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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

## 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 22 AUGUST 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Joshua 25:1-2, 15-18;  
Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

**Response:**

Taste and see the goodness of  
the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you  
have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia!**



### National Day of Prayer 22 August

An ecumenical National Day of Prayer has been organised for Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is 'Lord have mercy', as we make this verse from Ps. 123 our own: "Our eyes look to the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy" (Ps. 123:2).

A Prayer Call on Zoom, from 9am to 9pm on Sunday 22 August, will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish. In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August.

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

### Reduced Office Hours

The parish office will only operate 2 days each week Tuesday and Friday. Leave a message and we will return your call for anything urgent please call the parish mobile 0498 036 713.

### New Account Details

Since we are no longer having collections each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances. If you wish to assist, you can contribute directly to the parish account:

#### Warnervale Parish

**BSB: 062 784**

**A/C: 100005628**

Add your surname and if you have an envelope include the number as **reference** e.g., Smith 21. Otherwise you can write 'donation' or surname CWF.

You can also have a set amount deducted from your credit card each month. Please contact the Parish office on 8379 1740 to make arrangements.

### Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

The Bishop has released a letter informing Priest that 'Though it is not possible for people to come to the church for the Sacrament of Penance or for private prayer, our priest are available to go to people's home in the event of serious sin to be confessed'.

If you are in need of Fr Philip's services please call the parish office on 8379 1740 or mobile on 0498 036 713.

If you know anyone who is sick, in hospital or recently deceased please let us know and we can include them on our prayer intentions list.

### Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,  
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am  
Includes Children's Liturgy

### Weekday Mass

Tues - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am

### Anointing Mass

Third 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

### RCIA/Faith Renewal

~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~

### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

### Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

### Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff  
for more information.

**Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator ([philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au))

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**Web:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale)

**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.**

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## BAY CONNECT

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Diocese launches **BAY CONNECT** today. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

## Social Justice

### Listening to Our Communities

Conservationists have been overwhelmed and confused by the severe bushfires destruction. This has led to many leaving farms in despair.

Although the mining sector employs only 2-3% of the Australian workforce, mine closures would have a disastrous effect on some communities. Whether planned by governments or not, a transition away from a carbon-based economy is already underway. It is essential that we include in our transition away from extractive industries a concern for the future of communities reliant on mining.

Our "interference with the intricate balance of natural ecosystems" is contributing to the outbreak and spread of zoonotic diseases caused by pathogens jumping from animals to humans. Nearly 70% of such infections are linked to human environmental changes such as extensive destruction of east coast forests and unsustainable land clearing for new housing estates and other projects.

Pope Francis considers the Covid-19 crisis as a possible way to a new future if we recognise and foster the ties that bind us and all things together.

**If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church



[www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## Prayer Website

Pray as you go (<https://pray-as-you-go.org>) is a great website to access daily prays. If you click on the day of the week, there will be an audio file for you to listen to the prayer of the day.

## Natural Fertility Awareness Week 23-29 August 2021

Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme **Tracking Fertility: Tracking Health.**

Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/>

## St Vincent de Paul Society— Support Centre

While some of our critical outreach services are unable to get out within the communities to provide their usual support, we've been finding new ways to ensure help is there for those who need it.

Our staff and volunteers have recently distributed 130 hampers through a range of services, Help is here for those who need it right now, to find out more about what support is available head to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/NSW/COVID-19\\_Support/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/NSW/COVID-19_Support/)

## Vinnies Community Sleepout is going virtual!

Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2021 6:00pm

Venue: At home in your car, backyard or couch

Event Coordinator: Janice Stokes | [janice.stokes@vinnies.org.au](mailto:janice.stokes@vinnies.org.au)

Bring: We invite you to bring your warm clothes, a sleeping bag/swag and join us to raise much needed funds and awareness of homelessness

Donate, register or sponsor a participant to help us change lives and help shape a more just and compassionate society.

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-central-coast-region-2021/>

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 23 August**  
**St Rose of Lima**  
9:15am Mass—

**Tuesday 24 August**  
**St Bartholomew**  
9:15am Mass—

**Wednesday 25 August**  
**St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz**  
7:30am Mass—  
9:15am Mass—

**Thursday 26 August**  
9:15am Mass—

**Friday 27 August**  
**St Monica**  
9:15am Mass—

**Saturday 28 August**  
**St Augustine**  
4pm Reconciliation  
5pm Mass

**Sunday 29 August**  
8am Mass  
9:15am Livestreaming Mass  
10am Mass  
5pm Mass

## Return and Earn

Please leave the containers for recycling near the recycling bins and Steve Rolls will sort them out. Just collect them in a plastic bag, or a container of any description and either drop them at the church or give Steve a call, 0427 401 666, and he can pick them up from you.



## Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: **Tell a friend or family member that you are glad to have your faith in difficult times.**

## Coronavirus restrictions

**All public Masses have been suspended** until 28 August. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted during the Stay at Home Order.

The **Church is closed** to the public and is not available for private prayer.

**Baptism** have been postponed until further noticed.

**Weddings** are not permitted to take place.

**Funerals** maybe celebrated with a limit 10 people including the celebrant.

**Please remember our sick:** Ken White, Anne Firmstone, Anne Byrne, Con Pantos, David Caire, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Jean Ganly, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Terry Quinnell, Deborah Dickerson, Anthony Attard, George Radacic, Alekuty Joseph, Joseph Buhagier, Therese Ann Hardman, Richard Murphy, Sira Raveane, Maryanne Xuerub.

**Mass Intentions:** Brandi & Jessica Lozario, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Dulce Gica, Frank Filciotto, Leanne Portman, Maria & Edward, Anna Ison.



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hid in him shall not be condemned. **R**

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### Second Reading

St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body-and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Your words, Lord, are the Spirit and life:  
You have the words of everlasting life

*Alleluia*

### Gospel

John 6:60-69

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.