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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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28TH JANUARY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Deut 18:15-20;
1Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Response:

If today you hear his voice harden not
your hearts.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost
in death.

Alleluia!



Reflection

A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY
BEHIND IT. Power and authority usually
go together and are often confused. If
Jesus exercised authority it was not in the
oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers
but in the service of the poor. His power
was directed towards liberating people
from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating
illnesses and the slavery of sin

RCIC and RCIA Program

If you wish for your child/ren or yourself
to become a member of the Catholic
church, we will be holding the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) and
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) course in the church in 2024.

RCIC lessons will be held each
Saturday starting **January 27th at 3pm.**

RCIA lessons will commence **Thursday**
1st February at 7pm in the Church.

The adults and children will then celebrate
their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on
Saturday night 30th March 2024

For more information or to register please
contact the parish office during office
hours on 8379 1740 or email the office.

Sacramental Program Dates 2024

**Sacrament of Reconciliation and First
Holy Communion** for children in year 4
and above will run over 6 weeks. Parent
information and enrolment meeting is on
Tuesday 13th February at 7pm. Classes
commence on **Sunday 18th February at
10am** and continue for 6 weeks. The
Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on
26th March from 3pm to 5pm. **First
Holy Communion** will be celebrated with
a special Mass on 7th April at 11:45am.

Sacrament of Confirmation for children
in year 3 and above will be celebrated on
Saturday 29th June at 10am. More details
will be available at a later date.

If you would like to assist in helping
prepare (teaching or assisting) the children
for the sacrament please contact the parish
office for more information.

Welcome back

The staff and students of MacKillop
College are returning from holidays this
week. We hope you enjoyed your break
and wish you all the best for 2024 school
year.

Welcome Mass

New students to MacKillop, Year 7 and
Kindergarten students and parents are
invited to join us for Mass on Sunday 18th
February at 5pm.

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 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 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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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

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 **February on 1st, 15th & 29th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Salesian Thought

Happy is the heart that loves God without pretense of any other pleasure than that it takes in pleasing God!

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 9, Chapter 11)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 29 January

Tuesday 30 January
St Felician

Wednesday 31 January
St John Bosco

Thursday 1 February
St Brigid of Ireland

Friday 2 February
The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 3 February
St Balise
St Ansgar

Carpark Speed Limit



As school resumes, please be mindful when coming in to the carpark during the week. There will be lots of people including young children around. The speed limit entering and existing the car park is 10km per hour.

Baptism Information Night



Holy Baptism
Baptism is a most wonderful sacrament, marking the beginning of a new kind of relationship between God and your child. It is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation and through baptism we enter into the life of Christ and the Christian faith community; and, as such, have a right to the love and help of the faith community to live out our baptismal calling.

Parents are to attend an information session prior to baptism. There must be at least one Catholic parent and one Catholic Godparent, who is over the age of 16 and fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 20th February at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office to register your attendance.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Working with Children (WWC) Renewals

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe a secure environment for children in our parish, please ensure your Working with Children Checks are valid. If your WWC is due for renewal, please ensure you renew early to avoid delays.

Please visit the website and click renew your check.

www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check

If you don't have access to a computer or would like assistance please call the parish office for assistance on 8379 1740.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$90.10



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;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish
You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish

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Please remember our sick: Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Margaret Bowman, Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos.

Anniversaries: Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani, Rosalie Crippin, V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O'Keefe, Angela Laukaitis, Victor Gatt, Alejandra Mabaquiao Jnr.

Recently Deceased: Jill Margaret Bishton (Speight), Elisabeth Laka, Jim Speight, Alf James, Jason Davis, John O'Reilly.



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. 'Do not let me hear again' you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commended him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die." '

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

R.

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock, that is led by his hand.

R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she needs to worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surround Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.