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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Acts 2:1-11;
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Response:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Reflection

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the disciples, filling them with courage, wisdom, and zeal to proclaim the Good News. The same Holy Spirit is alive and active in us today. In moments of uncertainty, fear, or weakness, the Spirit strengthens and guides us. As we celebrate Pentecost, may we open our hearts anew to the Holy Spirit and allow His gifts to renew our families, our parish, and our world.

Understand the Church Sacred Space in the Church

In the Catholic tradition, a sacred space is more than a meeting place; it is the "House of God" and a visible sign of the Church on earth, designed to draw people into an encounter with God through prayer, art, architecture, and liturgy.

2. Key Elements of the Sacred Interior

The layout of a Catholic church is intentionally designed to lead the eye and the heart toward the "Sanctuary", the most holy part of the building.

The Altar: The focal point of the church. It represents both the table of the Last Supper and the place of sacrifice (Calvary).

The Tabernacle: A secure, ornate box where the Consecrated Host (the Body of Christ) is kept. A "Sanctuary Lamp" burns nearby to signal His presence.

Crucifix: A reminder of the ultimate redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ

symbolizing his suffering and death that saved humanity from Sin.

The Ambo: The lectern from which the Word of God is proclaimed.

The Baptismal Font: Usually near the entrance, symbolizing that Baptism is the "gateway" to the life of grace.

Confessional: A private space for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, emphasizing God's mercy.

The Ambry: Holds three distinct vessels, each containing oil blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass. **Oleum Infirmorum (OI), the Oil of the Sick,** used for the anointing of the sick. **Oleum Sanctum(OC), the Oil of Catechumens** is used for those preparing for Baptism. **Sacrum Chrisma (SC), Sacred Chrism** is a mixture of olive oil and balsam used for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders.

Stations of the Cross: 14 images along the walls that allow the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through the Passion of Christ.

Relics: Catholic altars often contain a small relic (a piece of a bone or clothing) of a Saint, connecting the local community to the "Communion of Saints" across time.

Statues of Saints: They depict real historical people who lived holy lives, serving as role models for faith and virtue, and are enjoying presence of God in heaven. They are the triumphant church continuing to intercede for us, pilgrim people.

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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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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

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office will be unattended on Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May 2026.

For any urgent matters during this time, please contact the parish mobile on 0423 279 263. Alternatively, you may email the Parish Office, and messages will be attended to when the office reopens on Tuesday 2 June.

Eucharistic Ministers & Senior Servers

Fr Philip *invites all Eucharistic Ministers, and Senior Servers*, to a Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday May 30th at 9.15am to celebrate the re-introduction of Eucharistic Ministers and to give ministers a special blessing for partaking in this ministry. Senior Servers have also been invited in recognition of their role in this ministry.

After Mass it is planned to have a brief meeting to review procedures and to deal with any questions any ministers may have, followed by tea & coffee.

Please contact Michael Goodway on 0418 294034 or via email at michaelgoodway33@outlook.com to

Rosary Prayer Group



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

June 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 11th and 25th June 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 most welcome to attend.



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St Vincent de Paul

Please note that as of Wednesday, 20th May, the St Vincent de Paul clothing donation bin located near the Church gate has been removed.

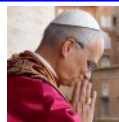
The closest St Vincent de Paul donation bin is now located at the St Vincent de Paul Shop, 47 Howarth Street, Wyong NSW 2259, behind the train station.

Holy Shroud Exhibition

From 7–14 June, St Mary's Church will host a replica of the Shroud of Turin and replicas of the instruments of the Passion, presented by Aid to the Church in Need.

A highlight of the week will be *Decoding the Shroud*, a presentation by Shroud expert Francine Pirola on Monday 8 June from 3:00–5:00pm. Tickets are \$5.

For bookings and information: [Try-Booking Event Page](#) or [That Catholic Shop – Holy Shroud Exhibition](#) For further information, please visit www.thatcatholicshop.com/holyshroud.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for MAY

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Salesian Thought

Have patience with all the world, but first of all with yourself.

(Letters to Persons in the World, VI, 17)



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 25 May
Our Lady Help of Christians
Tuesday 26 May
St Philip Neri
Wednesday 27 May
Thursday 28 May
Friday 29 May
Saturday 30 May
Sunday 31 May
The Most Holy Trinity

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$58.20



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!

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Anniversaries: Finn McConnon, Donald Hacker, Grahame Lesha, Father Tony Reynolds, and Charles Firmstone, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Dinoi Scania, Cecil Robert.

Recently Deceased: Roslyn Smith, Antonio (Tony) Macapagal, Angela Polito, Fr David Taylor, Emmanuel De Battista, Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait, Lynette Desforges.



Pentecost Sunday, Year A

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

Second Reading

First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

As the Father send me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.