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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*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2026, Year A

Readings: Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32

Response:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Reflection

Actions Speak Louder Than Sunday Words

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A challenge us to examine the gap between what we say we believe and how we actually live. In the Gospel of Matthew 21:28-32, Jesus tells the short but sharp parable of the two sons. The first son initially says "no" to his father's request to work in the vineyard but later has a change of heart and goes. The second son quickly says "yes, sir," but never shows up. Jesus leaves no room for ambiguity: true obedience is measured by our actions, not our initial promises.

This parable is a mirror for our own spiritual lives. It is easy to say the right things on Sunday, to recite the Creed, and to present ourselves as faithful disciples. But God is not looking for polite, empty pleasantries. He looks at our Monday-to-Saturday choices. Do we show up in the "vineyard" of our families, workplaces, and parish community to do the hard work of love, forgiveness, and justice?

The good news in this Sunday's readings is that it is never too late to change direction. As the prophet Ezekiel reminds us in the first reading, if we turn away from past mistakes and choose what is right, we will surely live. God respects our freedom so much that He is willing to take our past "nos" if it means we will eventually offer a sincere, active "yes".

This week, let us ask St. Paul's advice from the second reading: to adopt the same attitude as Christ Jesus, emptying ourselves of pride and humbly serving those around us. Let us pray for a true conversion of heart moving past lip service so that our daily actions echo our Sunday faith.

School Holidays

28 September - 9 October

School holidays commence on Monday 28th September to Friday 9th October 2026, during this time access to the Church will be through the top gate.

The site will be locked by 3 pm most afternoons. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please remain vigilant and report any security concerns to the parish mobile at 0423 279 263 or Knightguard Protection Group at 1300 655 009.

Important Announcement

Please Note: Change to the Saturday Morning Mass for 3rd October 2026

Please be advised that there will be no 9:15am Mass in the Church on Saturday, 3 October, as the Syro-Malabar Catholic community will be celebrating their First Holy Communion.

We extend our prayerful best wishes to the children receiving their First Holy Communion and their families on this special occasion. May God bless them abundantly as they continue to grow in faith and love of Christ.

Fr Philip returns 1 October

We look forward to welcoming Fr Philip back to our parish community on Thursday, 1 October. We thank God for his time of rest and rejuvenation. Please continue to keep Fr Philip in your prayers for a safe, smooth journey home and a peaceful return to our parish family.

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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

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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.*

'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

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

This Sunday 27 September, we mark the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Grounded in this year's theme, "**Even Just One of These Children**" (cf. Mt 18:10), Pope Leo XIV urges us to look past statistics to recognise the dignity and stories of displaced young people. We are called to build communities of welcome, friendship, and belonging where migrants and refugees are valued members.

We invite everyone to mark the day through prayer, reflection, and welcome.

Read the Pope's message here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811>

Salesian Thought

Sin is shameful only at the time we commit it. Changed into confession and repentance, it is honourable and brings salvation.

Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, Chapter 19

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation (Year 3 and older)

The Sacrament of Confirmation is available to baptised Catholic children who are in **Year 3 or above**.

Fr Philip will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Mass on **Saturday, 14 November at 10:00 am**. A **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Thursday, 15 October at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Preparation classes will commence on **Sunday, 18 October**, during the **10:00 am Mass**, and will continue for four weeks. Enrolment forms and further details will be available by week 1 of Term 4.



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Daylight Savings

Daylight Saving Time Begins Next Weekend - 3 October 2026

Please remember that Daylight Saving Time begins in New South Wales next weekend, on Sunday, 4 October 2026.

Clocks will go forward by one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday morning.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday night, 3 October, to ensure you arrive on time for our Sunday Masses!



Rosary Prayer Group

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

As **October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary**, our prayer meeting will be held **each Thursday evening** throughout the month at **7:00pm**, at the home of Bill and Dianne, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace

All parishioners are warmly invited to come together in prayer and reflection during this special month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547.

All are welcome.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Memorial Plaque

To ensure that memorial plaques are prepared and installed in time for November, please submit all details by this Wednesday 30th September. Please contact parish office for more information.



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Saints Days

Monday 28 September

Tuesday 29 September

St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Wednesday 30 September

St Jerome

Thursday 1 October

St Therese of the Child Jesus

Friday 2 October

The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday 3 October

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$

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.



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Please remember our sick: John Firmstone, Harrison Aitken, Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Eugenia Aquino Cruz, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, George Walters, Maisie Walters.

Recently Deceased: George Charlton, Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo.

**The Cathedral Precinct Charity Classic – Teeing Off for the Future –
Friday 16 October 2026**



Join us for a great day of golf and giving!

“Limited Spots remaining – book your team today!”

Get your team together and join us for The Cathedral Precinct Charity Classic – Teeing Off for the Future, on Friday 16 October 2026 at Newgreens Chatswood Golf Club.

Enjoy 12 holes of golf in a four-person Ambrose format, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch, while helping support the Cathedral Precinct Project and its vision for a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations. Whether you're a regular golfer or simply looking for a fun day out with friends, colleagues or your parish community, we would love you to join us.

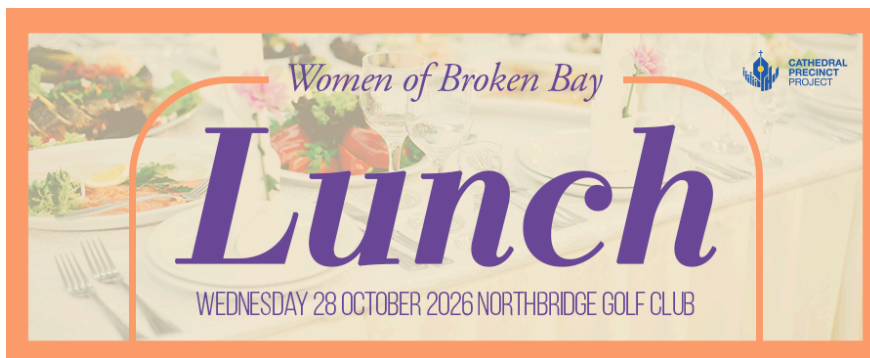
There will also be great prizes, silent auction and special guest appearance making it a day not to be missed! Places are limited, so don't miss out. Book your team today and share the invitation with your friends, family and parish community.

\$130 per golfer, including golf and BBQ lunch

\$70 BBQ lunch only

Book today - <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/cathedralprecinct-charity-teeing-off-for-the-future-1630804>

Women of Broken Bay Lunch 28 October 2026



Connect. Be inspired. Help shape the future.

“Limited Spots remaining – book your seat today!”

You're invited to the inaugural Women of Broken Bay Lunch. A special afternoon bringing women from across the Diocese together for connection, conversation and inspiration.

Join us for a delicious two-course lunch, wonderful company and an inspiring keynote address from Mrs Kelly Paget, as we explore the theme “Called to Lead: A Journey of Faith, Family and Community.”

Come along with friends, colleagues or fellow parishioners and enjoy an opportunity to meet other women from across Broken Bay Diocese and beyond, share stories and build new connections.

Most importantly, your attendance will help support the Cathedral Precinct Project contributing to a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations.

Limited seats are available

le, so book today and invite the women in your parish, workplace, family and friendship circles to join you.

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2026

Time: 11:30am arrival, 12:00pm start – 2:00pm

Seats are limited – book today : <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/women-of-broken-bay-lunch2026-1630835>

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust. When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

In our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

He state was divine,
yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are; and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.