



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 26TH FEBRUARY 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Project Compassion



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked

hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school. Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of the Church, scanning the QR code, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Lectio Divina



Bro. Shayne will be leading a Lenten reflection group. We will meditate upon and discuss the readings of

the upcoming Sunday. The first meeting will take place on the Thursday 23rd Feb from 6-7pm in the Church.

Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 24th February in the Church.

Good Friday—Way of the Cross



On Good Friday (7th April) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the

outside of the Church. We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

Donations Requests

We are seeking any parishioners who would like to financially donate for the purchase of the Easter/Paschal Candle (\$121 annual), Wine (\$105 bi-annual) and Host (\$105 quarterly). If you would like to make a donation for any of these items please see Fr Philip or parish office.

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, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

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

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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

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

CATECHIST CORNER



DO SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD!

BECOME A CATECHIST

Yes, you can be a Catechist or a Catechist helper.
Never be afraid to try something new.

Remember,

amateurs built the ark.
Professionals built the Titanic

For more information: Kerrie Deder, Coordinator 0402815633

Email: warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Or any of our catechists Khiara, Lorette, Paul and Maureen

20th Anniversary Celebrations



The PPC would like expressions of interest for any parishioners who would be interested in being part of the parishes 20th anniversary planning group. If you are interested please contact the parish office to register your interest.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Reconciliation classes commence next Sunday 5th March during 10am Mass, and continuing on 12th, 19th and 26th March.

Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on 28th, 29th and 30th March between 3pm and 5pm.

If you would like to register your child please contact the parish office.

IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates

Confirmation—will be celebrated on Saturday 1st July at 9am and 11am.

First Holy Communion—year 4 and older will be celebrated on Sunday 17th September at 12noon

Parent Engagement Coordinator Position

MacKillop Catholic College is excited to announce a new role that is being introduced to Catholic Schools across Broken Bay. The Parent Engagement Officer is a part time role and would suit a Parent that is just as passionate about our College as we are and making sure everyone feels like they belong. For more information, please review the advertisement on [seek \(www.seek.com.au/job/59988857\)](http://www.seek.com.au/job/59988857)

Salesian Thought

Why should we die a spiritual death since we have so sovereign a remedy at hand?

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 19)

World Day of Prayer—3 March



The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

This year, there are a number of services being held in our Broken Bay parishes:

- Epping and Carlingford Parish – St Gerard's, Friday 3 March, 11am
- Gosford Parish – Thursday 2 March, 10.30am
- North Harbour Parish – St Kieran's, Friday 3 March, 10am
- St Ives – Friday 3 March, 11am
- Terrigal Parish – Friday 3 March, 11am

This is a great way to foster ecumenical relations with our neighbouring churches. Please consider attending and promote to parishioners. Further details can be found on the World Day of Prayer website; www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/

Find us on Facebook



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

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 27 February

St Gregory of Narek

Tuesday 28 February

Wednesday 1 March

Thursday 2 March

Friday 3 March

Special Day of Prayer and Penance

Saturday 4 March

St Casimir

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$68.50



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!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer meetings for **March will be on Thursday evenings 16th and 30th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.



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

Anniversaries: Frank Feliciotto, Josefa Radina Astraia Nonato, Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families.

Recently Deceased: Kenneth Stephen, Susan Melinz, Terry Flanagan, Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI.



First Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden, But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' 'Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eye of both of them were opened and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me,
Do not cast me away from your presence,
no deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There is no law, and n so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking,' yet death reigned overall from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the git also outweigh the results of one man's sin; for after one single fall cam judgment with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so that good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdom of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.