



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*

**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
26TH OCTOBER 2025, YEAR C**

Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18;
Lk 18:9-14

Response:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Reflection

Today's readings focus on the kind of prayer that reaches God's heart.

In the First Reading (Sirach 35:12-19), we are reminded that **God listens not to status or power, but to sincerity and need.** The Lord hears the cry of the poor and the prayer of the humble — those who pour out their hearts before Him.

In the Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), Jesus contrasts the proud Pharisee and the humble tax collector. The Pharisee boasts of his virtue, while the tax collector simply prays, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus teaches that **true prayer comes from humility, not self-righteousness.**

God's mercy lifts the lowly and welcomes all who come before Him with honesty and trust. **It is not perfection, but humility and sincerity, that open the way to God's grace.**

Relocation of the Tabernacle

All parishioners are invited to join us on **Saturday, 1 November** (Solemnity of All Saints) for a day of prayer and consultation.

Adoration: 8:00-9:00am

Holy Mass: 9:15am

Morning Tea follows Mass

Consultation: Fr Philip will present and discuss the proposed relocation of the tabernacle, as part of our ongoing Synodal process. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Parish Dinner—22 November



We are delighted to invite you to our **Parish Dinner on Saturday, 22 November,** following the

5:00pm Mass, in the school hall.

Tickets: Adults: \$25, Children (6-10 years): \$15, Children under 6: Free

How to Book:



Online Payment: Simply scan the QR code to access our secure payment site. Select *5. Parish Dinner* under *Payment for*, enter the ticket amount (e.g., \$25 for one adult ticket), and ensure you untick *I wish to remain anonymous*. Please include your name and, in the message section, indicate the number of tickets purchased and the total number of attendees (including children under 6).

After making your payment, please email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the number of tickets purchased and the names of those attending.

Direct Deposit: Payments can also be made to: *Account Name:* St Mary MacKillop Parish *BSB:* 062-784 *Account Number:* 10000 5628 *Reference:* Dinner

After making your payment, please email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the number of tickets purchased and the names of those attending.

We look forward to coming together as a parish family for an evening of faith, fellowship, and celebration!

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 Nadupppura CFIC (joshi.nadupppura@bbcatholic.org.au)

Secretary: Kim McCarthy

Church: Cnr Minnesota & Sparks Rd, Woongarra

Telephone: 8379 1740

Office email: warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

CatholicCare Annual Appeal

This weekend we will continue the appeal for the Catholic Mission, supporting the Pope's international mission work. Catholic Mission partners with communities worldwide to provide healthcare, education, and spiritual care.

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and at the end of each pew.

Donations can be placed in any collection or in the Donation Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

October

Month of the Holy Rosary

In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will gather for Rosary prayer meetings every Thursday during the month of October at 7:00pm, hosted at the home of Bill and Dianne, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. All are warmly invited to join us in prayer and devotion. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547.

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)

MacKillop Online Newsletter



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

2025 CCD Annual Diocesan Mass & Awards

We are delighted to share that **our very own Maureen Mulheron** will be honoured for **25 years of dedicated service as a Catechist** at the annual CCD Mass and Awards Ceremony.

Saturday, 22 November 2025

Mass at 11:30am

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Light refreshments will follow.

All catechists, families, and friends are warmly invited to join **Bishop Anthony Randazzo** and the CCD in celebrating Maureen's milestone and the service of catechists across the diocese.

RSVP by 7 November 2025

Alicia 8379 1642 or

Maricel 8379 1638

ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au

or contact **Kerrie Deder** on 402 815 633 | kerrie.deder@bbcatholic.org.au

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch

Location: Toukley Golf Club,

Time: 12.00 noon to 4:00pm

When: Sunday, 7th December 2025

Menu: 2 course lunch served at your table. Gluten Free options available, please let the committee know when booking.

Desert: Christmas pudding with custard or apple pie with ice-cream. Drinks to purchase at the bar at your own expense. Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios.

Tickets: \$45 per person. Book and pay by 22nd November 2025.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee,

- Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020
- Rita 0448 74 2591

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 27 October

Tuesday 28 October

St Simon & St Jude

Wednesday 29 October

Thursday 30 October

St John of Capistrano

Friday 31 October

Saturday 1 November

All Saints



Premium
Pure Water

Exclusive Offer 10% Off & \$1 per unit
Donated to SMOTC MacKillop Parish
Use Promo Code MACKCP
More info go to earthgold.com.au

Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$49.30



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

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



Tuggerah Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy

Manipulative Physiotherapist, Sports Injuries, Spinal Disorders.

Ricky Li

Registered NDIS provider

Phone 4355 4445

www.tuggerahphysio.com.au



CENTRE OF CARE
Your Life Your Choice We Care

NDIS providers

ABN: 596274905
ACN: 65724905
Email: info@centreofcare.com.au
Address: 5 Amy Court, North Wyalong, NSW 2259
Phone: 02 5123 9448, 0494 829 508

Email:
admin
@centreofcare
areservices.

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, Tumby 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: Mary Swift, Alan Smith, Anne Levett, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Alan Hardcastle, Christine Burns, Emmanuel (Billy) Zammit, Les & Nonie Chappell, Kevin & Janette Chappell, Patricia & Athol Crosdale, Margaret Craft, Gwenneth Geyer, Julianna Dalli.

Recently Deceased: Bill McGuinness, Pamela Noble, Lillian Derbyshire, Claire Otoole, Elizabeth Kellman, John Wallace, Barbara 'Jackie' Wellham, Ken Grigg, Olivia Curtis, Dionisio Tolentino.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save,
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.