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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 23RD AUGUST 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Is 22:19-23;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Response:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake
the work of your hands.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my church the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, **"Who do you say I am?"** Peter responds with faith, recognising Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. This question is also addressed to each of us. Our faith is not simply about knowing *about* Jesus, but about knowing Him personally and allowing Him to shape the way we live.

Jesus calls Peter the rock upon which He will build His Church, reminding us that Christ continues to guide and strengthen His Church through the faith of His people. May we have the courage to profess our faith in Christ, not only with our words, but through our love, service and witness to others.

Lord Jesus, deepen our faith in You and help us to be faithful witnesses to Your love in our families, our parish and our community.

Santa Maria Feast Day

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended the Santa Maria celebration last Sunday. We hope you enjoyed this special celebration and the festivities.

During the fireworks display, between approximately 5:30 pm and 6:10 pm, several items that had been placed in a black garbage bag went missing from the back meeting room.

The missing items include:

2 blue ropes; 17 pairs of gloves; 1 blue top and 5 sachets

If you accidentally picked up the bag or any of these items, could you please return them to the Parish Office or the Church at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us locate these items. Thank you.

RCIA Program

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic?

Beginning **Thursday, 8 October at 7:00 pm in the Church**, our parish will commence the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** program.

RCIA is a journey of faith and formation for adults aged **16 years and over** who are interested in becoming Catholic.

It provides an opportunity to learn about the teachings, traditions and Sacraments of the Catholic Church, while deepening one's relationship with Jesus Christ and discovering what it means to live as a member of the Catholic community.

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic yourself, or know someone who may be interested, you are warmly invited to join us on this journey of faith.

For more information or to register for the program please contact the Parish Office via email or phone.

We look forward to welcoming you and accompanying you on this special journey towards faith and belonging in the Catholic Church.

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 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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Salesian Thought

Grace is so gracious
that she in no way
offends the liberty of
our will.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book
2, Chapter 12)

Memorial Wall Plaques

Parishioners wishing to dedicate a memorial plaque in honour of a loved one can now make payment via direct bank transfer using the details below, or by scanning the QR code and selecting **6. Memorial Plaque**.



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

Reference: Plaque & Surname
Cost: \$100 per plaque

Once payment has been made, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following information:

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

To ensure the plaques are ready for the **Commemoration of All Souls' Day** in November, we kindly ask that all requests and payments be submitted by **30 September**.

Thank you for helping us honour and remember our departed loved ones in this special and lasting way.



Ricky Li
Registered NDIS provider
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Rosary Prayer Group



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

SEPTEMBER 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 3rd and 17th 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 welcome.

Diocese Podcast



The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched **Around the Bay**, a new podcast sharing the faith journeys, ministries and experiences of people from across our Diocese, including clergy, religious and lay people.

The podcast explores faith, parish life and issues affecting our community, with conversations featuring people from education, business, charities, volunteering and other areas.

The first episode features **Very Rev Dr David Ranson**, Diocesan Administrator, reflecting on his journey of faith, priesthood and parish life, as well as the challenges and opportunities facing the Church today.

New episodes will be released every three to four weeks in both audio and video formats on **Spotify and YouTube**.

The first episode, released on 14 August, is available now.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 24 August

St Bartholomew

Tuesday 25 August

Wednesday 26 August

Thursday 27 August

St Monica

Friday 28 August

St Augustine

Saturday 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$61.50



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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Please remember our sick: Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Dorothy McGinlay, Darrell Travers, Kenneth Grigg, Willibrordus Laka, Wilhelmina Seki, Salmen Damanik, Maureen Hassan, Charlie Spiteri, Jolly, Ronald Wright, Eliezer Degan.

Recently Deceased: Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo, Jenny Paul, Pat Pate.





CATHOLIC
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St Carlo Acutis

MAJOR RELIC PILGRIMAGE

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3 - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 2026



THURSDAY 3 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 6pm ● Vespers & Welcome
- 7pm ● Mass. Bishop David Walker's 30th Episcopal Anniversary with Hospitality

FRIDAY 4 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- School Visit - St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga
- School Visit - St Augustine's College, Sydney
- 6:30pm ● Young Adult Event - Parish
- 24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration - Parish

SATURDAY 5 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 9am ● Mass
- 9:30am ● Rosary & Adoration
Public Veneration of the Relic Harrington Hall exhibition
- 7pm ● Holy Hour of Sacred Music

SUNDAY 6 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am ● Morning Masses
- 12pm ● Filipino Mass

SUNDAY 6 SEP St Patrick's, East Gosford

- 6pm ● Mass
- 7pm-8.45pm ● Prayer Vigil with Youth - Parish
- 6pm-9pm ● Exhibition in the Jordan Room - Parish

MONDAY 7 SEP St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale

- Schools Visit - St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah
- School Visit - MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale
- 7pm ● Evening Prayer and Veneration of Relic - Parish

TUESDAY 8 SEP St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale

- 9am ● Mass
- School Visit - St Brigid's, Lake Munmorah

Invoking Self-Discovery



25 – 27 SEP 2026
\$550 incl GST



This will be a time for growth and transformation through developing understandings of and engaging in experiences for self-discovery. There will be opportunities to invoke personal freeing and harmony in relationships. You'll appreciate more your gifts and the giftedness of others. Allow yourself to be open to the wisdom within by being with emotional realities, and engaging in poetry, gentle movement, relaxation, meditation and music– all for your wellbeing. There will be space for personal reflection in tranquil surrounds.

Vicki Hancock

Vicki is passionate about nurturing people to well-being and inner wisdom through offering experiential reflective retreats. She has experience and qualifications in meditation, relaxation, movement, mindfulness, contemplation, imagery, soul collage and teaching. She's a practising spiritual director who is committed to her own spiritual journey.



 **Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre**
Central Coast

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MBB FORMATION DAY:

Martha & Mary

MINISTRY OF WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY FOR PARISHES

Saturday 1 August

9:30am

Caroline Chisholm Centre,
2/423 Pennant Hills Road

OR

Saturday 22 August

9:30am

Ambrose Centre,
12 Ashton Ave, The Entrance



Formation Day: “Martha and Mary: A Ministry of Welcome and Hospitality for Parishes

Date: Saturday, 22 August 2026

Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Ambrose Centre, The Entrance

Click [here](#) to register

Filipino Chaplaincy Cultural Showcase 2026

Celebrate faith, culture and community with us!

You are warmly invited to join the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay as we celebrate the **40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay**, the **7th Anniversary of the Filipino Chaplaincy**, and the **Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz and St Pedro Calungsod**.

The celebration begins with the **11:00 am Anniversary Mass** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara**, followed by a **free Filipino lunch** and the **Filipino Cultural Showcase** at the **Light of Christ Centre**. Enjoy vibrant performances by our five Filipino communities, live music, fellowship, and a grand raffle draw with fantastic prizes.

Everyone is welcome—parishioners, families, friends and members of the wider community.

Admission is free; however, all attendees are required to register through Humanitix to receive a free entry ticket. Your ticket helps us manage venue capacity and prepare enough food for everyone. Register early to secure your free ticket.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you. Come dressed in your **Filipiniana or Barong** and bring your family and friends!

Support Our Chaplaincy Raffle

Help support the charitable works of the Filipino Chaplaincy by purchasing raffle tickets. **Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 per booklet of 10**, with fantastic prizes to be won, including a **return airfare to Manila**. Raffle tickets are available through your local Filipino Chaplaincy community or parish representatives.

[Click here to register](#) or via the QR code below



Saint Pedro Calungsod +

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz +

Filipino Chaplaincy

Cultural Showcase

40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay
Celebrating 7 Years of Filipino Chaplaincy

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2026
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

+ Holy Mass
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

+ Lunch & Cultural Presentations
12:15 PM – 3:30 PM
Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara

+ Cultural Performance
+ Live Music
+ Raffle Draw
+ Grand Finale Dance

Entry: Free • Lunch: Free

Contact: Deacon Roberto Corpuz
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Fundraising Purposes: Support local and overseas charitable groups.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the works of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal
discard not the work of your hands.

R.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.