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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*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27;
Mt 20:1-16

Response:

The Lord is near to
all who call him.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Reflection

‘My ways are above your ways.’ Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal sone, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

Wood panel on Alter

We are excited to share with you an opportunity to enhance the beauty and solemnity of our sacred space. Our beloved church's altar is the heart of our worship, and we are initiating a special project to adorn it with a magnificent wood panel on the concrete columns that will elevate our worship experience.

We kindly request your support in making this project a reality. Your generous donations will help us acquire the wood panel and ensure its expert installation. Every contribution, no matter the size, will be a vital part of this effort. The total cost is \$8,250. Donations can be made via our account; Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, BSB: 062 784, Account no: 10000 5628, or money placed in an envelope marked with Alter donation. Your generosity will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

20th Anniversary Dinner



We are delighted to invite you to a joyous and momentous occasion as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish's founding! Over the past two decades, we have grown together as a loving and vibrant community, and it is only fitting that we come together for a grand celebration on Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall. Tickets are available through try booking at www.trybooking.com/CLVWE. Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free. Tickets will be open from 24th September to 10th November

Fr Philip Holidays

Fr Philip will be taking some leave from Monday 25th September to Saturday 28th October to visit family and friends in India. While he is on leave we will have Fr Baby from Toukley Parish with us at Warnervale Parish. Please keep Fr Philip in your prayers for his travels.

Congratulations Year 12

The Year 12 students had a wonderful Mass and graduation ceremony last Wednesday as they officially finish school to prepare for their HSC. Please pray for our year 12 students as they start preparing for their HSC commencing 11th October.

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 Joseph's Men's 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

Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

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Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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

Trivia Night—October

Next event is **Saturday 7th October starting 6:30pm** at MacKillop College Hall. Tickets are \$7 per person. For more info or to book call Bill on 0412 051 839 or visit mactrivia.com.au



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Daylight Savings



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight savings starts next Sunday 1st October 2023. REMEMBER to turn your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed.

School Holidays

School holidays commences Monday 25th September to Friday 6th October.

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:00pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

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Catechist Corner



Amelia Wenn, Christine Sassine
Paul Kelly and Glenn D'Cruz

On your achievement of completing the CCD Ministry Induction Course and thank you for your commitment to Special Religious Education and the children you teach.

Next Catechists Meeting: Monday, 16th October, 10.30am, meeting room in the Church. Anyone thinking of becoming part of our ministry is welcome to attend.

Share the joy: Dare to be a Catechist or an Assistant in 2024.

Enquiries: Kerrie Dedera, Coordinator, 0402815633

Volunteers Needed



We require some volunteers to help out for a month (between 20th September to end of October), while Michael is on holidays. If you are able to help either weekly or fortnightly please contact the parish office on 8379 1740.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

The prayer meetings for **September will be on Thursday evening 28th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 25 September

Tuesday 26 September

St Cosmas
St Damian

Wednesday 27 September

St Vincent de Paul

Thursday 28 September

St Wenceslaus
St Lawrence Ruiz

Friday 29 September

St Michael, archangel
St Gabriel, archangel
St Raphael, archangel

Saturday 30 September

St Jerome

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$90.80

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!



Salesian Thought

Take my word for it, true virtue is not produced by outward repose, any more than healthy fish are raised in the stagnant waters of swamps.

(Letter to Madame de Cornillon)



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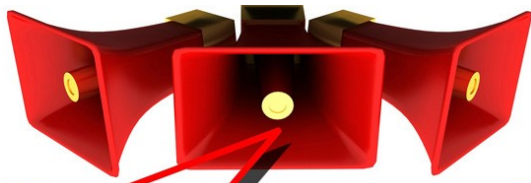
Please remember our sick: Joel Diaz, Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen.

Anniversaries: Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Josephen Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.



Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish



CALLING FORTH CATECHISTS



Catechists participate in the ministry bringing the message of God's kingdom to Catholic students who attend public schools. Catechists provide Catholic Special Religious Education, also known as Scripture, to children attending Warnervale Public School and Woongarra Public School in 30-minute weekly lessons.

Our Parish currently has 4 Catechists and 3 Assistants. We are also blessed to have the help of Brother Shayne and our Regional CCD Director, without whose help we would be short teachers for a Year 5 class, a combined Year 1 & 2 class and a combined Year 3 and 4 class.

For the 2024 school year it's estimated that we will be short 3 teachers and assistants to help them.

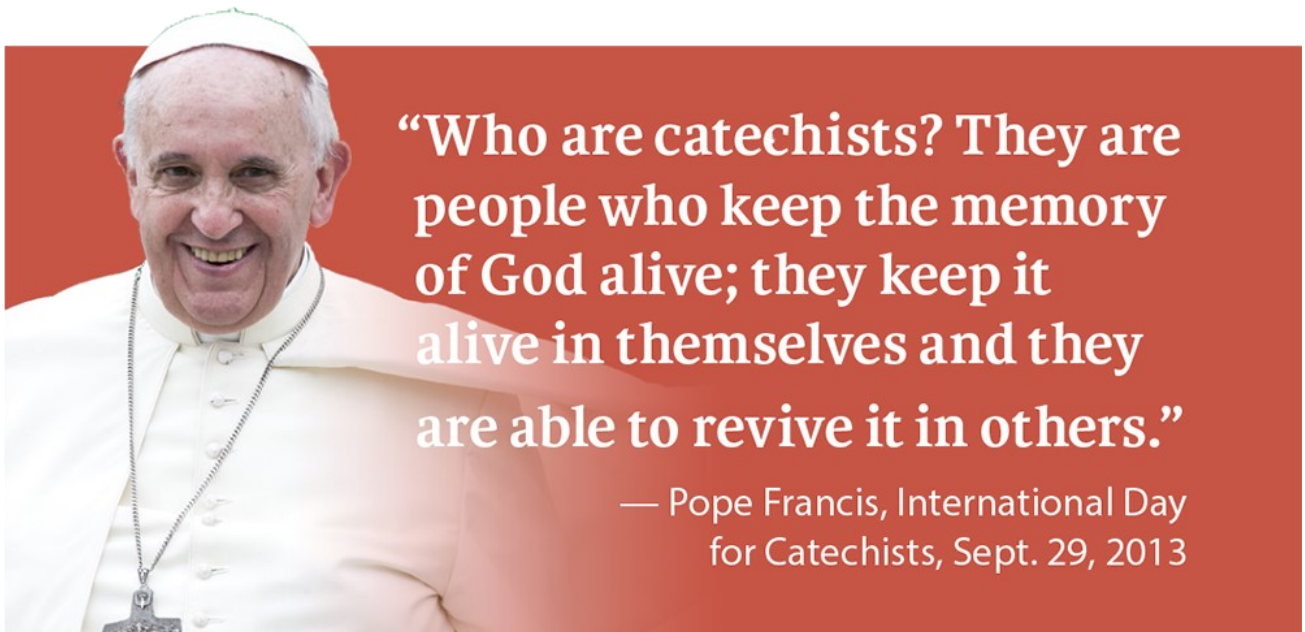
There are around 200 Catholic children who receive SRE from our Parish Catechists. We have other schools in our Parish where the children are unable to receive their religious education due to our low numbers. From next term at Warnervale School due to the large number of Catholic children in the class the year 3 and year 4 students will be receiving fortnightly lessons.

The programme we use, is *Walking With Jesus*, has been approved by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Our Teacher's Manuals contain easy to follow lesson plans with specially designed PowerPoints to support each lesson.

The necessary training to obtain full authorisation to teach the *Walking With Jesus* programme is provided free of charge. This training is provided via Zoom which means you can complete it at home. If you are unable to manage Zoom don't worry we are here to help. The Catechists in our Parish undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and forming them in the Catholic faith.

If you have ever thought about becoming a Catechist or an assistant, now is a good time to respond so as to be ready to start as a helper in a class for next year.

Please contact: Kerrie Deder, Catechist Coordinator 0402815633.



“Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.”

— Pope Francis, International Day for Catechists, Sept. 29, 2013

Mary's Faithful Wardrobe

MacKillop Catholic College and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish are starting an initiative to help families where pre-loved sacramental dresses and outfits find a new purpose.

Do you have used Sacramental outfit that are no longer needed? Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of those in our community who are preparing for their Sacrament.

Consider donating your outfits to spread joy and blessings:

Accepting Donations Of:

- Communion Dresses for Girls
- Confirmation Dresses for Girls
- Suits and Accessories for Boys

Why Donate:

1. **Make a Difference:** Your donation can help a child or family in need celebrate this sacred milestone.
2. **Spread Love:** Share the joy of your Sacramental day with others in the community.
3. **Reduce Waste:** Give these special outfits a second life, promoting sustainability.

Drop-off Location: Donations can be handed to the Parish office during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm) or by contacting Lucy Marien (Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator) on 7256 2116.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
MACKILLOP
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Donations Needed

Mary's Faithful Wardrobe

Mary's Faithful Wardrobe is a new initiative where preloved sacramental dresses and outfits find a new purpose. We collect these beautiful garments from generous donors and, in the spirit of faith and community, lend them to families that may need one for their special day. We understand that some families face different challenges, making it difficult to afford these special garments. This is why we offer a borrowing system, ensuring that no child misses out on these significant moments.

If you have a garment that you would like to donate, please contact either Lucy Marien (PEC at MacKillop) lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au or Kim McCarthy (Parish Secretary) warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

We sincerely appreciate your generosity, and with your support, we aim to make many children feel exceptionally special in the future.

Thank you!

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,

his greatness cannot be measured.

R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

R.

The Lord is just in all his ways

and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,

who call on him for their hearts.

R.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.