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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

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 JANUARY 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Neh 8:2-6, 8-10;  
1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Response:**  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to  
the poor and freedom to prisoners.

**Alleluia!**

### Parish Consultation Invitation

This weekend we begin Phase 2 of the Pastoral Discernment Central Coast project. We will discuss the questionnaire handed out last weekend for first theme:

**Participation in Mission.** We want your views on how we can give God thanks for the way in which the Spirit is at work in the life of our parish and to consider new possibilities for both the growth and future of the region.

Our community ideas will be compiled into our parish's submission to the Bishop. We would like to invite you to attend at 9am on Sunday 27 March in our Church for a summary of our parish's proposed submission.

If you can't make the parish listening and dialogue sessions, visit [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdccc](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdccc) to submit your individual submission. For more details contact Fr Philip or Khiara ([khiara.cummings7@gmail.com](mailto:khiara.cummings7@gmail.com))

### Feast of St Francis de Sales 24/1

The heavenly patron of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sale to which Fr. Philip Thottam belongs. He was the Bishop of Geneva, a man ahead of his time and already in early 1600 he spoke of universal call to holiness. Well known for his spiritual directions and teachings. *Introduction to Devout Life, Treatise on the Love of God*, are his spiritual classics.

### Farewell Kate

Kate Clark is following a long term dream to work in the fitness industry. As Kate moves on with her new project the parish community thanks her for her dedicated service to our parish office. Kate started work here in 2016 and has served the parish for the last 5 and a half years. Her last day at the office will be 28 January 2022. We wish Kate all the very best and blessings for her undertaking. We will miss Kate at the office, however we still see her as she continues as a parishioner and a volunteer.

Kim McCarthy is appointed as the parish secretary from Tuesday to Friday 8:30 to 3pm

### Memorial Mass

We pray for the departed soul of Fr Manoj Manuel who died on 18 January whilst on holidays in India. He worked as the assistant priest at Hornsby parish until 31 December 2021 Bishop Anthony will celebrate a memorial mass on 28 January at 11am at the Hornsby cathedral at Waitara. All welcome

### Children's Liturgy

Held with 10am Mass is returning on Sunday 30th January 2022.

**Happy Australia Day- Wednesday  
26th January**



### 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 - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am  
**1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am**

### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

### 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

### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

### Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

### Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm  
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am  
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.

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

## Feast of St John Bosco 31/1

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the members of the "Maltese Past Pupils & Friends of Don Bosco's Association" are unable to celebrate the feast of their Patron Saint at the parish of Horsley Park as they annually do.

Instead, Fr Carmelo, their Spiritual Companion, will offer Mass in honour of the saint in our parish on the coming **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00 pm** (This will be the normal parish Mass)

The Mass will be streamed on Facebook page "*St Mary of the Cross Parish, Warnervale*", so that members throughout Sydney and beyond can participate together.

## Air Conditioning

We have been feeling the cool comfort and warmth of the new air conditioning system which has been a great addition to our church. The system cost \$36,000. If any parishioners would like to make a donation towards this cost to help the parish, it would be most gratefully received. Thank you to several people who have donated.

Account details: Warnervale Parish,  
BSB 062 784  
A/c no: 10000 5628  
Ref: Air Con

How Beautiful are the Feet of  
Those Who Bring Good News

Romans 10:14-21

A Humble task, yet a great privilege

## SHARING GOD'S LIGHT

A Gift in your Will  
Or  
A Gift in Memory

By leaving a Gift in your Will, or by honouring the memory of a loved one, you are supporting your family of faith. Bequest booklets with more information in the church foyer.

## Social Justice

### The Economy of Francesco

By calling us to a humbler, more sustainable way of living, our ecological conversion entails an economic conversion. Pope Francis advocates a "*circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them*".

In a key youth- focused initiative, Pope Francis reached out to young economists, entrepreneurs, and changemakers. He invited them to an event in Assisi to promote a different type of economy in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi and Laudato Si. Due to the pandemic, the event- called the economy of Francesco- was eventually held online in November 2020. Now the economy of Francesco has become a community, bound together by a common commitment to promote a better economy.

At the same time, the Vatican COVID-19 Commission is working through a variety of task forces and working groups to prepare practical proposals that bring the integral approach of Laudato Si to life.

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

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### Counting Rosters

Are available in the breezeway.

Thank you to our counters for donating your time to help the parish.



### Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: ***Share with somebody how the parish has welcomed you into the church community.***

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 24 January**  
**St Francis de Sales**

**Tuesday 25 January**  
**The Conversion of St Paul**

**Wednesday 26 January**  
**Australia Day**  
**No 7:30am Mass**

**Thursday 27 January**

**Friday 28 January**  
**St Thomas Aquinas**

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January



### True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering religious discrimination and persecution, may their own rights and dignity be recognized which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$86.10**

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.  
Please place glass the crates. Cans and Bottles must have the 10c refund logo.



## Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been reinstated. There are no density limits within the church.

Social Distancing is recommended

Face masks are mandatory particularly when social distancing is not possible.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church

Please continue to use **hand sanitiser**.

If you or any family member are feeling any cold or flu like symptoms **please stay at home**.

**Please remember our sick:** Ian Okon, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings, Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru, Chris Cleary, Trinidad, Alberta, Genina, Clive & Family, Alex Robinson, Sue Lauder, Michael McQueen, Michael McQueen (Snr), Peter Larkin,

**Mass Intentions:** Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario.



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### First Reading

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

**They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8-10,15

**Your woods, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
It revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted  
It gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
They gladden the heart,  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
It gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy  
Abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
And all of them just. **R**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
The thoughts of my heart,  
Win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
My rescuer, my rock! **R**

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## Second Reading

1 Cor 12:12-30

### **Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

**Alleluia**

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**Gospel**

**Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

## **The scriptures were fulfilled on this day**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives  
and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.