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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*

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 29TH MARCH 2026, YEAR A

**Readings:** Entrance Mt 21:1-11;  
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mt 26:14-27:66

### Response:

My God, my God, why have you abandon me?

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!** Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### Thank you!!

On behalf of our parish, we sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the success of the MacKillop Fun Fest Community Fair. Your generosity and participation made the day truly memorable. We extend special gratitude to our Parish Pastoral Council members and all who volunteered their time to manage the 'Miraculous Munchies' stall and to everyone who donated cakes, sweet treats, plants, and other handmade creations. We also warmly thank the Couples For Christ (CFC) group for their generous assistance. Your willingness to serve and support the Parish is deeply appreciated. We are especially grateful for the prayers for good weather and for the ongoing encouragement of our shared mission. Through your efforts, the Parish raised \$1,632 from the Fair, together with the CFC raised \$250. Thank you for making this event a true celebration of community and faith.

### Farewell

On behalf of the Parish Music Ministry, we would like to bid farewell to Cate Uhle, who will be relocating to the Canberra region. Thank you for being a wonderful part of our parish choir. Your commitment has been a Blessing to our congregation over many years and may the Lord continue to guide your steps in this new chapter of your life.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation



Reconciliation

This Tuesday, 31st March, the children of our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on 26th April.

We warmly invite you to keep these children in your prayers during this special time of grace and growth in faith.

### Holy Week Timetable

**Holy Thursday (2 April):** 7.30pm

**Good Friday (3 April)**

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

**Holy Saturday (4 April):** 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday (5 April)**

8am, 10am & 5pm



### Please Note

there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (4th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

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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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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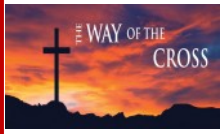
**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Good Friday Way of the Cross



On Good Friday (3 April 2026) at 10:00 am, we will pray the Way of the Cross around the outside of the Church, weather permitting.

Families or individuals are invited to lead a station, all readings/scripts will be given to you on the day.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

## Memorial Wall

If you would like to dedicate a plaque in memory of a loved one, you can now make payment by bank transfer:

**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 [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au) with the following details:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of death
- Name of those dedicating the plaque.

We ask that all orders and payments be submitted by **Tuesday, 14th April 2026**. Thank you for helping us honour and remember your loved ones in this meaningful way.

## Day light Savings Ends



Next weekend Daylight saving ends at 3am, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on **Sunday 5th April 2026**. Please remember to move clocks back one hour.



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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**.

**April 2026:** The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 16th and 30th April 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.

## Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites you to celebrate **Mother's Day 2026** with a special luncheon!

**Date:** Sunday, 3rd May 2026  
**Venue:** Toukley Golf Club, Key St, Toukley  
**Time:** 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$45 per person

Enjoy a **delicious 2-course meal** served to your table, featuring: Chicken breast supreme stuffed with feta and spinach, or Grilled Barramundi, potato galette and roasted cherry tomatoes and Fresh bread roll  
Tea, coffee & dessert

**Live entertainment** to make the day extra special!

**Bookings & Payment Due by 16th April 2026.**

For tickets, please contact:

- **Charlie:** 0404 194 020
- **Rita Dimech:** 0448 742 591
- **Dianne Mifsud:** 0413 454 547
- **Connie & Charlie Tanti:** 4396 3704

## Salesian Thought

*When your heart is wandering and distracted, bring it back gently and quietly to its point, restore it tenderly to its Master's side.*

*(Letters to Persons in Religion, V 13)*



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## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 30 March**

**Tuesday 31 March**

**Wednesday 1 April**

**Thursday 2 April**

Lord's Supper

**Friday 3 April**

Passion of the Lord

**Saturday 4 April**

Holy Saturday

**Sunday 5 April**

Sunday of the Resurrection

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$57.70**

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

### 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:** 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:** Corazon Armonio, Conchita, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Neville & Zlatka Pikulich, Sue & Dick Charleston, Lisa Jackos, Anita Delos Reyes, Richard Van Doorum.

**Recently Deceased:** Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait, Lynette Desforges, Jane (Giovanna) Bugeja, Bebang Miro, Belen Roco, Calogero Jerry Picilli, V.C Mani, Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow.



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

## Entrance Gospel Mt 21:1-11

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them." and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when they entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

**I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply on the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandon me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their head.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

# **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A**

## **Second Reading**

**St Paul to Philippians 2:6-11**

**He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus 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**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

**The passion of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**