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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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND OCTOBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 45, 1, 4-6;
1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

Response:
Give the Lord glory
and honour.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Reflection

The readings for the this weekend speak of allegiance and responsibility. From the first reading we understand that we must give our whole selves to God. The psalm echoes this with "Give the Lord glory and honor." The second reading speaks of how we are called and chosen to do the work of Christ. And in the gospel, Jesus explains that we must give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Wood panel on Sanctuary Wall

A big THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have very generously donated to the wood panel for the Sanctuary wall. If you would still like to support the cost in making this project a reality. *The total cost is \$8,250. Donations can be made via our account; or money placed in an envelope marked with Sanctuary donation.* Your generosity will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

20th Anniversary Dinner



Everyone is invite to join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish with a dinner on **Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall.** Tickets are available through try booking at www.trybooking.com/CLVWE. Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free and includes dinner, tea, coffee and dessert.



Parish Anniversary Fundraising Activities

This weekend is the first of our fundraising activities with the 100s board. Tickets will be available for sale before and after all masses this weekend and until the boards are all sold out.

We've created a 100-square grid, and each square is available for purchase at \$2 or \$5 each. **Prizes Await:** When all the squares are sold, a random number will be drawn, and the lucky owner of that square wins cash! Prize values are on each board.

Our next fundraising activity is a Cake and Plant Stall before and after 8am Mass on Sunday 5th November. If you would like to donate plants and/or a cake, slice, biscuits, please ensure your donation is received before 8am on 5th November. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- **Pet Blessing**—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.
- **20th Anniversary Mass**—Thursday, 16th November at 6:30pm

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 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 & 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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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) 0412 051 839

Catholic Mission Appeal 21-22 October



This weekend we will hold our annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Donation envelopes are available at the back

of the Church and at the end of each pew. Donations can also be made via the Catholic Mission website www.catholicmission.org.au/

Trivia Night

Earlier this month in the most exciting of close finishes, the "Crazy Cool Cats" were pipped at the post by only half a point by newcomers "Ahhhh".

Next Event is Saturday 4th November down at MacKillop College Hall. \$ 7 per ticket donation, food and drinks can be purchased on the night. For more information or to book your seat call Bill on 0412 051 839 or can book online go to mactrivia.com.au



Pope Francis' Latest Apostolic Exhortation

Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation on St Therese was published last Sunday. Please click on the link to view the document. www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231015-santateresa-delbambinogesuh.html

the name of the document is "C'est La Confiance" as St Therese was filled with confidence in God's mercy which would save her soul and make her a saint as well as a missionary for all souls. The letter was written to mark the 150th anniversary of her birth in 1873.



Central Coast Santa Maria and Parish Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at **Toukley Gold Club**, Key Street, Toukley from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on Sunday, 3rd December 2023.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Meal consists of pre-dinner nibbles, bread role, ham, turkey and pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin and mixed vegetables. Also served is a dessert of pudding with custard, Pavlova and ice cream. All is prepared by the chef for the club. Tea and coffee available. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person, available till 19th November.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or Joyce on 4332 9963 or Connie and Charlie on 4396 3704 or Rita and Tony on 0448 742 591.

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 **October will be on every Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo



Bishop Anthony sent a message to the people of Broken Bay from the Vatican this week and can be viewed at www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 23 October
St John of Capistrano

Tuesday 24 October
St Anthony Claret

Wednesday 25 October
St Crispin

Thursday 26 October
St Alfred the Great

Friday 27 October
St Emilina of Boulancourt

Saturday 28 October
St Simon
St Jude

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!



Salesian Thought

We must consider that there is no vocation which has not its irksomenesses, its bitternesses, and disgusts.

(Letters to Persons in the World, II, 4)



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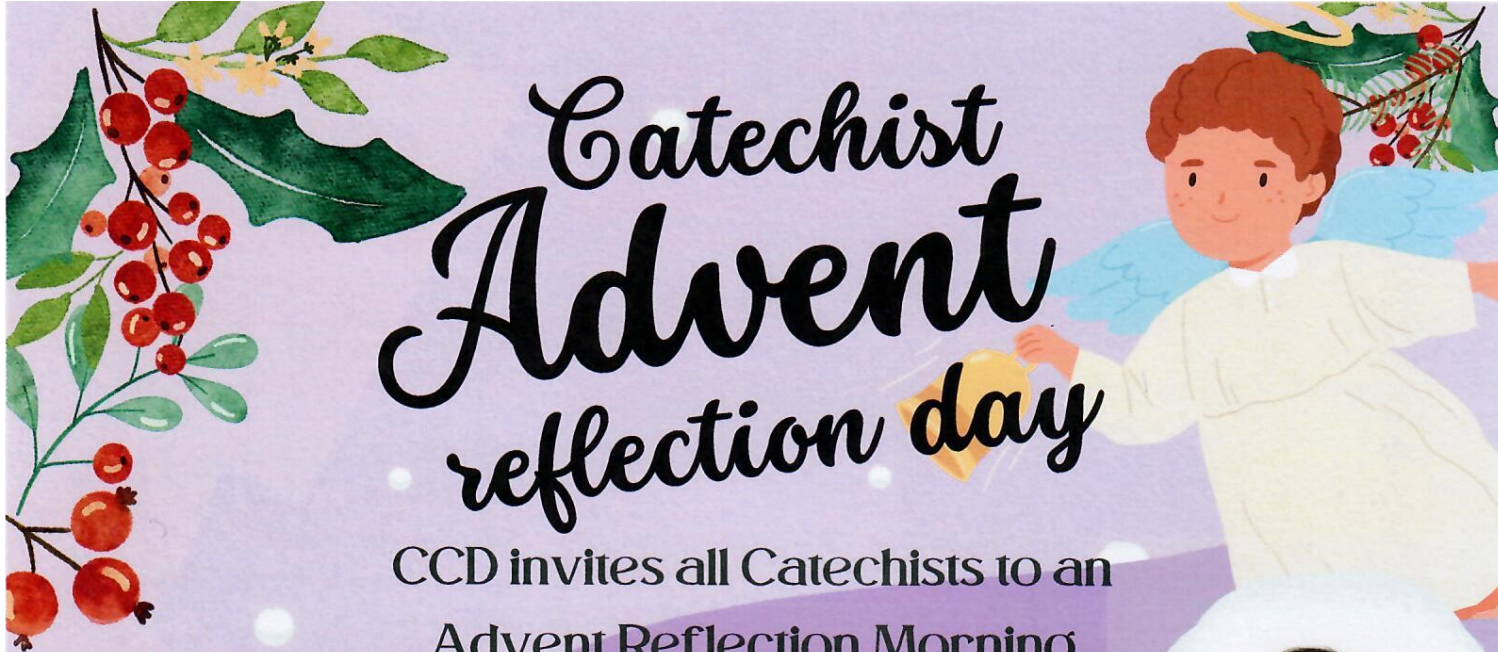
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Please remember our sick: Joel Diaz, Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Nolan, Christine Burns, Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Joseph Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS.

Recently Deceased: Peter Banfield, Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri.





Catechist Advent reflection day

CCD invites all Catechists to an
Advent Reflection Morning

Virginia Ryan

Executive Leadership Coach - Catholic Education
Canberra Golburn

Join us for an Advent-themed workshop inspired by Mary's resounding "Yes" to the angel Gabriel. Explore your own vocational journey, dive into the world of Catholic ministries, and reflect on your own path to ministry.




The Entrance

12 Ashton Avenue. The Entrance
(Behind OLR Church)

Monday 27 November
10am - 1pm

Our presenter is Virginia Ryan, an executive leadership coach with a rich history of leadership and mentorship roles in Catholic Education. She has expert knowledge and understanding of how quality Formation for Mission can develop teachers who are confident to teach Religious Education and capable of sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

Discover the power of your own "Yes" and its significance in your personal ministry. This workshop is open to all seeking a deeper connection with their faith and a greater understanding of their vocational journey.



A festive and jolly
morning tea
provided by CCD
team!

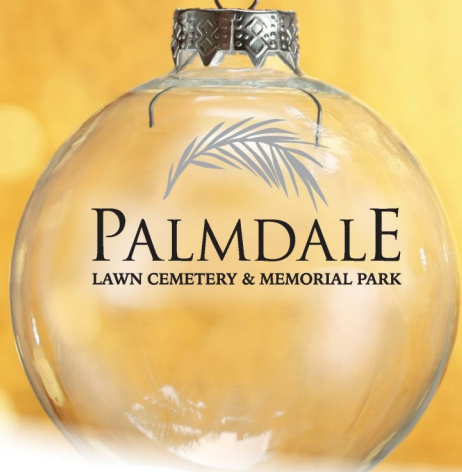
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8379 1643

Chatswood

Our Lady of Dolours Parish
Magnificat Room
Kirk Street Chatswood
Parking available and a short
walk to trains and buses

Friday 1 December
10am - 1pm



Christmas

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 2nd Dec 2023

Commencing at 10am

Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park Palmdale Road, Palmdale.

We invite you to attend a beautiful memorial service with our community to offer comfort and to show that we do not grieve alone.

Feel free to bring a framed photo of your loved one to display during the service.

Our service will include: Music with songs, a candle-lighting ceremony, a Christmas ornament with your loved one's name for you to take home and light refreshments to share.

For further details or to RSVP please enquire at the office

Phone **4362 1203**



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the lions of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more;

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel, my chosen one, that I have called you by name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God beside me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to be setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and preserved through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and is utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Sine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.

The Gospel of the Lord.