



Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26TH APRIL 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41;
1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!



This Sunday, 43 children from our Parish will receive Our Lord in the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion for the first time. Over the past six weeks, they have been prayerfully preparing their hearts to encounter Christ in this most sacred gift, the source and summit of our faith. We invite our Parish community to keep these children and their families in your prayers, that they may grow ever closer to Jesus and remain steadfast in His love.

Enjoy this special day, and a lifetime of receiving the love of Jesus in the Eucharist. God Bless.

Thank you!

The parish would like to thank Mrs. Kerry Power, Mr. Tim Snelling, and Mrs. Christine Hibbard who have supported the Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program throughout the past 6 weeks. Each of you have given the gift of your time and teaching, your faith and patience to help the children prepare for their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. May God bless them for their generosity and commitment.

What do we understand by Church?

The word 'church' comes from the Greek word *ecclesia* which means an assembly of people. The church building, under the patronage of a saint (in our case, St. Mary of the Cross), is the place where *community* assembles together to celebrate the life of the church through the Word of God and Sacraments. The Church is the living body of Christ, and every person and parish is part of the Body of Christ; one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism (Ephesians 4:5-6). And the Church's mission is to proclaim that Jesus is the Lord and saviour of the world by word and example.

ANZAC Day 2026

On Saturday 25 April 2026, we remember ANZAC Day and honour all those who have served and sacrificed in war, peacekeeping, and conflict.

We give thanks for their courage and selflessness, and we pray for all veterans and their families, especially those who have died. Parishioners are encouraged to attend local Dawn Services and commemorations where possible.

9:15am Mass on Saturday will be offered for peace in our world and for all the faithful departed.

May Christ, the Prince of Peace, grant eternal rest to the fallen and bring comfort and healing to all. **Lest We Forget!**

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

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

Assistant Priest: Fr Joshi Naduppura CFIC (joshi.naduppura@bbcatholic.org.au)

Secretary: Kim McCarthy

Church: Cnr Minnesota & Sparks Rd, Woongarrah

Telephone: 8379 1740

Office email: warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

Bank Details: Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, Account # 10000 5628, BSB: 062-784

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

Annual May Mass Count

During the month of May, our Parish will be conducting a count of those attending our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. On the third and fourth weekends, in accordance with the National Census conducted every five years, we are also required to record attendance by gender and age groups.

Parishioners who are willing to assist with counting at the Mass they attend are kindly invited to speak with Fr Philip.



Rosary Prayer Group

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

April 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 30th April 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.

Ordination to the priesthood of Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyen and Huy Trần

Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyen and Huy Trần will be ordained to the priesthood on Wednesday, 29 April 2026 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara by Archbishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Broken Bay.



Please RSVP your attendance using the QR code.

Franciscan Prayer Meeting

Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Franciscan charism are warmly invited to attend our next Franciscan Prayer small group gathering. We meet from 1:00pm to 2:30pm on Friday 1st May at The Entrance Catholic Church, in the Reynolds Room. All are welcome to come along. For further information about our community, please visit ofsaustralia.org.au.

Volunteer with CatholicCare

There's nothing quite like giving your time and skills to support those in need. Research shows that volunteering not only benefits the people you help but also improves your own well-being, supporting better mental health, stronger social connections, and a deeper sense of purpose. At CatholicCare, our volunteers contribute across a wide range of programs - helping individuals, families, and communities thrive. Every hour you give makes a difference, and in return, you'll find connection, growth, and fulfillment along the way. Visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/careers/volunteer-with-us to find out more about volunteering at CatholicCare or call us today on 1800 324 924.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for APRIL

To pray for priests in crisis

Salesian Thought

Little does passing time matter to a soul which aspires to eternity, and which only likes notice of perishing moments in order to pass by them into immortal life.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV, 8)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 27 April
Tuesday 28 April
St Peter Chanel
Wednesday 29 April
St Catherine of Siena
Thursday 30 April
Friday 1 May
Saturday 2 May
St Athanasius

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$54.70

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.

Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish), please "like" our page.



Ricky Li
Registered NDIS provider
Phone 4355 4445
www.tuggerahphysio.com.au



Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448
or 0494 169 308

CREIGHTONS FUNERAL SERVICE
100% Locally owned and operated

PRE-PAID FUNERALS AVAILABLE
LOCK IN THE PRICE TODAY!
DOCUMENT YOUR WISHES

Book an appointment at one of our offices or in the comfort of your own home with our mobile representatives.
Office Locations: 376 The Entrance Road, Erina Heights
14 Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi
2 Viewpoint Drive, Toukley
41 Palmdale Road, Palmdale
460 Avoca Drive, Green Point
1083 Pacific Hwy (cnr Telegraph Rd), Pymble

1300 130 955 creightonsfuneralservice.com.au

Please remember our sick: Angela Polito, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Alan Smith, Anne Levett, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters, Violet Gove, Corazon Armonio, Conchita, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Neville & Zlatka Pikulich, Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes,

Recently Deceased: Emmanuel De Battista, Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait, Lynette Desforges, Jane (Giovanna) Bugeja, Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Second Reading

First letter of St Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:

I know my own sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.