



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 22ND JANUARY 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; 1Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23

Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia!



Reflection

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately.

Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

Young People and Adults becoming Catholics

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 2023.

RCIC lessons will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 28th - at 3pm.**

RCIA lessons will commence **Thursday 2nd February 2023 from 7pm** in the Church.

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



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—Communion Service

Tues - Sat 9.15am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd 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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm

1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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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'

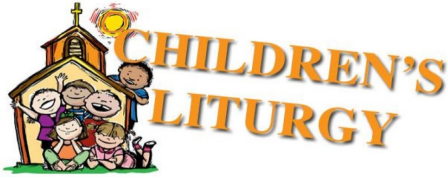
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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Children's Liturgy

The team will now take a break until the end of January 2023.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have worked with the parish children each week.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish office .

SHARING GOD'S LIGHT

A Gift in your Will
Or
A Gift in Memory
of a Loved One

By leaving a Gift in your Will, or by honouring the memory of a loved one, you are supporting your family of faith . Bequest booklets with more information in the church foyer or please see Fr Philip for more information.

The year of St. Francis de Sales

On 24th 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 14 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.

Change of Venue for Monthly Luncheon

The monthly luncheon has been changed to Wallarah Bay Recreation Club (40 Wallarah Rd, Gorokan), it will still be on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12.00 midday.

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am and 9:15am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am from 15th February, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner. 9:15am Mass will continue till 8th February.

MenAlive Weekend Program

St Joseph's Parish Toronto is hosting a menAlive weekend 25/26th March 2023 at our St Joseph's Community Centre (140 Wangi Rd, Toronto, NSW)

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menAlive is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them become an active force of renewal in the Church.

For more information or to register for the weekend visit the website www.menalive.org.au/menalive-weekend/ or email menalivetoron@gmail.com.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 23 January

Tuesday 24 January
St Francis de Sales

Wednesday 25 January
The Conversion of St Paul

Thursday 26 January
Australia Day

Friday 27 January
St Angela Merici, St Timothy & St Titus

Saturday 28 January
St Thomas Aquinas

Return and Earn



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

Thank you for your continued support!

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching! It is now time to register for the Broken Bay WYD23 Pilgrimage. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

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Thank you for your generous contribution

Thank you!

Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Rosalie Crippin, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families, Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen.

Recently Deceased: Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to hold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the difference between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. For what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, life: 'I am for Paul', I am for Apollos', I am for Cephas', I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fisherman. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.