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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

First Sunday of Advent
29th November 2026, Year B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Response:
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Advent Reflection

Join us for our Diocesan Advent Reflection Group with Fr Philip.

We will ***meet every Wednesday after 8:45am Mass in the Church meeting room.***

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in this meaningful journey of hope and preparation as we ready our hearts for the Advent season. We look forward to welcoming you!

Parish Dinner - Thank you.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Parish Annual Dinner last Saturday evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, sharing food, laughter and fellowship. Your presence helped make the evening truly special and memorable.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Barbara, Ellen, Rebecca and Michael, Rita, Lorenzo, Bob, Matthew, Charlie, Judy and Babu Philip for their generous contributions, time and support in helping make the evening such a success.

Special thanks also to BBQ Spit Hire for providing the delicious food and to Tony Remedios for the wonderful music and entertainment.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. Your generosity, kindness and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated. May God bless you all abundantly and continue to nurture the faith, friendship and fellowship that make our parish community so special.

Special Mass - Thank you

The parish extends its heartfelt gratitude to Kerrie Power and Lucy Marien for the care, compassion and thoughtfulness they brought to preparing last Thursday's Memorial Mass for parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Their dedication and beautiful attention to detail helped create a prayerful and meaningful celebration, offering comfort, remembrance and an opportunity for our parish community to come together in faith.

We sincerely thank them for their generosity and kindness.

Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.....
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
Hail Mary...
V. And the Word was made Flesh:
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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, governanceand culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.***

'Safeguardingiseveryone'sresponsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Upcoming Dates

There are several upcoming events in our parish calendar, and we encourage everyone to take note of the following dates and add them to your diary:

Thursday 17 December Volunteers' Thank You Christmas Dinner, commencing at 6:30pm.

Saturday, 19 December
Working Bee & Decorating Church for Christmas, commencing from 10am. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Carols by Candlelight – Thursday 10 December 2026

Join St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish and MacKillop Catholic College for a wonderful evening of Christmas celebration at our **Annual Carols by Candlelight on Thursday, 10 December 2026, at the College Hall.**

The evening will commence at 6:30pm, with a sausage sizzle, Russell's Ice Cream Van and candles available for purchase (2 for $5).

Gather with family and friends as we come together to sing our favourite Christmas carols, with the carols commencing at 7:30pm.

We are also delighted to welcome a very special guest – Santa Claus!

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this joyful evening as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas and prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you there!

Salesian Thought

It is not enough to be afflicted because God wills it; but we must be so as He wills it, when He wills, for as long as He wills, and exactly in the manner in which it pleases Him.
(Spiritual Conferences, 21)



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Pastoral Works BrokenBay (PWBB) Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gener-ously donated to our first PWBB appeal for this financial year. Envelopes are still available at the back of the Church and can be placed in any collection plate or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Donations can also be completed online at bbcatholic.org.au/giving/ pastoral-works-broken-bay/ pastoralworks.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Our parish Rosary prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 10th December at 7:00 pm** at the home of Bill and Dianne, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

All are warmly invited to join us in prayer and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547.

Christmas Mass & Reconciliation Times

Reconciliation: 2nd Rite
Friday 18th December at 6:30pm

Reconciliation: 1st Rite
Available Saturdays 4pm to 4:45pm

Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December
5pm; 8pm; Midnight

Christmas Day
Friday 25th December
8am; 10am
NO evening Mass

New Years Eve
Thursday 31st December
Adoration from 11pm
Mass at Midnight





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Saints Days

Monday 30 November
St Andrew
Tuesday 1 December
Wednesday 2 December
Thursday 3 December
St Francis Xavier
Friday 4 December
Saturday 5 December
Sunday 6 December
Second Sunday of Advent

Return and Earn

This week we raised $79.60

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.



Please remember our sick: Ria Firmstone, Geoffrey Gonzales, Bill Rawling, Angelo Rene Mabaquiao, John Firmstone, Harrison Aitken, Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: John O'Reilly, Neville Pikulich, Zlatka Pikulich, Karl Klein, Alan Hardcastle, Mayan Joseph Mohanras, Chris Cleary, Mayan Joseph Mohanaraj, Christine Burns, Kathleen Nolan, Eugenia Aquino Cruz, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr.

Recently Deceased: Ross Fogarty, Andre Hiep, Benjamin Indolos, George Charlton, Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker.

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First Reading:

Prophet Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavns apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen
any god but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R Lord, make us turn on you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

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Second Reading
St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 13:33-37

Stay awak! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.