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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*

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28TH JUNE 2026, YEAR A

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16;
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Response:

For ever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy people. Praise God
who called you out of darkness and into
his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Understand the Church

The Meaning Behind the Seasons.

The calendar is divided into two primary cycles: the Cycle of Light (built around Christmas) and the Cycle of Life (built around Easter). Between them lies "Ordinary Time", continuation.

4. Lent

The Meaning: A solemn 40-day period (excluding Sundays) of self-examination, repentance, fasting, and prayer. It mirrors Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the desert and prepares the heart for Easter. It culminates in Holy Week, which contains the Triduum—the three sacred days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

The Colour: Purple (symbolizing mourning and repentance). Red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday to represent blood and sacrifice.

5. Easter

The Meaning: The pinnacle of the Christian year, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus over death. The joy is so immense that the season lasts for 50 days, concluding with Pentecost, which marks the birth of the Church and the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

The Colour: White or Gold for Easter (victory and life); Red for Pentecost Sunday (symbolizing the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit).

6. Ordinary Time (Part II)

The Meaning: This is the longest stretch of the calendar, running from late spring all the way back around to late autumn. It focuses on the practical application of Christ's teachings in daily life and the growth of the Church community.

The Colour: Green (the colour of life, leaves, and steady growth).

The Power of the Routine: By repeating this loop every single year, the Church calendar acts as a tool for spiritual formation. It ensures that no major theme of the Christian faith—hope, humility, grief, joy, or daily discipline—is forgotten or left out of a believer's life.

Special Annual Collection for Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS)



This weekend we will continue to hold, a special annual collection for the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS).

Envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the Church. Envelopes can be returned to any collection or given to Fr Philip.

All proceeds will support the missionary works of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, the religious congregation to which Fr Philip belongs. The collection has been approved and endorsed by the Diocese.

Diocese of Broken Bay
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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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Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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

Memorial Wall Plaques

If you would like to dedicate a plaque in memory of a loved one, you can now make payment by bank transfer with the details below, or by scanning the QR code and selecting 6. Memorial Plaque



Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish;
Account Number: 10000 5628; **BSB:** 062-784;
Reference: Plaque & Surname

Cost \$100 per plaque

After making your payment, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following details:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Name(s) of those dedicating the plaque.

Memorial plaques may be ordered at any time throughout the year. Once a minimum of 20 requests has been received, an order will be placed. We encourage parishioners to submit their requests as soon as possible, as we hope to place an order and have the plaques ready in time for the commemoration of All Souls' Day in November.

Thank you for helping us honour and remember your loved ones in this meaningful way.

Salesian Thought

A sensible mind is a medium mind, which is neither too great nor too little.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V, 9)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

JULY 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 9th and 23rd July at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are most welcome to attend.

Peter's Pence Collection

On Sunday 5th July we join parishes across the world in taking up the Vatican's annual Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

Your generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion.

You can make a gift using the Peter's Pence collection envelope available in the pews.

May God bless your generosity.

*"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all."
(1 Thess. 3:12)*



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for JUNE

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 29 June

St Peter and St Paul

Tuesday 30 June

Wednesday 1 July

Thursday 2 July

Friday 3 July

St Thomas

Saturday 4 July

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$61.70



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

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Anniversaries: Paul Mifsud, Andrew Fenech, Charlie Gatt, Felicidad Silverio Sevilla, Emmanuel Francis, Frank Feliciotto, Mary Ann Sammut, Jane Fenech, Tess Ann Hardman, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased: Jenny Paul, Pat Pate, Karen Pearson & Gary, Peter Gill, Elliott Gill, Gina Mathias, Maria Grundy, Roslyn Smith, Angela Polito, Fr David Taylor, Emmanuel De Battista.



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Book of Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year, Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this, I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in the new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.