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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

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JANUARY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
1 Cor 7:29-31;  
Mk 1:14-20

**Response:**  
Teach me your way, O Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near;  
believe the Good News!

**Alleluia!**

### Reflection



Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives.

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**Sacramental Program Dates 2024**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** for children in year 4 and above will run over 6 weeks. Parent information and enrolment meeting is on **Tuesday 13th February at 7pm**. Classes commence on **Sunday 18th February at 10am** and continue for 6 weeks. The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on **26th March from 3pm to 5pm**. **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated with a special Mass on 7th April at 11:45am.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** for children in year 3 and above will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June at 10am. More details will be available at a later date.

If you would like to assist in helping prepare (teaching or assisting) the children for the sacrament please contact the parish office for more information.

### RCIC and RCIA Program



If you wish for your child/ren or yourself to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course in the church in 2024.

**RCIC lessons** will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 27th at 3pm**.

**RCIA lessons** will commence **Thursday 1st February at 7pm** in the Church.

The adults and children will then celebrate their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on **Saturday night 30th March 2024**

For more information or to register please contact the parish office during office hours on 8379 1740 or email the office.

### 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 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 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

**Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Parish Priest (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

**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



We are looking for volunteers for various ministries in the parish. If you would like to take up any ministry, please see ministry card for registration or contact parish office for information.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for JANUARY

#### For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### Working with Children (WWC) Renewals

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe a secure environment for children in our parish, please ensure your Working with Children Checks are valid. If your WWC is due for renewal, please ensure you renew early to avoid delays. Please visit the website and click renew your check.

[www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-](http://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-)

### CatholicCare

CatholicCare is here to help and offers a range of services for people in need including emergency relief, financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling supports including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more. Call us on 1800 324 924 or visit their website [www.catholiccareddb.org.au](http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au) for more information.

### 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 *February on 1st, 15th & 29th, Thursday evening at 7pm*, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

### Salesian Thought

*God works from afar and from close by, and calls the distant to the service of those who serve Him without bringing them near.*

*(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV, 15)*



### St. Francis de Sales

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, the church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis de Sale, the Patron Saint of all Salesian Families around the world.

We pray for all the Fransalians, Fr. Philip Thottam and 16 other MSFS priests ministering in Australia.

St. Francis de Sales is the Patron saint of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education.

### Engaged Encounter

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Chose anyone of the following dates; **24-25 February; 18-19 May; 17-18 August 2024**

### SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 22 January**  
St Vincent

**Tuesday 23 January**

**Wednesday 24 January**  
St Francis de Sales

**Thursday 25 January**  
The Conversion of St Paul

**Friday 26 January**  
Australia Day

**Saturday 27 January**  
St Angela Merici  
St Timothy  
St Titus

### Return and Earn

This week we raised \$62.40



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.



**Thank you for your continued support!**

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**Anniversaries:** Rosalie Crippin, V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O'Keeffe, Angela Laukaitis, Victor Gatt, Alejandra Mabaquiao Jnr, Cherrie Pie Daclan, Cecilio Boniel, Felix Daclan.

**Recently Deceased:** Jill Margaret Bishton (Speight), Elisabeth Laka, Jim Speight, Alf James, Jason Davis, John O'Reilly.



# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

## First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10

### The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

### R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

**The world as we know it is passing away.**

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near:

Believe the Good News!

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

**Repent, and believe the Good News.**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' and at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.