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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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Response:

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**



God our Father, we give you thanks and ask you to bless these men who are our fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, foster fathers and spiritual fathers.

Bless our young fathers as they embrace their vocation. Help them to balance work and family as their gift of love to their children.

Bless our older fathers, step-fathers and grandfathers with wisdom and gentle strength to guide those in their care.

We remember our own father and ask you to bless him for giving us life and love.

We lift up all fathers who are lost or suffering that they may know the compassion of God.

We ask your blessing for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

May you also bless and sustain our priests, our spiritual fathers.

For the gift of fathers - loving God we thank you! Amen.

Parish Community Lunch

Sunday 10th September after 10am Mass, the parish is having a bring a plate to share lunch for all parishioners. Come along for a fun and social lunch.

Clergy Retreat—Fr Philip away

Fr Philip will be on a clergy retreat from Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September. During the week there will be communion service only.

National Child Protection Week 3-9 September

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message *'Every child in every community needs a fair go'*.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future. Visit www.napcan.org.au/ncpw/ for more information



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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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

Catechist Corner

We are in need of at least 2 more Catechists or Assistants for 2024 to help in the public schools we teach scripture at. Full training and support are provided. Here is the list of our classes and the catechists and assistants who teach them:

Warnervale Public School: Wednesdays

- Kindergarten: Lorette Kelty
- Years 1 & 2: CCD Regional Coordinator & assistant Jason Vassallo
- Years 3 & 4: Kerrie Dederer & Amelia Wyn
- Year 5: CCD Regional Coordinator & Jason Vassallo
- Year 6: Paul Kelly

Woongarra Public School: Thursdays

- Kindergarten: Lorette Kelty
- Years 1 & 2: Kerrie Dederer & Jason Vassallo (when available)
- Years 3 & 4: Br. Shayne D'Chuna & new assistant Christine Sassine
- Years 5 & 6: Maureen Mulheron

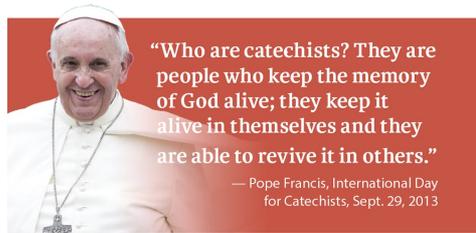
Being part of this worthy Ministry:
Teach or assist in the classroom
(assistants help keep children focused, hand out books, walk among the students). Assistants are so beneficial to the teacher.

If you work from home, you may be able to make time to teach or assist.

If teaching isn't your calling but you still want to be part of the ministry, you can always **assist the Coordinator**, by recruiting, and at the beginning of the year, by organising books for the Catechists.

This is how you can make a difference

Trust in your call from God and answer that call by contacting our Catechist Coordinator Kerrie Dederer at kandadedera@westnet.com.au.



Ignite 2023



Ignite 2023 is fast approaching and now is the time to start making plans!

Have you considered volunteering and assisting to make this the best conference ever!

Opportunities exist to volunteer in either a part-time or full-time capacity. Click below to register for a volunteer role* and use one of these Coupon Codes (enter in the 'enter coupon code' box to reveal the rego option):

For Full-Time (\$100 - rostered close to entire program) - vft23
For Part-Time (\$165 - rostered about half of the sessions) - vpt23

[Click here to register now](#)

Contact **Angela Harris (Ignite Volunteer Co-ordinator 2023)** if you have any questions about Volunteering for Ignite.

Weekday Mass Parking



During weekday Masses, parking will be available in the primary kiss n drop area in the available spaces. This is the parking closest to the Church.

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion preparation classes have commenced. Please keep the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacrament in your prayers.

First Holy Communion will be *celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th September at 12noon.*

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 4 September

Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

Thursday 7 September

Friday 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9 September

St Peter Claver

Sunday 10 September

Child Protection Sunday

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$42.20

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!



Salesian Thought

Be no less brave for being a Christian, and no less Christian for being brave; and for this we must be very good Christians.

(Letters to Persons in the World, IV, 2)



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Please remember our sick: Pat Pate, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Peter Banfield, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen, Oscar Allen.

Anniversaries: Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover.

Recently Deceased: Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.





Little Lighthouse Playgroup

*Fridays during term time, 9.30 am- 11.00 am
Primary multi-purpose room*

Little Lighthouse welcomes families with children aged 0 - 6. Our playgroup is a safe and friendly environment run by parent/carer volunteers. Please bring your own morning tea and sun hat.



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name anymore.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in my shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for the sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

The Gospel of the Lord.