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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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30TH APRIL 2023, YEAR A

**Readings:** Acts 2:14, 36-41;  
1Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

**Response:**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday, April 30, marks the World Day of Prayer for vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision—should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS—God's Positioning System.

### Sacrament of Confirmation



A parent information and enrolment evening will take place on **Thursday 18th May at 7pm in the Church**. It is essential that at least one parent comes to

this session to enroll their child and collect the information, please ensure you bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised at our parish. Confirmation classes will then commence Sunday 28th May during 10am Mass, and continue on 4th June, 18th June and 25th June. Confirmation Ceremony will be **celebrated in our Parish on Saturday 1st July at 9am and 11am**.

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

### Baptism Information Night



Parents seeking baptism for their child are welcome to the Parish. Baptism is a most wonderful ceremony marking the beginning of a new kind of relationship between God and his child. Parents present their child to God and God bestows upon the child the gift of eternal life given through Jesus Christ. The washing and the anointing signify what God is doing. Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office to register for the information night.

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Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

#### 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 9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am  
**1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am**

#### Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month  
after 5pm Mass

#### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass  
Tues 6pm Rosary

#### 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 Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at  
Warnies Café.

#### Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm  
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

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**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

**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

## Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator - looking for the ideal candidate

The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will:

1. act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a **full-time position** for a **maximum term of two years**.

For more information please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply.

Applications close **Thursday, 18 May 2023**

## 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 **May will be on Thursday evenings 11th May, 25th May at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

## Men Alive Retreat



**Men Alive** is a weekend retreat to help men of all ages become the best man, husband, and father he can be (for both married and unmarried men). **Date:** Saturday 17 to Sunday 18 June 2023.

**Where:** St Gerard's Catholic Parish Hall, 543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford. To register please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1036955>

## Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

## 20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations



We are asking parishioners to write suggestions on what they would like to do as an 20th anniversary gift to the parish.

There is a **suggestion box** set up in the breezeway where you can write your suggestions and place it in the box. The anniversary committee will then meet and collate the ideas.

Envelopes will be available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## Catechist News

To "be" catechists!  
Not to "work" as catechists.  
Catechesis is a vocation:  
"being a catechist",  
this is the vocation,  
not "working" as a catechist.

Pope Francis,  
Congress on Catechesis



We have a lovely class of Year 3 and 4 students who will be without a catechist for the new term.

Wednesdays 12.25pm to 12.55 Warnervale Public School. For more information please contact Kerrie Dederer 0402815633 or Fr Philip.

As our catechists return to the schools Term 2 please pray for them and the students they teach that they may encounter and receive the love and light of Christ.

If you are unable to be a catechist or an assistant there are some things you can do:

Become a prayer partner. Pray for our catechists. Mention them in your prayer groups.

Show your support by encouraging them and thanking them for their ministry when you see them.

If you can sew, draw or are crafty items for the lessons and sacred spaces used in the classrooms e.g. tablecloths, decorate candles, pictures for different themes. Please come forward and contact Kerrie Dederer.

## Counting Rosters

The new rosters for May to July 2023 are available at the back of the Church.

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 1 May**  
St Joseph the Worker

**Tuesday 2 May**  
St Athanasius

**Wednesday 3 May**  
St Philip and St James

**Thursday 4 May**

**Friday 5 May**

**Saturday 6 May**  
St Catherine of Siena

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$111.90

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!**



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April**

**For a culture of peace and non violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Salesian Thought

Little does passing time matter to a soul which aspires to eternity, and which only likes notice of perishing moments in order to pass by them into immortal life.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV, 8)



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**Please remember our sick:** Jeff Gill, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

**Anniversaries:** Christine Elfes, Charlie Gatt, John Murphy, Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters, Jack Gill, Daniel Whelm, Roy Curtis, John Mulheron, Beryl Moloney, Agnes Rodger, Rose Calleja.

**Recently Deceased:** Don Scott, Gabriele Laka, Isaias Seki, Fr Bob Maguire, Dominic Toomey.



# Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

**First Reading:**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41**

**God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them., ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by this arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he give me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

**R.**

He guides me along with right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with a crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

**R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**R.**

# Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

## Second Reading

St Peter 2:20-25

**The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 10:1-10

**I am the gate of the sheepfold.**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognize the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them his parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.