of death, and the name(s) of those dedicating the plaque.

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office for any enquiries or questions.

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 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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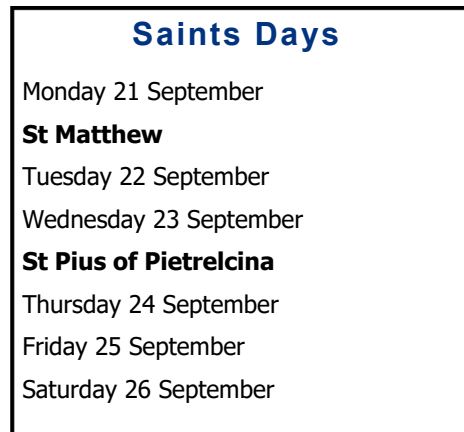
Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

All are welcome.



**The Cathedral Precinct Charity Classic – Teeing Off for the Future –
Friday 16 October 2026**



Join us for a great day of golf and giving!

“Limited Spots remaining – book your team today!”

Get your team together and join us for The Cathedral Precinct Charity Classic – Teeing Off for the Future, on Friday 16 October 2026 at Newgreens Chatswood Golf Club.

Enjoy 12 holes of golf in a four-person Ambrose format, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch, while helping support the Cathedral Precinct Project and its vision for a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations. Whether you're a regular golfer or simply looking for a fun day out with friends, colleagues or your parish community, we would love you to join us.

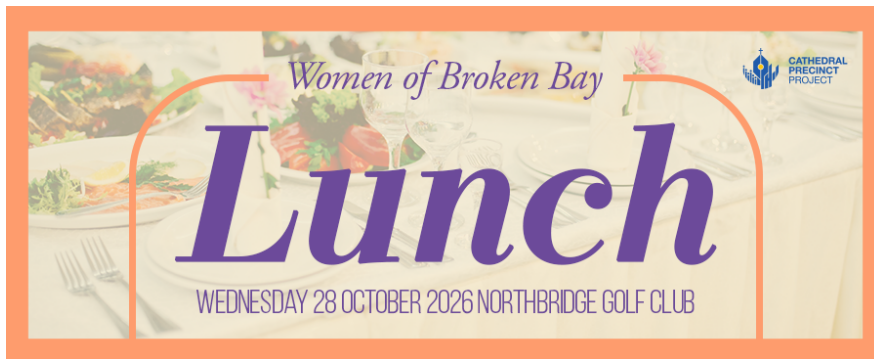
There will also be great prizes, silent auction and special guest appearance making it a day not to be missed! Places are limited, so don't miss out. Book your team today and share the invitation with your friends, family and parish community.

\$130 per golfer, including golf and BBQ lunch

\$70 BBQ lunch only

Book today - <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/cathedralprecinct-charity-teeing-off-for-the-future-1630804>

Women of Broken Bay Lunch 28 October 2026



Connect. Be inspired. Help shape the future.

“Limited Spots remaining – book your seat today!”

You're invited to the inaugural Women of Broken Bay Lunch. A special afternoon bringing women from across the Diocese together for connection, conversation and inspiration.

Join us for a delicious two-course lunch, wonderful company and an inspiring keynote address from Mrs Kelly Paget, as we explore the theme “Called to Lead: A Journey of Faith, Family and Community.”

Come along with friends, colleagues or fellow parishioners and enjoy an opportunity to meet other women from across Broken Bay Diocese and beyond, share stories and build new connections.

Most importantly, your attendance will help support the Cathedral Precinct Project contributing to a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations.

Limited seats are available

le, so book today and invite the women in your parish, workplace, family and friendship circles to join you.

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2026

Time: 11:30am arrival, 12:00pm start – 2:00pm

Seats are limited – book today : <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/women-of-broken-bay-lunch2026-1630835>

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your way - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts, above your thoughts.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

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

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open your hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.