



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*

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

*Mary, you will give birth to a son and
you must name him Jesus.
I bring you news of great joy.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt
among us.*



A happy and a holy Christmas to everyone! Thank you for coming to Mass as part of your Christmas celebrations. What a great way to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Enjoy the rest of the celebrations with your family and friends.

A special welcome to visitors to our parish. Thanks for joining us and adding to our celebrations.

To our regular parishioners, thank you for all you have contributed to the parish through-out the year. Especially thanks to all who have been part of preparing the parish for our Christmas celebrations.

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am Mass. 9:15am Mass will continue until 15th February. Mass will then be celebrated at 8:45am, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner.

Thank you



To everyone who assisted us in preparing for Christmas in the parish—cleaning and decorating the church, preparing rosters, preparing and organising liturgies, readings, serving, preparing and leading the music, preparing powerpoint slides, doing the clicker, taking up and counting the collections. The parish would not be able to function without you. Blessings to you and may the light of Christ shine upon you and your families.

Café Roof—Thank you

Thank you to Chris Galea of Spanner and Hammer Handyman Services for putting up the roof over the café area. It is now an enclosed space for all weather types. Also a big Thank you to all our very generous parishioners who donated money, brought raffle tickets and attended the multi-cultural night to help raise the funds needed to put the roof on.



Fr Philip away

Fr Philip will be away from the parish from Monday 26th December and will be back on Friday 30th December. Fr Carmelo will celebrate morning Mass on those days. Thank you to Fr Carmelo for stepping in while Fr Philip is away so we can continue to have morning Mass.

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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 - Sat 9.15am
1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

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

RCIA/Faith Renewal

~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doyle

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syrio-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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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

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

The year of St. Francis de Sales

When God calls anyone to Christianity, He obliges Himself to furnish him with all that is required for being a good Christian.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V, 8)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not for Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish. You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish
BSB: 062 784

Account no: 10000 5628

Thank you for your generous contribution

Young People becoming Catholic (RCIC)

If you wish for your child/ren to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) course in the church in 2023.

Lessons will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 28th** - at **3pm**. The children will then celebrate their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night 9 April 2023. For more information or to register please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email.

Christmas Lunch a Meal to Remember

Christmas is here.

Whatever the rush, the tension, the money worries and work hassles, Christmas is here and there's only one thing to do: **MAKE THE MOST OF IT!**

The setting. A few visual effects can create an atmosphere of family belonging. A wall collage of family photos is a talking point as people peruse it before lunch and say 'Remember when....' some families make a 'fridge list of all the positive family happenings throughout the year which people add to throughout the day. **Tell stories.** Keep alive your family identity and traditions with stories –true or tall— about your ancestors. **Pray together.** A simple prayer of thanksgiving before everyone hoes into lunch brings life into clear focus. **Celebrate new life.** A newborn baby or a new child has a special way of drawing people out of themselves and softening hearts. **Let go of grudges** and petty resentments. Allow the peace of Christ to reign in your home today. **Acknowledge sadness.** Personal losses and disappointments are felt most keenly at Christmas time. Don't be afraid to connect with grieving family member with a quiet word or gesture of support. **Pitch in** and help. Don't allow one or two people to be burdened with all the cooking, serving, cleaning. And be flexible. Allow people to help even if it's not quiet the way you would do it. **Welcome visitors.** Is there room at your inn? An hospitable home both gives and receives the presence of Christ. **After lunch** (or before): Appoint your family's best sports-person or socialite to organise everybody into a game of **cricket**, balderdash or trivial pursuit (your own family questions of course). Then again, some families enjoy a sing-a-long 'round the piano-all the *old hits*. **Mention Christ** during the day. Yes of course Christmas is about Jesus, but sometimes its good to state the obvious-through word or symbol. Place a nativity crib in a prominent place. Read the Christmas story at grace. **Get the children singing Happy Birthday to Jesus.**

Most of all : **Enjoy!**



SAINTS DAYS

Monday 26 December
St Stephen

Tuesday 27 December
St John

Wednesday 28 December
The Holy Innocents

Thursday 29 December

Friday 30 December
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 31 December

Return and Earn

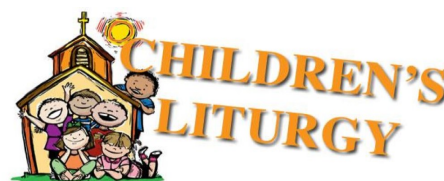
This week we raised \$95.90



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 in 2022!



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team would like to wish all the children and families of the parish a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday break. The team will now take a break until the end of January 2023.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have worked with the parish children each week.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish office .

Find us on Facebook

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Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page to keep up to date with what is happening in the parish.

Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen, Sandra O'Connor, Charlie Gatt, Chelsea Gatt, Sue Lauder, Frank Costa, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, Connie Clarmunt, Helen & George Pantos.

Recently Deceased: Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight, Peggy O'Neill, Philipose, Kay Hillyer.



The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tell Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchman raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

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Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than his own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son tomorrow. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, your nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

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Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word:

The Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word of man flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:

‘This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.’

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received—yes grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.