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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*

**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
30TH JULY 2023, YEAR A**

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12;  
Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

**Response:**  
Lord, I love your commands.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth, you have revealed to little  
ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

## Reflection

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a

metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

## MacKillop Parish 20th Anniversary Mass 16/11

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish will be celebrating our 20th anniversary on Thursday 16th November with Mass at 6:30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcomed to join us for Mass.

## Pastoral Carers Volunteers

Within our parish boundaries we have 9 nursing homes. We have a faithful team of Pastoral Ministers who visit people in the nursing homes. We are seeking more volunteers to visit our local nursing homes. If you could spare an hour every week, fortnight or month for this Ministry, please contact Michael Goodway 0418 294034 for more information.

The parish would like to thank our Pastoral coordinator Michael and the pastoral carers who continue to volunteer and bring so much joy to those in the nursing homes.

## 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 Mens 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—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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Salesian Thought

*Excessive fear of losing a good name indicates a great distrust of its founda-tion, which is the truth of a good life.*

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 7)

## MacKillop Parish 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser



Are you a keen gardener who can help us out? If so, can you please grab your secateurs and start growing some cuttings for the 20th-anniversary **PLANT STALL fundraiser on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please add your name, contact details and an estimate of how many plants to the sign up sheet at the back of the Church. Ed has kindly offered to help with the plant staff. If you have knowledge of plants and would like to assist Ed, please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email [warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au).

## Ursula Paul

Ursula was a valued parishioner of our community who was known to many as she was involved in various ministries throughout the years. Ursula died on Wednesday 19th July. She is being buried in East Orange on Monday 31st July. Please keep Ursula and her family in your prayers.



## First Holy Communion



The First Holy Communion parent enrolment and information evening will be held on **Tuesday 1st August at 7pm in the school staff room.** It is essential that at least one parent come to this session to enroll their child and collect the information.

First Holy Communion classes commence on Sunday 13th August during 10am Mass, and continue on 20th August, 27th August and 10th September (with a practice after the last session after Mass).

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

Please contact the parish office via email or phone if you have any questions.

## Santa Maria Feast day

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee would like to invite all parishioners to help celebrate the feast of Santa Maria on **Sunday 13th August** in our parish. **Mass will be celebrated at 3pm** followed by a **procession at 4pm with benediction after.** There will be a fireworks display at 6pm.

**Please note there will be NO 5pm Mass on this day.**

## CONFUSED? JOIN A DIALOGUE ABOUT "THE VOICE"

**Let's take the heat out of the discussion.**

Why Should Christians take this seriously?

Whose Idea is it?

What does it Actually Say?

How will it work?

What does the Church say?

**Come along on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August from 10:30am to 12:30pm**

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 31 July**  
St Ignatius of Loyola

**Tuesday 1 August**  
St Alphonsus Liguori

**Wednesday 2 August**  
St Eusebius of Vercelli &  
St Peter Julian Eymard

**Thursday 3 August**  
St Dominic

**Friday 4 August**  
St John Vianney

**Saturday 5 August**

**Sunday 6 August**  
The Transfiguration of the Lord

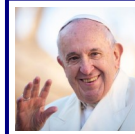
## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$31.40**

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 July

**For a Eucharistic life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.



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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:** Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers, Maureen Hassan, Anne Bonnici, Jack Kilduff, Adam Lorhact, Ros Drover, Angelya Lakukaita, Mons Butlas, Aleykutty Joseph, Paul Mifsud.

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



# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**First Reading:**

**Kings 3:5, 7-12**

## **You have asked for wisdom**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **R.**

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

**He predestined us to become true images of his Son.**

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory. The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

**He sells everything he owns and buys the field.**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys an field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for find pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from the storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.