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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*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25TH MAY 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23,

Jn 17:20-26

Response:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and
my Father will love them, and we will
come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!



Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel prepares us for the upcoming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus assures his disciples that although he is returning to the Father, he will not leave them alone. He promises to send the Holy Spirit—the Advocate—who will continue his presence, guide the community in truth, and help them remember his teachings.

Jesus offers his peace to calm their troubled hearts: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." This same peace is shared in every Mass and reminds us that, through the Spirit, Christ remains with his Church. As we await his return, we are called to be instruments of that peace—bringing light, hope, and love to the world.

Fr Joshi—Annual Leave

Fr Joshi will be taking leave to travel home from Monday 19th May and returning Friday 20th June. Please keep Fr. Joshi in your prayers while he is away.

Annual May Mass Count

This weekend marks the final count of attendance at our Saturday and Sunday Masses. This initiative has been carried out across the Diocese and offers valuable insights for future planning and resource allocation. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the counting throughout the month.

Sacrament of Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have been baptised Catholic and are in year 3 or older in school).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, 31 July, at 6:30 pm.**

A parent information night will be held on Thursday, 19th June, at 7:00 pm in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 22nd June, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 4 weeks.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and assistants to help prepare children for the sacraments. No experience is needed—all resources and support are provided. If you have a heart for sharing your faith and guiding young hearts closer to God, we'd love to have you join us.

Please contact the parish office to learn more about this rewarding opportunity!

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 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

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Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

This weekend, we continue our appeal in support of **Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)**. This initiative funds essential diocesan ministries that receive little or no government assistance.

Your contributions help sustain two key ministries:

- The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), and
- The Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program,

In addition, PWBB also supports: **St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College, and The Ephpheta Centre,**

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Donation envelopes are available at the ends of the pews and at the back of the Church. Completed envelopes may be placed in any collection plate or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

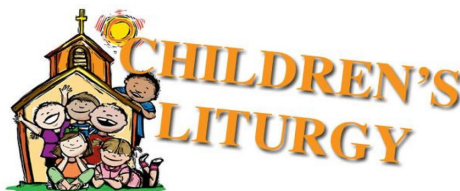
Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us reach our target and continue these vital ministries.

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 **June** will be on **Thursday 19th** 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. All are welcome to come.



Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday during the 10am Mass. This wonderful program offers children the opportunity to engage with the Word of God in a manner that is accessible and meaningful to them. Through age-appropriate teachings, activities, and discussions, children can better understand and appreciate the scriptures.

We are always looking for volunteers to join this rewarding ministry. If you are interested in helping to break open the word for the children of our parish, we would love to hear from you. Please call the parish office for more information.

St Joseph's Men's BBQ

When: Friday 30th May
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Where: St Mary's Parish Centre
Who: Men 18+

Good food. Cold drinks. Good company. A chance to grow in faith and brotherhood. Join us for an evening of real conversation and genuine fraternity as we explore what it means to live authentic Catholic masculinity.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Salesian Thought

Humble yourself
lovingly before God and
men, for God speaks to ears
bowed down.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, III, 19)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 26 May
St Philip Neri

Tuesday 27 May

Wednesday 28 May

Thursday 29 May
St Paul VI

Friday 30 May

Saturday 31 May
The Visitation of the Blessed Viri



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Return and Earn

This week we raised: **\$23.50**



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;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

Thank you for your continued support!

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Please remember our sick: Adam Death, Finn McConnon, Pili Menardo Leal, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Geof Bull, Angelija & Adam Laukait, Connie & George Drover, Mavis & Lance Davie, Kildufffamily, Sr Fran Nolan Sgs, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Jimmy Alcid, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Michael Bourke, John Luamann, Glenn Arnold, Maureen Fenner, Jack Gill, Anne Firmstone.

Recently Deceased: Jacqueline Thomas, James Mahony, Pope Francis, Ada Smith, Leo Moloney.



Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
your guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Second Reading

Book of Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.