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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*

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JUNE 2026, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

Response:
Lord, in your great love,
answer me

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to
me, says the Lord, and you also will be
my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Understand the Church

The Meaning Behind the Seasons.

The calendar is divided into two primary cycles: the Cycle of Light (built around Christmas) and the Cycle of Life (built around Easter). Between them lies "Ordinary Time."

1. Advent

The Meaning: A time of expectant waiting, preparation, and hope. It has a dual focus: preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth (the Nativity) and looking forward to his promised second coming.

The Colour: Purple or Violet (symbolizing penance and royalty) or sometimes Blue (symbolizing hope).

2. Christmas

The Meaning: The celebration of the Incarnation (God becoming human in Jesus). Contrary to popular culture, the church season of Christmas starts on Christmas Day and lasts for 12 days, ending with the Epiphany (which marks the arrival of the Magi, or Wise Men).

The Colour: White or Gold (symbolizing joy, purity, and the light of Christ).

3. Ordinary Time (Part I)

The Meaning: "Ordinary" doesn't mean boring here; it comes from the word ordinal, meaning counted or ordered time (e.g., the 5th Sunday after Epiphany). This short block focuses on the early ministry of Jesus and his teachings.

The Colour: Green (symbolizing spiritual growth, life, and hope).

Special Annual Collection for Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS)

This weekend (21st June), we will be having a special annual collection for the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS). Envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the Church. Envelopes can be returned to any collection or given to Fr Philip.

All proceeds will support the missionary works of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, the religious congregation to which Fr Philip belongs. Their mission includes parish ministry, the education and formation of children and youth, and the care and education of children with cerebral palsy and those who are less fortunate.

The collection has been approved and endorsed by the Diocese.

Reflection

"Fear no one," Jesus says today (Matthew 10:26-33). Though living our faith can bring opposition, God is with us as a "mighty champion" (Jeremiah 20:11). The Father who cares for sparrows values us deeply — "even the hairs of your head have all been counted" (Matthew 10:30).

In Christ, grace has triumphed over sin and death (Romans 5:12-15). Let us live this week without fear, trusting in God's care.

"Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

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

Pat Pate

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Pat Pate on 16 June.

Pat, together with her husband Terry, has been a devoted member of our parish community since its foundation. Throughout that time, Pat generously served in a number of parish ministries and touched the lives of many through her faith, kindness, and commitment.

Pat's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the church on Wednesday, 24 June, at 11:00am.



Please keep Pat, Terry, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time. May Pat rest in the peace and love of Christ.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

June 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 25th June at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are most welcome to attend.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for JUNE

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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Salesian Thought
Let the waves growl and roar all round about your back, but fear not, for God is there.
(Letters to Persons in Religion, I, 10)

Memorial Wall Plaques

If you would like to dedicate a plaque in memory of a loved one, you can now make payment by bank transfer with the details below, or by scanning the QR code and selecting 6. Memorial Plaque



Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish;
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After making your payment, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following details:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Name(s) of those dedicating the plaque.

Memorial plaques may be ordered at any time throughout the year. Once a minimum of 20 requests has been received, an order will be placed. We encourage parishioners to submit their requests as soon as possible, as we hope to place an order and have the plaques ready in time for the commemoration of All Souls' Day in November.

Thank you for helping us honour and remember your loved ones in this meaningful way.



Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 22 June

St John Fisher & St Thomas More

Tuesday 23 June

Wednesday 24 June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Thursday 25 June

Friday 26 June

Saturday 27 June

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$41.90



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!

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Anniversaries: Charlie Gatt, Felicidad Silverio Sevilla, Emmanuel Francis, Frank Feliciotto, Dulce Gica, Mary Ann Sammut, Jane Fenech, Tess Ann Hardman, Antonio Macapagal, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased: Pat Pate, Karen Pearson & Gary, Peter Gill, Elliott Gill, Gina Mathias, Maria Grundy, Roslyn Smith, Angela Polito, Fr David Taylor, Emmanuel De Battista, Pamela Jennings.



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

From prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!'
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.