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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*

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH OCTOBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1Thess 1:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40

Response:
I love you, Lord,
my strength

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

Thank you to Fr Baby



The Parish would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and support to our parish while Fr. Philip was on leave. Your willingness to step in and continue the important work of our parish is truly appreciated. Your sermons and guidance have been a source of inspiration, and your kindness and compassion have touched our hearts. We are grateful for the time and effort you've devoted to our parish community. Your commitment to our spiritual well-being has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for being there for us. With heartfelt thanks and blessings.

20th Anniversary Dinner



Everyone is invite to join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish with a dinner on **Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall**. Tickets are available through try booking at www.trybooking.com/CLVWE. Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free.

Vox Populi—26 October

On October 28, the Church joins together to celebrate the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, two of the Apostles of Jesus. To read more visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/evangelisation/feast-days-saints



Parish Anniversary Fundraising Activities

Tickets are still available for the 100s board fundraiser. Tickets will be available for sale before and after all masses until the boards are all sold out.

We've created a 100-square grid, and each square is available for purchase at \$2 or \$5 each. **Prizes Await:** When all the squares are sold, a random number will be drawn, and the lucky owner of that square wins cash! Prize values are on each board.

Our next fundraising activity is a Cake and Plant Stall before and after 8am Mass on Sunday 5th November. If you would like to donate plants and/or a cake, slice, biscuits, please ensure your donation is received before 8am on 5th November. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- **Pet Blessing**—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.
- **20th Anniversary Mass**—Thursday, 16th November at 6:30pm

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 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 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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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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

Catholic Mission Appeal

A big THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated to our annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Donation envelopes are still available at the back of the Church and at the end of each pew. Donations can also be made via the Catholic Mission website www.catholicmission.org.au/



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting St. Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venetia, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the St. Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-words, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

Central Coast Santa Maria and Parish Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at Toukley Gold Club, Key Street, Toukley from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on Sunday, 3rd December 2023.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Meal consists of pre-dinner nibbles, bread roll, ham, turkey and pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin and mixed vegetables. Also served is a dessert of pudding with custard, Pavlova and ice cream. All is prepared by the chef for the club. Tea and coffee available. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person, available till 19th November.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or Joyce on 4332 9963 or Connie and Charlie on 4396 3704 or Rita and Tony on 0448 742 591.

Trivia Night

Next weekend **Saturday 4th November** down at the MacKillop College Hall is our second last event for this year. Only a \$ 7 per ticket donation for a good night of fun and socialising, food and drinks can be purchased on the night.

For more information or to book your seat call Bill on 0412 051 839 or go online to mactrivia.com.au



Wood panel on Sanctuary Wall

A big THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have very generously donated to the wood panel for the Sanctuary wall. If you would still like to support the cost in making this project a reality.

The total cost is \$8,250. Donations can be made via our account; or money placed in an envelope marked with Sanctuary donation. Your generosity will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come. We are hoping installation will be before the 20th Anniversary Mass on 16th November.

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 **November on 2nd, 23rd & 30th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Salesian Thought

God makes the lame and the blind to come to His banquet, to show us that two eyes and two legs are not needed for going to Paradise.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, v, 8)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 30 October
St Marcellus the Centurion

Tuesday 31 October
St Anthony Claret

Wednesday 1 November
All Saints

Thursday 2 November
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Friday 3 November
St Martin de Porres

Saturday 4 November
St Charles Borromeo

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$ 111.10



Thank you to all the parishioners who continually support our Return and Earn fundraising project. Just a few reminders as we come into the BBQ and socialising weather.

Please remember:

- ◆ containers need to be empty of all liquid
- ◆ not crushed or broken.
- ◆ labels must be on the containers
- ◆ glass containers need to be separated in the crates or individual bags.
- ◆ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!



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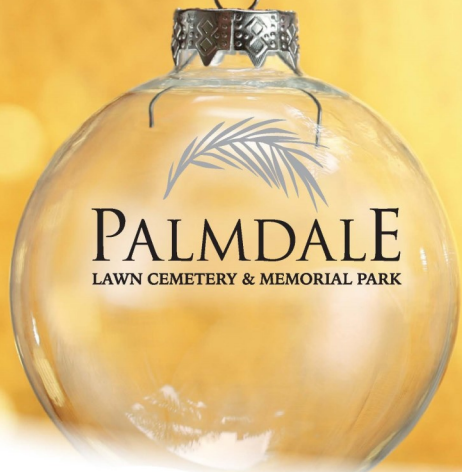
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Please remember our sick: Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Nolan, Christine Burns, Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Joseph Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS.

Recently Deceased: Peter Banfield, Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri.





Christmas

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 2nd Dec 2023

Commencing at 10am

Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park Palmdale Road, Palmdale.

We invite you to attend a beautiful memorial service with our community to offer comfort and to show that we do not grieve alone.

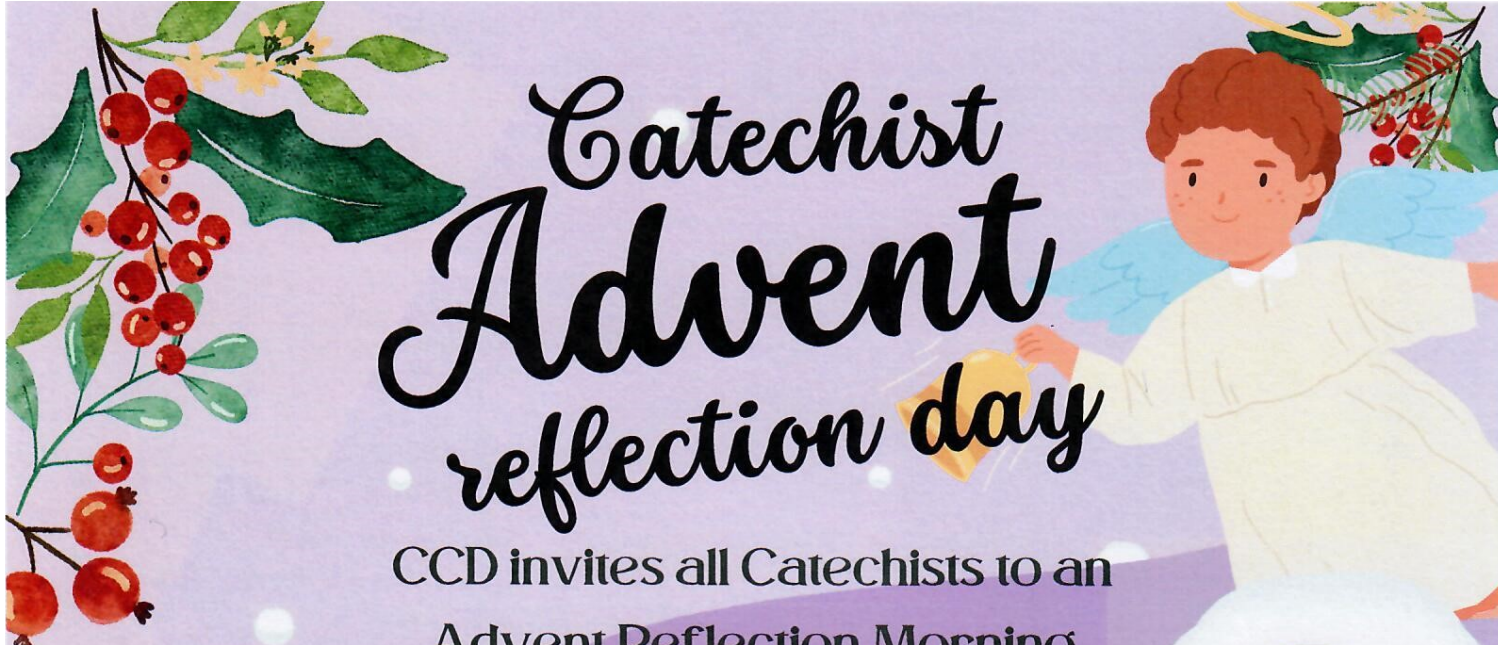
Feel free to bring a framed photo of your loved one to display during the service.

Our service will include: Music with songs, a candle-lighting ceremony, a Christmas ornament with your loved one's name for you to take home and light refreshments to share.

For further details or to RSVP please enquire at the office

Phone **4362 1203**





Catechist Advent reflection day

CCD invites all Catechists to an
Advent Reflection Morning

Virginia Ryan

Executive Leadership Coach - Catholic Education
Canberra Golburn

Join us for an Advent-themed workshop inspired by Mary's resounding "Yes" to the angel Gabriel. Explore your own vocational journey, dive into the world of Catholic ministries, and reflect on your own path to ministry.




The Entrance

12 Ashton Avenue, The Entrance
(Behind OLR Church)

Monday 27 November
10am - 1pm

Our presenter is Virginia Ryan, an executive leadership coach with a rich history of leadership and mentorship roles in Catholic Education. She has expert knowledge and understanding of how quality Formation for Mission can develop teachers who are confident to teach Religious Education and capable of sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

Discover the power of your own "Yes" and its significance in your personal ministry. This workshop is open to all seeking a deeper connection with their faith and a greater understanding of their vocational journey.



A festive and jolly
morning tea
provided by CCD
team!

rsvp: 20 November

register: registrations@bbcatholic.org.au
8379 1643

Chatswood

Our Lady of Dolours Parish
Magnificat Room
Kirk Street Chatswood
Parking available and a short
walk to trains and buses

Friday 1 December
10am - 1pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.” ‘

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love, you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instructions, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread—and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard the Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which of the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord.