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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 30TH AUGUST 2026, YEAR A

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!**

Reflection

“Take up your cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)

Today, Jesus reminds us that following Him is not always easy. He calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him faithfully.

Our crosses may come through difficulties, sacrifice, forgiveness, caring for others or choosing what is right when it is difficult. When we unite these struggles with Christ, they can become opportunities to grow in faith and love.

May we have the courage to follow Jesus each day, trusting that whatever cross we carry, **we never carry it alone.** Christ walks with us and leads us towards new life.

Lord Jesus, give us the strength and courage to take up our crosses and follow You with faith and love. Amen.

Relic of St Carlo Acutis

On Monday, 7 September, the Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be visiting our school and parish community.

There will be an opportunity for prayer and veneration of the relic at **7:00pm to 9pm in the Church on Monday evening.** All parishioners are warmly invited to join us.

We also invite everyone to come together for **9:15am Mass on Tuesday, 8 September**, as we continue to celebrate the life and witness of St Carlo Acutis.

RCIA Program

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic?

Commencing **Thursday, 8 October at 7:00 pm in the Church**, our parish will commence the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** program.

RCIA is a journey of faith and formation for adults aged **16 years and over** who are interested in becoming Catholic. It provides an opportunity to learn about the teachings, traditions and Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Whether you are considering becoming Catholic yourself, or know someone who may be interested, you are warmly invited to join us on this journey of faith.

For more information or to register for the program please contact the Parish Office via email or phone.

We look forward to welcoming you and accompanying you on this special journey towards faith and belonging in the Catholic Church.

Save the Date

Please save the date for our **Annual Parish Dinner**, to be held on **Saturday, 21st November**, following the **5:00 pm Mass** in the **School Hall**. Join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and community as we come together to celebrate our parish family. **Ticket information and the menu will be announced in the coming weeks.**

Diocese of Broken Bay
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 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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Bank Details: Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, Account # 10000 5628, BSB: 062-784

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) 0412 051 839

Salesian Thought

***Finding God in creatures
and creatures in God,
great souls love God,
not the creatures.***

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 10, Chapter 5)

Santa Maria Feast Day

During the fireworks display, between approximately 5:30 pm and 6:10 pm, several items that had been placed in a black garbage bag went missing from the back meeting room.

The missing items include:

2 blue ropes; 17 pairs of gloves; 1 blue top and 5 sachets

If you accidentally picked up the bag or any of these items, could you please return them to the Parish Office or the Church at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us locate these items. Thank you.

Sacrament of Confirmation Confirmation (Year 3 and older)



The Sacrament of Confirmation is available to baptised Catholic children who are in **Year 3 or above**.

Fr Philip will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, 14 November at 10:00 am**.

A **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Thursday, 15 October at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Preparation classes will commence on **Sunday, 18 October**, during the **10:00 am Mass**, and will continue for four weeks.

Enrolment forms and further details will be available by first week of October.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

SEPTEMBER 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 3rd and 17th 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 welcome.

Memorial Wall Plaques

Parishioners wishing to dedicate a memorial plaque in honour of a loved one can now make payment via direct bank transfer using the details below, or by scanning the QR code and selecting **6. Memorial Plaque**.



Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish
BSB: 062-784
Account Number: 10000 5628

Reference: Plaque & Surname

Cost: \$100 per plaque

Once payment has been made, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following information:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Name(s) of the person(s) dedicating the plaque

We kindly ask that all requests and payments be submitted by **30 September**.

Thank you for helping us honour and remember our departed loved ones in this special and lasting way.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 31 August

Tuesday 1 September

World Day of Prayer for Creation

Wednesday 2 September

Thursday 3 September

St Gregory the Great

Friday 4 September

Saturday 5 September

St Teresa of Calcutta

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$61.60



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.



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Please remember our sick: John Firmstone, Harrison Aitken, Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, George Walters, Maisie Walters, Victor Gatt, Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Dorothy McGinlay, Darrell Travers, Kenneth Grigg, Willibrordus Laka, Wilhelmina Seki, Salmen Damanik, Maureen Hassan.

Recently Deceased: Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo, Jenny Paul, Pat Pate.





CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY

St Carlo Acutis

MAJOR RELIC PILGRIMAGE

CHATSWOOD > GOSFORD > WARNERVILLE
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3 - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 2026



THURSDAY 3 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 6pm ● Vespers & Welcome
- 7pm ● Mass. Bishop David Walker's 30th Episcopal Anniversary with Hospitality

FRIDAY 4 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- School Visit - St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga
- School Visit - St Augustine's College, Sydney
- 6:30pm ● Young Adult Event - Parish
- 24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration - Parish

SATURDAY 5 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 9am ● Mass
- 9:30am ● Rosary & Adoration
Public Veneration of the Relic Harrington Hall exhibition
- 7pm ● Holy Hour of Sacred Music

SUNDAY 6 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am ● Morning Masses
- 12pm ● Filipino Mass

SUNDAY 6 SEP St Patrick's, East Gosford

- 6pm ● Mass
- 7pm-8.45pm ● Prayer Vigil with Youth - Parish
- 6pm-9pm ● Exhibition in the Jordan Room - Parish

MONDAY 7 SEP St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale

- Schools Visit - St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah
- School Visit - MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale
- 7pm ● Evening Prayer and Veneration of Relic - Parish

TUESDAY 8 SEP St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale

- 9am ● Mass
- School Visit - St Brigid's, Lake Munmorah

Invoking Self-Discovery



25 – 27 SEP 2026
\$550 incl GST



This will be a time for growth and transformation through developing understandings of and engaging in experiences for self-discovery. There will be opportunities to invoke personal freeing and harmony in relationships. You'll appreciate more your gifts and the giftedness of others. Allow yourself to be open to the wisdom within by being with emotional realities, and engaging in poetry, gentle movement, relaxation, meditation and music– all for your wellbeing. There will be space for personal reflection in tranquil surrounds.

Vicki Hancock

Vicki is passionate about nurturing people to well-being and inner wisdom through offering experiential reflective retreats. She has experience and qualifications in meditation, relaxation, movement, mindfulness, contemplation, imagery, soul collage and teaching. She's a practising spiritual director who is committed to her own spiritual journey.



 **Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre**
Central Coast

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Filipino Chaplaincy Cultural Showcase 2026

Celebrate faith, culture and community with us!

You are warmly invited to join the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay as we celebrate the **40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay**, the **7th Anniversary of the Filipino Chaplaincy**, and the **Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz and St Pedro Calungsod**.

The celebration begins with the **11:00 am Anniversary Mass** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara**, followed by a **free Filipino lunch** and the **Filipino Cultural Showcase** at the **Light of Christ Centre**. Enjoy vibrant performances by our five Filipino communities, live music, fellowship, and a grand raffle draw with fantastic prizes.

Everyone is welcome—parishioners, families, friends and members of the wider community.

Admission is free; however, all attendees are required to register through Humanitix to receive a free entry ticket. Your ticket helps us manage venue capacity and prepare enough food for everyone. Register early to secure your free ticket.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you. Come dressed in your **Filipiniana or Barong** and bring your family and friends!

Support Our Chaplaincy Raffle

Help support the charitable works of the Filipino Chaplaincy by purchasing raffle tickets. **Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 per booklet of 10**, with fantastic prizes to be won, including a **return airfare to Manila**. Raffle tickets are available through your local Filipino Chaplaincy community or parish representatives.

[Click here to register](#) or via the QR code below



Saint Pedro Calungsod +

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz +

Filipino Chaplaincy

Cultural Showcase

*40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay
Celebrating 7 Years of Filipino Chaplaincy*

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2026
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

+ Holy Mass
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

+ Lunch & Cultural Presentations
12:15 PM – 3:30 PM
Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara

+ Cultural Performance
+ Live Music
+ Raffle Draw
+ Grand Finale Dance

Entry: Free • Lunch: Free

Contact: Deacon Roberto Corpuz
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Fundraising Purposes: Support local and overseas charitable groups.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Prophet 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 any more.'
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 the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

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!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Whenever 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 my 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.