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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22ND MARCH 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Ezek 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Response:
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Planned Giving Envelopes

We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

New Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the Church.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving program, please complete a First Fruits form and return it to the parish office or place it on any collection plate.

For those who prefer to donate online, contributions can be made via our website or by using the following link: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/donations>.

Thank you once again for your kindness and faithful commitment to our parish community.

Palms & Working Bee Holy Week



If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday we will be having a working bee and preparing the church on **Saturday 28th March from 10am**. We would like the palms delivered to the church by 10am on the Saturday. We need long and small palms.



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If you can spare an hour to help please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your

Good Friday—Way of the Cross

On Good Friday (3 April 2026) at 10:00 am, we will pray the Way of the Cross around the outside of the Church. Families or individuals are invited to lead a station—please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation

Commencing on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**, our parish will hold **24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation**, starting after the morning Mass and concluding with the **9:15am Mass on Thursday 26th March**.

We invite everyone to take part in this time of prayer and reflection.

Holy Week Timetable

Holy Thursday (2 April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (3 April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (4 April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (5 April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (4th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



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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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Bank Details: Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, Account # 10000 5628, BSB: 062-784

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

Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites you to celebrate **Mother's Day 2026** with a special luncheon!

Date: Sunday, 3rd May 2026

Venue: Toukley Golf Club, Key St, Toukley

Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$45 per person

Enjoy a **delicious 2-course meal** served to your table, featuring: Chicken breast supreme stuffed with feta and spinach, or Grilled Barramundi, potato galette and roasted cherry tomatoes and Fresh bread roll
Tea, coffee & dessert

Live entertainment to make the day extra special!

Bookings & Payment Due by 16th April 2026.

For tickets, please contact:

- **Charlie:** 0404 194 020
- **Rita Dimech:** 0448 742 591
- **Dianne Mifsud:** 0413 454 547
- **Connie & Charlie Tanti:** 4396 3704

Chrism Mass 2026

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday 31st March 2026** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their commitments.

During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



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Memorial Wall



If you would like to dedicate a plaque in

memory of a loved one, you can now make payment by bank transfer:

Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish; **Account Number:** 10000 5628; **BSB:** 062-784;

Reference: Plaque & Surname
Cost \$100 per plaque

After making your payment, please email the parish office at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following details:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of death
- Name of those dedicating the plaque.

We ask that all orders and payments be submitted by **Tuesday, 14th April 2026**. Thank you for helping us honour and remember your loved ones in this meaningful way.

Salesian Thought

Perseverance is the most desirable gift we can hope for in this life.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 3, Chapter 4)



Rosary Prayer Group

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

March 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 26th March 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.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 23 March

Tuesday 24 March

Wednesday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday 26 March

Friday 27 March

Saturday 28 March

Sunday 29 March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Return and Earn

This week we raised 60.70

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!

MacKillop Online Newsletter



Please scan the QR code to subscribe to our weekly email *MacKillop Online* newsletter, sent each Friday.

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Anniversaries: Corazon Armonio, Conchita, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Neville & Zlatka Pikulich, Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Richard Van Doorum.

Recently Deceased: Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait, Lynette Desforges, Jane (Giovanna) Bugeja, Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow.



Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading

Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this—it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depth I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchmen count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Roman 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interest, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your won mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Gospel

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling

because he has the light of this world to see by;

but if he walks at night he stumbles,

because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me

will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,

but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.