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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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD JULY 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

Response:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have revealed to little
ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly—23 July

Pope Francis instituted the Day in 2021 to be held the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The Pope has chosen this year's theme "His mercy if from age to age" (Lk 1:50), which he recalled, takes us back to the joyful meeting between Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (Lk1:39-56). The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon Mary, prompting her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. The message from the Holy Father connects to the celebration of World Youth Day in August. His message encourages us to create bonds between the young and the older.

PWBB—End of Financial Year

Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and supports towards the Pastoral Works, Broken Bay appeals during year. End of financial year receipts for parishioners who donated to the PWBB are available in the breeze-way of the church.

World Youth Day 2023



Please continue to keep our Seminarian Shayne, all the staff and students of MacKillop Catholic College in your prayers the embark on their pilgrimage for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

Baptismal Dresses / Suits



Thank you to Gayle Caulfield who generously offered to clean and restore a number of baptism outfits that have been in storage in the parish. These gowns are new and were donated to us.

The dresses and suits are now available for purchase through the piety stall. Please contact the parish office if you would like to purchase or look at these dresses and suits for your child's upcoming baptism.

MacKillop Parish 20th Anniversary Mass 16/11



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish will be celebrating our 20th anniversary on Thursday 16th November with Mass at 6:30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcomed to join us for Mass.

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 Josephs Mens 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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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

Santa Maria Feast day

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee would like to invite all parishioners to help celebrate the feast of Santa Maria on **Sunday 13th August** in our parish. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm followed by a procession at 4pm with benediction after. There will be a fireworks display at 6pm.

Please note there will be NO 5pm Mass on this day.

New Counting Rosters

Are available in the breezeway for collection.

Salesian Thought

God looks at the intention of the heart rather than the gifts He is offered.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XV, 9)

Catechist Corner

CATECHISTS HELPERS WANTED

Is Jesus calling you to "Come and see" (John 1:39)



What it would be like to become a Catechist or helper

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAY YES AND JOIN OUR MISSION

CCD are running another Ministry Induction Course for new Catechists or helpers. The Course starts on Monday, 31st July. For more information and course details please contact Kerrie Deder, 0402815633.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion parent enrolment and information evening will be held on **Tuesday 1st August at 7pm in the school staff room**. It is essential that at least one parent come to this session to enroll their child and collect the information.

First Holy Communion classes commence on Sunday 13th August during 10am Mass, and continue on 20th August, 27th August and 10th September (with a practice after the last session after Mass).

First Holy Communion will be *celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon*.

Please contact the parish office via email or phone if you have any questions.

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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 24 July
St Sharbel

Tuesday 25 July
St James

Wednesday 26 July
St Joachim and Anne,
parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 27 July

Friday 28 July

Saturday 29 July
St Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Sunday 30 July

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$45.90

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!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

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Please remember our sick: Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen, Oscar Allen, Ursula Paul.

Anniversaries: Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph, Paul Mifsud, Andrew Fenech, Dulce Gica, Frank Feliciotto.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall, Rose Kinney, Dawn Bruce, Stephen Callaghan.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

You will grant repentance after sin
There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Let them both grow till the harvest

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man.

The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels.

Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

The Gospel of the Lord.