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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 25TH JANUARY 2026, YEAR A

**Readings:** Is 8:23-9:3;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;  
Mt 4:12-23

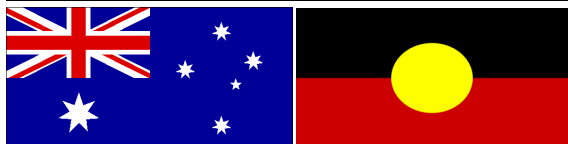
### Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

### Alleluia!



### Reflection

#### Australia Day

As we mark Australia Day on Monday, we give thanks to God for the many blessings of our nation its people, land, and rich diversity of cultures. We pray for unity, justice, and peace, and we remember in a special way our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, acknowledging their enduring connection to the land and their place in our shared history.

May this day invite us to reflect on our responsibility to care for one another, to uphold the dignity of every person, and to work together for the common good, guided by the values of faith, compassion, and reconciliation. **Australia Day Mass will be celebrated at 7:30am**

#### Piety Stall Volunteer/s

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the Piety Stall ministry. This role involves ordering supplies and overseeing the stall during sacramental celebrations, particularly Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

If you feel called to support this ministry and serve our parish in this way, please contact the parish office for further information.

### School Resumes

We hope the staff, students, and wider community of MacKillop Catholic College enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. School resumes this week, with staff returning on Tuesday 27 January, followed by students returning in stages on Thursday 29 January and Friday 30 January.

### Carpark Speed Limit



As the school year resumes and traffic increases with more cars and children in the area, we want to remind everyone of the following important safety measures:

**Speed Limit:** The speed limit within the school car park is strictly **10 km/h**. Please adhere to this limit at all times to ensure the safety of our children and pedestrians.

**Parking Rules:** Kindly avoid parking in any reserved spots during school hours (8am to 4pm).

Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our school community. Thank you for prioritising the safety of our children and contributing to a welcoming and secure space for everyone.

**Let's work together to keep our school  
and parish zone safe!**

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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 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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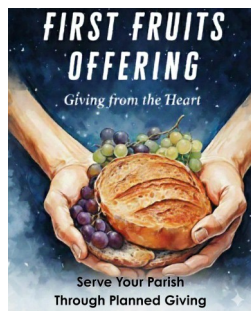
**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## First Fruit Offering



As we enter the new year, let us prayerfully consider God's blessings in our lives, and how He may be calling us to respond with thanksgiving and discipleship,

through our financial offerings. The First Fruits initiative is an invitation to enter more deeply into the life of your parish through regular, meaningful contributions to the First and Second Collections. During the first three weeks of February, you will find special materials available throughout the parish, as Fr Philip and Fr Joshi guide you to prayerfully reflect on your offering.

## Rosary Prayer Group



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

**February 2026:** The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 12th and 26th February 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.

## MacKillop Online Newsletter



Please scan the QR code to subscribe to our weekly email *MacKillop Online* newsletter, sent each Friday afternoon.



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## IMPORTANT

### Sacramental Dates 2026

#### Confirmation (Year 3 and older)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday 12th November or Saturday 14th November** Date to be confirmed by the Diocese.

A parent information night will be held on **Thursday 15th October at 7pm** in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 18th October**, during the **10:00 am Mass** for 3 weeks and 4th week will be held at 4pm in the Church followed by Mass.

#### Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Year 4 and older)

• **First Holy Communion:** The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, 26th April at 11:45am**

• **Reconciliation:** The Sacrament will take place on **Tuesday, 31st March 2026, between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.**

A parent information night for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 19th February at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes starting on **Sunday, 22nd February, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 5 weeks then on 6th week (19th April) class will commence at 4pm.

Please email [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au) for an enrolment letter and form.

## Salesian Thought

God works from afar and from close by, and calls the distant to the service of those who serve Him without bringing them near.

*(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV, 15)*

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 26 January**

Australia Day

**Tuesday 27 January**

**Wednesday 28 January**

St Thomas Aquinas

**Thursday 29 January**

**Friday 30 January**

**Saturday 31 January**

St John Bosco



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## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$70.50**

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!

## Find us on Facebook

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**Anniversaries:** Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Rosalie Crippin, Richard Van Doorum, David Pennings, John O'Reilly, Craig Bengtson, Kenneth Grigg, Neville Pikulicif.

**Recently Deceased:** Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millstead, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Teuila Kelly, Jessy Edwards.



# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## First Reading

### Prophet Isaiah 8:23-9:3

**In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

### Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

### Matthew 4:12-23

**He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.