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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

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 26 DECEMBER 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** 1 Sam 1:20-22;  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24: Lk 2:41-52

**Response:**

How happy they who dwell in your house,  
O Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the  
words of you Son.

**Alleluia!**



*Lord, I do offer myself to You this day  
and in doing so I offer You my family. I  
offer every relationship, be it good or  
difficult, and I offer every challenge we  
face. Please come and sanctify my  
family, making it holy in imitation of your  
family in Nazareth. Jesus, I trust in You.  
Amen*

**Reflection**

The family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus' public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

**Thank you**

Our Christmas celebrations were filled with joyful spirit. Thank you to everyone who made this holy occasion so special. We thank all who cleaned and prepared the church so beautifully; servers and readers; musicians; those who prepared the data projections; COVID marshalls. Also to everyone who came and brought their families along for our Christmas celebrations, may God bless all this goodwill.

**Parish Office**

The office will not have regular hours between Christmas and New Year. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Philip can be reached on the parish mobile (0423 279 263).

**No Mass 29th & 30th December**

Please note that on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th December, Mass will be replaced with Communion Services as Fr Philip will be on leave.

**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 - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am

**1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am**

**Devotions**

Rosary after weekday Mass

**Anointing Mass**

Third 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

**RCIA/Faith Renewal**

Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip

**Parish Luncheon**

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

**Men's Breakfast**

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

**Syro-Malabar Mass**

1st Friday at 6pm  
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

**Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator ([philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au))

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**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.**

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

## School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

## We Stand United with Lebanon Caritas Australia - Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Fuel and food prices in Lebanon have skyrocketed since 2019, leaving the population struggling to pay for basic essentials like groceries, electricity, healthcare and education.

Give now to help Lebanese families with healthcare, education support and cash grants.

We stand United with Lebanon and are accepting donations now. Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

All donations made through Caritas Australia are tax deductible.



Caritas  
Lebanon

## Summer Nights, Youth Retreat – 12-15 January 2022

Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. In the picturesque grounds enjoy an outdoor event including friends, fellowship, prayer & worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community.

**Dates:** 12 – 15 January 2022

**Ages:** 16-35

**Further details:**

[www.summerschool.org.au/summernights](http://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights)

## Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:  
*Invite a friend or family member to attend Church with you.*

## Baptism Information Evening



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

## Farewell Mass for Alf Beer

The anointing Mass of 15 January will also be a farewell and thank you to Alf and Margaret who are moving to Kin-cumber. Alf has donated much of his time to the maintenance of the church. All welcome for a cuppa after Mass

## Social Justice

### Further programs available from Catholic Care in Our Diocese

Our **Domestic Violence Response Enhancement (DVRE)** team provide after-hours crisis support to women and children who have left, or are wanting to leave, a violent relationship.

This team, located at our *Family Centre in Waitara* is available 365 evenings a year for assistance which can include emergency accommodation, practical items, safety planning and access to specialist domestic violence, visa and immigration services.

Call (02) 9488 2400 (business hours) or 9488 2588 (after hours and week-ends)

Our **Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service** is run out of our Naremburn Family Centre. It provides women and their children with information on how to get protection from the court.

This service covers the Upper and Lower North Shore of Sydney and the Northern Beaches.

Call (02) 8425 8700

[www.catholiccareddb.org.au](http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au)

If you wish to come to our meetings please email **Chris Firmstone** on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
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## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 26 December**  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**Monday 27 December**  
St John

**Tuesday 28 December**  
The Holy Innocents  
9:15am—Communion Service

**Wednesday 29 December**  
No 7:30am Mass  
9:15am—Communion Service

**Friday 31 December**

**Saturday 1st January 2022**  
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

## Tap N Go



Thank you to all our parishioners utilising the tap n go device near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Just a reminder that you need to place your credit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has been made.

## Return and Earn



This week we raised \$111.80

If you have recycling from your Christmas/New Years celebrations keep your empty cans, plastic and glass bottles and juice boxes that have the 10c refund logo to donate to this parish fundraiser.

**Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

**Please place glass the crates. Cans and Bottles must have the 10c refund logo on.**



## Coronavirus restrictions from 27 December

All public Masses have been reinstated. There are no density limits within the church.

Face masks are mandatory particularly when social distancing is not possible.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church Please continue to use hand sanitiser.

**Please remember our sick:** Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Trinidad, Alberta, Genina, Clive & Family, Alex Robinson, Sue Lauder, Michael McQueen, Michael McQueen (Snr), Peter Larkin, Alice Kumarasinho, Diana & Alida Mitchell, Drew Barlow, Reg & Beryl Gribble, Bob Pulle, George Tennakoon, Cecil & Ethel Milchell, Sunil Parera, Corear Family.

**Mass Intentions:** Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario.



# Feast of the Holy Family

## First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

**This is the child I prayed for: he is made over to the Lord.**

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10

**How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God,  
the living God **R**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
For ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
They walk with ever growing strength. **R**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
Give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Thru your eyes, O God, our shield,  
Look on the face of your anointed. **R**

# Feast of the Holy Family

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

### We are called God's children, and that is what we are

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,  
To listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia

## Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

### Mary stored up all these things in her heart

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.

His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.