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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*

## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 FEBRUARY 2022, YEAR C

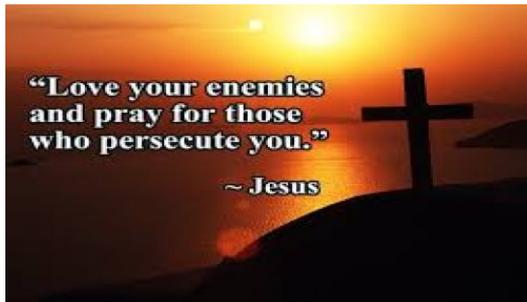
Diocese of Broken Bay  
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Darkinjung people

**Readings:** 1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**Response:**  
The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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love one another as I have loved you.  
**Alleluia!**



### Reflection

‘LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.’ The words of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel are very challenging: ‘love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.’ In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

### Tap N Go

From last weekend the tap n go terminal will be increased to \$10 per tap. Donations will be split between 1st and 2nd collection. Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to generously donate to our parish community.

### MacKillop Pray Group

Fr Philip will be commencing a MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on **Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer sessions will continue at 6pm every week. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Every gift to our Pastoral Works makes a real difference to someone in hospital, a school for students with special needs, the deaf community or our catechists sharing the gospel with State school students. This weekend we will be holding our PWBB Appeal. Donations can be made online at: <https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/home/brokenbay> or by direct debit:

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**  
BSB: 062-784,  
A/C: 10000 5628  
Add your name and  
PWBB as reference.



### Save the Date—Reconciliation

**First Reconciliation** will be celebrated in the Parish on **5th, 6th & 7th April 2022**. The parent information and enrolment evening on **Tuesday 1st March at 7pm**. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### Collection Drive for Tonga

The collection drive will continue until 6th March. There are containers set up on the left hand side in the foyer of the Church. Donations of building materials, used furniture/clothes, packaged/tinned food and bottled would be a great help.

### 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 - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am  
**1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am**

### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

### Anointing Mass

Third 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

### RCIA/Faith Renewal

Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip

### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

### Men’s Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

### Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm  
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am  
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.

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## A Catechist's Story by Kerrie Deder



I had no idea why I was volunteering to be in the Catechist Ministry. I just knew something or as I now know the Holy Spirit was calling on me.

After listening to a catechist speak at Mass I learnt that there was a need. Surprisingly, the procedure to becoming a catechist was relatively easy. I filled out some paperwork and did a few courses after which I was paired up with an experienced catechist.

The day came for my first class. The children in the class were very welcoming as was their class teacher. To see their smiling faces when I arrived and to help them through stories, songs and scripture learn about Jesus' love for them and to share our faith with them is a real joy and privilege.

The benefits are that like me you will grow in faith, gain confidence, master new skills and discover new friendships.

So if you love children and wish to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, please consider being involved in this ministry and remember, **God does not call the equipped. God equips those who are called.**

For more information on this amazing Ministry please don't hesitate to contact myself, phone: 0402815633 or email: kerriededera@westnet.com.au or the Parish office.

becoming a  
**catechist**

### RCIA Course Thursdays 7pm

For those interested in becoming a catholic or renewing their faith Fr Philip has started a RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on Thursday nights at 7-8pm in the church. All welcome to come.

### RCIC Course Saturdays 3pm

For those children interested in becoming a catholic, classes are for RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) continue this at 3pm in the church. All welcome to come along.

## Social Justice

### Our First Nations Peoples

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council issued a statement for Australia Day 2022, reflecting on this year's theme: "Reflect, Respect, Celebrate" It recommends the addition of the word "Do" to the theme.

NATSICC says, "Words are easy and limitless, but actions require time, effort and commitment. We ask that you make 2022 the Year of 'Do'".

The Council offers some practical suggestions for how parishes, schools, organisations and individuals can take up that challenge by, for instance, attending Mass at an Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministry, displaying acknowledgement plaques prominently in public places and supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, welcomed NATSICC'S Australia Day Statement and its call to action.

**If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)



### Air Conditioning

We have been feeling the cool comfort of the new air conditioning system which has been a great addition to our church. The system cost \$36,000. If any parishioners would like to make a donation towards this cost to help the parish, it would be gratefully received. *Thank you to several people who have donated.* Account details:

Warnervale Parish,  
BSB 062 784  
A/c number  
10000 5628  
Ref: Air Con



## THIS WEEK

**Monday 21 February**  
St Peter Damian

**Tuesday 22 February**  
The Chair of St Peter

**Wednesday 23 February**  
St Polycarp

**Thursday 24 February**

**Friday 25 February**

**Saturday 26 February**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February



#### For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

### Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$81.40**

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken. Please place glass the crates. Cans and Bottles must have the 10c refund logo.



### Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been reinstated. Density limits within the church is 275 people (2sq metre)

Social Distancing is recommended

Face masks are mandatory particularly when social distancing is not possible.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church

Please continue to use **hand sanitiser**.

If you or any family member are feeling any cold or flu like symptoms **please stay at home.**

**Please remember our sick:** Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Maria Taype, Patrica Parker, Maria Toronczak, Thomas Antony, Trinidad, Emilio Sr, Alberta, Alfonso, Ian Okon, Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings, Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru.

**Mass Intentions:** Mrs Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte,



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### First Reading

Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessing. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

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## Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 15:45-49

**Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a living-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia**

## Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

**Be merciful as your Father is merciful.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.