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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 28 DECEMBER 2025, YEAR A

Readings:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Response:

Happy are those that fear the Lord and walk
in his ways

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within
you.

Alleluia!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Today is the feast
day of the Holy
Family, but also
every family's feast
day, since the Holy
Family is the patron
and model of all
Christian families.
Today should be a
huge family feast,
since it is devoted
entirely to the Holy
Family as a model
for the Christian
family life.

Today's celebration
demonstrates Christ's
humility and
obedience with respect
to the fourth
commandment, whilst
also highlighting the
loving care that His
parents exercised in
His keeping.

*O God, who was pleased to give us the
shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life and
in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy
of your house, delight one day in eternal
rewards.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.*

Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed from
Tuesday, 23 December until **Friday, 9
January 2026**. During this period, please
feel free to leave a voicemail or send an
email to the parish office; your message
will be attended to upon my return.

There will be **no weekly mailouts** during
the closure. However, parish bulletins will
continue to be available in the church and
on the parish website.

For **urgent matters**, please contact the
parish mobile on **0423 279 263**.

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas**
and every blessing for **2026**.

Kim—Parish Secretary

31st December 2025

Rosary, BBQ, Adoration and Mass

Celebrate the New Year with us!

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Fr
Philip at the Presbytery on **31st
December** for a BBQ and Rosary
gathering from **6:00pm**.

As we prepare to welcome the new year,
Fr Philip will lead us in a reverent evening
of prayer, beginning with **Adoration** from
11:00pm to 11:45pm, followed by a
special Midnight Mass to usher in **2026**.

Come and begin the new year in the peace
and presence of the Lord.

All are welcome!

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

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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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Thank you!



To everyone who assisted us in preparing for Christmas in the parish—cleaning and decorating the church, preparing rosters, preparing and organising liturgies, readings, serving, preparing and leading the music, preparing powerpoint slides, doing the clicker, taking up and counting the collections.

The parish would not be able to function without you.

Blessings to you and may the light of Christ shine upon you and your families.

Salesian Thought

The day that is past must not judge the day present, nor the present day judge that which is past; it is only the Last Day that judges all.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 29)



Baptism Information Evening

Our monthly Baptism Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, **20th January 2026, at 7:00pm in the Church**. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptised are warmly invited to attend.



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Rosary Prayer Group



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

We pray that this holy season brings peace, joy, and God's blessings to you and your families. The Rosary Prayer Group at Dianne and Bill Mifsud house will resume in **February 2026**

Parish Collections

1st Collection: Contributions support the Clergy Remuneration Fund, providing financial aid to our priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the parish's operational management. Donations made through our tap-and-go terminals also go towards the 2nd collection.

PWBB: The Pastoral Works Broken Bay provides funding for charities that directly support the people of our Diocese. **Please note** that only PWBB donations are tax deductible.



You can also donate by scanning the QR code for secure online payments.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 29 December

Tuesday 30 December

Wednesday 31 December

Thursday 1 January 2026

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday 2 January

St Basil the Great and

St Gregory Nazianzen

Saturday 3 January



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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!

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Please remember our sick: Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Alan Smith, Anne Levett, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Craig Bengtson, Kenneth Grigg, Neville Pikulicif, Margaret Sellars, Robert Walker, Marjorie, Francis, & Jonathan Breen, Tina Keane, John Butler, William Hardman, Tess Hardman.

Recently Deceased: Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millstead, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Teuila Kelly, Jessy Edwards, Bill McGuinness, Pamela Noble, Lillian Derbyshire, Claire Otoole.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading

Book of Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walks in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walks in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **R.**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.