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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*

ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES
29TH JUNE 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Acts 12:1-11;
2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Response:
The Lord set me free from
all my fears

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, alleluia!

Reflection



In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to Peter as "Rock" and says that the Church will be built upon him. We refer to someone as a "rock" when they are very reliable. Talk as a family about who has been and is a

rock in your extended family.

The Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It is faith that makes Peter the Rock upon which the Church is built. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

Talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.

Expressions of Interest



The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking expressions of interest from the parish community with regard to compiling a fundraising cook book.

If you are interested please advise Barbara Cardwell 0412 506 530 or email bjc_1953@hotmail.com.

We will be promoting it more at Masses over the next few week. Many thanks.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Thank You for Supporting the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal. We sincerely thank all who have generously contributed to the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal. Your support continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many within our community.

Please note that all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Contributions can be made using the appeal envelopes or via bank transfer using the details below:

Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish; **BSB:** 062 784; **Account Number:** 10000 5628; **Reference:** PWBB [Your Surname].

To ensure your donation is included in this financial year's tax receipt, please make your contribution by **30th June 2025**.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

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

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Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

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Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

Mass Monday, 30th June

Please note that on Monday, 30th June, Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am instead of the usual 7:30am. We warmly invite you to join the school and wider parish community for this celebration.

Baptism Information Night

Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 7pm in the Church**. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to register your attendance.

Catechist Ministry News

“Let the little children come to me...” – Matthew 19:14

**Help Bring the Children to Jesus
CATECHISTS NEEDED
YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!**

We are currently seeking kind and faith-filled people to help share the love of Jesus with children at Warner-vale Public School.

Vacancies available:

• **Year 4** – Wednesdays,
12:20pm–12:50pm

• **Years 1 & 2 (Combined)** –
Wednesdays, 1:00pm–1:30pm

No teaching experience is needed—just a willing heart. **Full training, support, and resources are provided.** You won't be alone; we'll walk with you every step of the way. Please take some time in prayer and consider if the Holy Spirit is calling you to this joyful and rewarding ministry.

For more information, contact:

Kerrie Deder

Catechist Coordinator

0402 815 633

kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

Memorial Mass for Finn McConnon



The family of Finn McConnon warmly invites parishioners to join them in a Memorial Mass to honour and remember Finn's life.

The Mass will be held on **Tuesday, 1st July at 6:30pm.**

Your presence and prayers would be greatly appreciated during this time of remembrance.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings for the month of **July** will be on **Thursday 3rd and 24th** at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome to come.

Salesian Thought

**To advance well we must apply
ourselves to make good way in the
road nearest to us, and do the first
day's journey.**

(Letters to Persons in the World, I, 5)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 30 June

Tuesday 1 July

Wednesday 2 July

Thursday 3 July

St Thomas

Friday 4 July

St Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday 5 July

St Anthony Zaccaria

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Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$29.80



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!**

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Please remember our sick: Olivia Curtis, William (Billy) Hardman, Jo O'Loughlin, Ronald (Royce) Wright, Adam Death, Pili Menardo Leal, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Anne Bonnici, Paul Mifsud, Charlie Gatt, Betty Sharkey, Richard Calphy, Jane Fenech, Donald Hacker, Fr Tony Reynolds, Charles Firmstone, Emilio Nacua Sr, Geof Bull, Angelija & Adam Laukait.

Recently Deceased: Rhonda Loader, Violet Gove, Finn McConnon, Jacqueline Thomas, James Mahon.



St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!'- and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name,
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

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Year C

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and 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, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you 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 bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.