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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th October 2026, Year A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Ex 22:20-26
1 Thess 1:5-10
Mt 22:34-40

Response:
I love you, Lord, my strength

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come ot them.
Alleluia!

Reflection

Love God and Love Your Neighbour

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:34–40), Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Our faith is expressed not only through prayer and worship, but also through our daily actions.

May we recognise Christ in those around us, especially the vulnerable and those in need, and share God's love through kindness, compassion and generosity.

Parish Dinner 21 November 2026

Tickets available by either cash at the parish office or you can scan the QR code and pay via secure payment. Adults $30 each, Children (ages 6-10 years) $15 each and Children under 6 free.

Tickets for the Parish Dinner are available until Wednesday, 11 November.

The Parish Pastoral Council will be selling tickets after each Mass until Sunday, 8 November, with payment accepted by cash or card.

After 8 November, tickets may be purchased through the QR code or with cash at the Parish Office until Wednesday, 11 November.

Reminder

For the safety and wellbeing of all children in our parish community, we kindly ask parents and guardians to accompany their children to the toilets before, during and after Mass, whenever needed.

Your care and supervision play an important role in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all children, parishioners and visitors.

We sincerely thank you for your understanding, cooperation and ongoing commitment to the safety of our parish community.

Solemn Celebration of the Rosary



From Wednesday 28 October to Saturday 31 October, Fr Philip will lead the praying of the Holy Rosary in the Church each evening at 6:00pm.

Each evening will focus on one of the four traditional Mysteries of the Rosary (the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysterie), inviting us to reflect more deeply on the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All parishioners, families and visitors are warmly invited to join us in this special time of prayer, reflection and devotion as we come together in faith and entrust our intentions to the loving intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

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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Safeguarding: ***When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governanceand culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.***

'Safeguardingiseveryone'sresponsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Salesian Thought

God makes the lame and the blind to come to His banquet, to show us that two eyes and two legs are not needed for going to Paradise

(Letters to Persons in Religion V, 8)

Catechist News

BECOME A CATECHIST OR AN ASSISTANT



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our video. Our Catechists and I have spoken at the Masses over the last 3 weeks.

The work of being a Catechist is truly God's work and because of this I have no doubt that Our Lord has called people to carry out this mission. So, I'm asking you to pray that people will respond to God's call.

If any of you feel called by the Holy Spirit to join our marvellous team, or would like to find out more, we will be at the back of the Church to talk with you after Mass.

May God bless you and thank you for your prayers.

Fr Joshi Naduppura
Parish Catechist Coordinator

If you require more information. Please email Fr Joshi on joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au or you can contact the Parish Office during office hours.



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First Anniversary Mass

On Wednesday, 4 November, at 11:00 am, Fr Philip will celebrate a special Mass to commemorate the first anniversary of the passing of Betty Scicluna.

Charlie and the family warmly invite parishioners to join them in prayer as we remember Betty with love and thanksgiving, entrusting her soul to the loving mercy of God. May she rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for OCTOBER 2026

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Special Mass

All families who have lost a loved one are warmly invited to a special Memorial Mass on Wednesday, 25 November at 7:00 pm in the Church. Together, we will pray, remember, and support one another in faith, entrusting our departed to God's loving mercy.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

As **October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary,** our prayer meeting will be held **each Thursday evening** throughout the month at **7:00pm**, at the home of Bill and Dianne, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come together in prayer and reflection during this special month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome.



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Saints Days

Monday 26 October
Tuesday 27 October
Wednesday 28 October
St Simon & St Jude
Thursday 29 October
Friday 30 October
Saturday 31 October
Sunday 1 November
All Saints

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised $105.00

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!

MacKillop Online Newsletter

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



Please remember our sick: Angelo Rene Mabaquiao, John Firmstone, Harrison Aitken, Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Chris Cleary, Mayan Joseph Mohanaraj, Christine Burns, Kathleen Nolan, Eugenia Aquino Cruz, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr.

Recently Deceased: Andre Hiep, Benjamin Indolos, George Charlton, Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo.

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First Reading:

Prophet Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, fo ryou lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you ar harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." '

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
where I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who sves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

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Second Reading
St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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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!

Gospel
Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.