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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*

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27TH AUGUST 2023, YEAR A

Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20

Response:

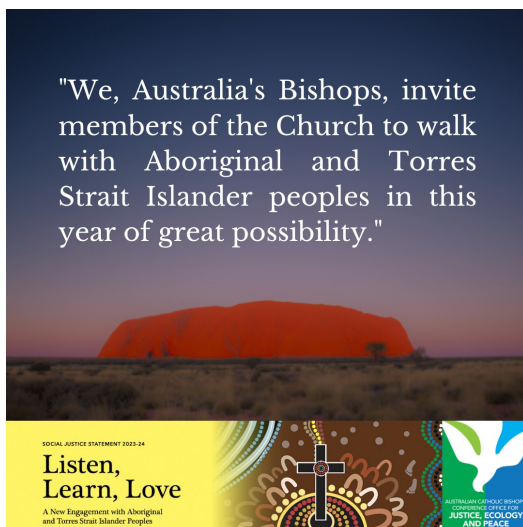
Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Social Justice Sunday



Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year.

For more details please visit the website at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Warnervale Parish Pilgrim Tour to the Holy Land in 2024

Jordan - Israel-Palestine -Egypt
10 nights and 11 days tour.

Departing Sydney 28th April 2024 and returning 10th May 2024.

Package cost \$3,100 per person (double, twin, triple share) or \$3,800 single share. Flights are not included.

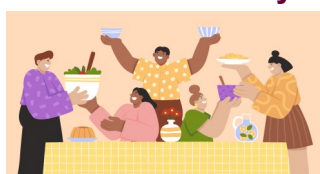
If you are interested please register with parish office or Fr Philip by Sunday 17th September.

Trivia Night—2nd September



Next event is **Saturday 2nd September starting 6:30pm** at MacKillop College Hall. Tickets are \$7 per person and are, available after mass, for more info or to book visit the website mactrivia.com.au.

Parish Community Lunch



Sunday 10th September after 10am Mass, the parish is having a bring a plate to share lunch for all parishioners. Come along for a fun and social lunch.

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 & 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 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 & 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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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

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

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 **August will be on Thursday evening 31st**

at 7pm, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Weekday Mass Parking



During weekday Masses, parking will be available in the primary kiss n drop area in the available spaces. This is the parking closest to the Church.

**Get involved with National Child Protection Week
3 – 9 September**



SAINTS DAYS

Monday 28 August
St Augustine

Tuesday 29 August
The Passion of St John the Baptist

Wednesday 30 August

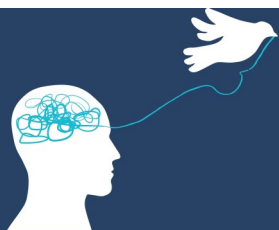
Thursday 31 August

Friday 1 September
World Day of Prayer for Creation

Saturday 2 September

Sunday 3 September

CatholicCare
COUNSELLING OF BROKEN BAY



FEELING BLUE?

Counselling \$60 per hour
No referral needed

1800 324 924

www.feelingblue.au

Do you feel stuck? Is there something you just can't resolve on your own?

Counselling supports with CatholicCare Broken Bay are now available. Counselling provides an opportunity to explore tricky life experiences or concerns in a safe and reflective environment. When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be really helpful. We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with suggestions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward.

We offer face-to-face sessions at our Tuggerah Centre as well as via telehealth. And we have short wait lists. Sessions are \$60 per hour and a \$20 rate is available for concession card holders. We are also an accredited provider of NDIS supports. Please reach out today – our door is open. Call 1800 324 924 or visit www.feelingblue.au.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August



For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

Find us on Facebook

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

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion preparation classes have commenced. Please keep the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacrament in your prayers.

First Holy Communion will be **celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon.**

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$31.70

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!



Salesian Thought

Grace is so gracious that she in no way offends the liberty of our will.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2, Chapter 12)

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Please remember our sick: Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen, Oscar Allen.

Anniversaries: Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.



Parish Accounts

Having been approved by the Parish Finance Committee, the following operating accounts are presented to the parish for last year and this year.

	2022/2023 Actual	2023/2024 Budget
Income		
Envelopes, Credit Cards, EFTs	\$66,494	\$72,000
Unplanned Giving	\$38,198	\$39,000
Fundraising	\$520	\$600
Rebates, Interest, etc.	\$1,751	\$2,500
Other income, rent received	\$14,115	\$12,600
Total Income	\$121,078	\$126,700
 Expenditure		
Church and Altar	\$4,946	\$4,800
Office	\$8,160	\$9,000
Employment	\$52,852	\$54,000
Insurance	\$29,738	\$30,000
Pastoral	\$6,885	\$7,200
PWBB Shortfall	\$6,723	\$0
Administration	\$3,915	\$4,200
Telecommunication	\$1,667	\$1,800
Motor Vehicle	\$8,587	\$8,400
Superannuation (clergy)	\$2,452	\$2,400
Total Expenditure	\$125,925	\$121,800
Deficit	-\$4,846	
 Parish Liabilities (Interest-free loans from the Diocese)	 \$525,000	 \$525,000

The Parish also have a term deposit of \$50,000 for contingencies.



Little Lighthouse Playgroup

*Fridays during term time, 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Primary multi-purpose room*

Little Lighthouse welcomes families with children aged 0 - 6. Our playgroup is a safe and friendly environment run by parent/carers volunteers. Please bring your own morning tea and sun hat.



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all your heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 11:33:36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depth of God—how deep his wisdom and knowledge—and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ and they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.