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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 24TH AUGUST 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Is 66:18-21 ;
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Response:
Go out to all the world;
and tell the Good News

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord; no one comes to the Father,
except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, teaching with a parable about the "narrow door." The Kingdom of God, like the mustard seed and the yeast, brings unexpected reversals: many who presume they belong may find themselves outside, while others from far and wide will be welcomed to the banquet of God's Kingdom. The parable is a prophetic call to repentance and faithfulness, reminding us that entry requires more than mere association it demands genuine commitment to Christ.

New Weekly Mailout

Only 1 week remains to register for our weekly parish mail-out before we move to our new PACEM system.



Please scan the QR code to complete your registration. Mailchimp will be deactivated on 30 August, and from September all updates will be sent via PACEM. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition.

Clergy Retreat Fr Philip & Fr Joshi away

Fr Philip and Fr Joshi will be away on clergy retreat from Tuesday, 26th August to Friday, 29th August. Please keep them in your prayers during this time. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Carmelo throughout the week.

Funeral for Shannon Murray

The Funeral Mass for Shannon Murray will be celebrated in our Parish on Monday, 1st September 2025 at 10:30am. We hold Shannon and her family in our prayers, asking God to grant them comfort and strength during this time of loss.

Homelessness Appeal

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who have already contributed to the CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal. If you would still like to make a donation, envelopes are available at the back of the Church, on each pew, and can be placed in any collection point or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Online donations can also be made at <https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate/>.

Santa Maria Festival

Congratulations to Charlie and the Central Coast Santa Maria Festa Committee, for the wonderful festival of faith last Sunday A big **Thank You** to Martin and the Choir for continuing to have beautiful music and singing at our masses. Many thanks for all the hard work and the faith of our Maltese-Australians.

Monthly Youth Mass & BBQ

We will be having our monthly Youth Mass this **Sunday 24th August at 5pm** Mass followed by a sausage sizzle. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.

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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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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

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Salesian Thought

Charity is the root, the source of all a person's holiness; it gives virtues their value, in such a way as not to deprive them of their own individual value, of the perfection natural to each one.
(Treatise on the Love of God, Bk. 11, Ch. 5)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings for the month of **September** will be on **Thursday 4th and 18th** at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome to come.

Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and guardians participating in Church services of the importance of accompanying children to the toilets before, during, or after Mass. This practice is crucial for the safety of all parishioners, particularly children. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

After the Honeymoon

The Parish and Marriage Resource Centre has launched a program for newlywed couples to accompany them during the first year of marriage. Dispatched every two weeks for a year, **Smart Loving Newlywed Date Nites** is brimming with inspiration, tips and practical tools. Couples can subscribe for **FREE** at www.smartloving.org/newlywed

Jubilee Year—Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis – Saturday, 6th September.

Our pilgrimage to the Shrines continues with a special visit to Chatswood Parish and the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis on **Saturday, 6th September.** The visit will include the celebration of **Mass**, as we prayerfully anticipate Blessed Carlo's upcoming canonisation.

Participants are asked to meet in the parish carpark at 7:15am for a prompt 7:30am departure. A **sign-up sheet** is available at the back of the church. Please include your **name, contact number**, and indicate whether you are able to offer or require a lift to assist with carpooling arrangements. We warmly invite you to be part of this meaningful day of **prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.**

Parish Collections

1st Collection: Contributions support the Clergy Remuneration Fund, providing financial aid to our priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the parish's operational management. Donations made through our tap-and-go terminals also go towards the 2nd collection.

PWBB: The Pastoral Works Broken Bay provides funding for charities that directly support the people of our Diocese. **Please note** that only PWBB donations are tax deductible.



You can also donate by scanning the QR code for secure online payments.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 25 August

Tuesday 26 August

Wednesday 27 August

St Monica

Thursday 28 August

St Augustine

Friday 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

Saturday 30 August



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Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$65.80



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fund-raising 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!

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Please remember our sick: Ivan Dzido, Bill McGuinness, Barry Bateson, Ken Grigg, Olivia Curtis, Ruby Huerto, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Pili Menardo Leal, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Joyce Nord, T.D Varghese, Darrell Travers, Terence McBride OCDS, Dorothy McGinlay, Gladys De Lange, Thomas Kavanattu, Stanley Nolan, Aleykutty Joseph, Maureen Hassan.

Recently Deceased: Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Praveen Thomas, Eliamma Chacko, Ronald (Royce) Wright, Emmanuel Francis, Tonci Kalebic, Adam Death, Lissy Thankachan.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Go out to all the word;
and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all your peoples!

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Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.