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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 31ST AUGUST 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 ;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 ; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Response:

God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly
in heart.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel reading from Luke offers valuable insights into the significance of meals in Jesus' time. In ancient society, meals weren't just about nourishment, but also about sharing ideas and building relationships. The places we gather, the people we share meals with, and our behavior at the table all hold deeper meaning. Jesus' parable about choosing a seat at a banquet and hosting dinner for those in need offers wisdom on finding true happiness in the Kingdom of God. By humbly taking a lower place and inviting those who can't repay us, we're reminded of the values that bring blessings and shape our community. This Gospel challenges us to reflect on how we live out our faith and how our parish can embody Jesus' vision of a good society.

New Weekly Mailout



From next week (5th September) MacKillop Online will be sent via our new system. Please scan the QR code to complete your registration.

Funeral for Shannon Murray

The Funeral Mass for Shannon Murray will be celebrated in our Parish on **Monday, 1st September 2025 at 10:30am**. We hold Shannon and her family in our prayers, asking God to grant them comfort and strength during this time of loss.

Upcoming Parish Event

We are delighted to announce that our Parish Dinner will be held on **Saturday, 22nd November after 5pm Mass in the school hall**. This special evening will be a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together in friendship, faith, and celebration. More details regarding the menu and how to purchase tickets will be shared in the coming weeks.

Please save the date in your calendars.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Memorial Wall

The Parish Pastoral Council is progressing with plans to establish a **Memorial Wall** along the retaining wall beside the Church driveway. Each plaque (size 16cm by 10.5cm) will include: Name of the deceased, Date of birth and place, Date of death, Resting place, Donated by.

A registration sheet is available at the back of the Church for parishioners wishing to register their interest and indicate the number of plaques required.



regarding payment will be provided shortly.

The cost is a one-off fee of **\$100 per plaque**, payable by bank transfer or cash. Further details

Diocese of Broken Bay
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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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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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

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Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

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)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings for the month of **September** will be on **Thursday 4th and 18th** at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome to come.

Parish Accounts

Please find attached the annual Parish accounts for last year and this year. These accounts have been reviewed and approved by the Parish Finance Committee and are now presented to the parish for your information. If you have any questions, please see Fr Philip.

After the Honeymoon

The Parish and Marriage Resource Centre has launched a program for newlywed couples to accompany them during the first year of marriage. Dispatched every two weeks for a year, **Smart Loving Newlywed Date Nites** is brimming with inspiration, tips and practical tools. Couples can subscribe for **FREE** at www.smartloving.org/newlywed

Jubilee Year—Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis – Saturday, 6th September.

Our pilgrimage to the Shrines continues with a special visit to Chatswood Parish and the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis on **Saturday, 6th September.** The visit will include the celebration of **Mass**, as we prayerfully anticipate Blessed Carlo's upcoming **canonisation.**

Participants are asked to meet in the parish carpark at 7:15am for a prompt 7:30am departure. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Please include your name, contact number, and indicate whether you are able to offer or require a lift to assist with carpooling arrangements. We warmly invite you to be part of this meaningful day of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Parish Collections

1st Collection: Contributions support the Clergy Remuneration Fund, providing financial aid to our priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the parish's operational management. Donations made through our tap-and-go terminals also go towards the 2nd collection.

PWBB: The Pastoral Works Broken Bay provides funding for charities that directly support the people of our Diocese. **Please note** that only PWBB donations are tax deductible.



You can also donate by scanning the QR code for secure online payments.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 25 August

Tuesday 26 August

Wednesday 27 August

St Monica

Thursday 28 August

St Augustine

Friday 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

Saturday 30 August



Premium
Pure Water

Exclusive Offer 10% Off & \$1 per unit
Donated to SMOTC MacKillop Parish

Use Promo Code MACKCP

More info go to earthgold.com.au

Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$43.10



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fund-raising 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!

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Please remember our sick: Ivan Dzido, Bill McGuinness, Barry Bateson, Ken Grigg, Olivia Curtis, Ruby Huerto, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Pili Menardo Leal, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Joan Firmstone, Victor Gatt, Joyce Nord, T.D Varghese, Darrell Travers, Terence McBride OCDS, Dorothy McGinlay, Gladys De Lange, Thomas Kavanattu, Stanley Nolan, Aleykutty Joseph.

Recently Deceased: Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Praveen Thomas, Eliamma Chacko, Ronald (Royce) Wright, Emmanuel Francis, Tonci Kalebic, Adam Death, Lissy Thankachan.



Parish Accounts

Having been approved by the Parish Finance Committee, the following operating accounts are presented to the parish for last year and this year.

	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget
Income		
Envelopes, Credit Cards, EFTs	\$58, 353	\$61,200
Unplanned Giving	\$70, 492	\$86,800
Fundraising	\$0	\$0
Rebates, Interest, etc.	\$3,517	\$4,000
Other income, rent received	\$13,438	\$12,000
Total Income	\$145,800	\$164,000
 Expenditure		
Church, Altar, Donations	\$4,071	\$4,800
Office	\$16, 729	\$18,000
Employment	\$60, 207	\$67,400
Insurance	\$22,650	\$24,000
Pastoral	\$6,628	\$6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$8,233	\$6,000
Administration	\$4,455	\$4,800
Telecommunication	\$3,237	\$3,200
Motor Vehicle	\$11,489	\$18,000
Superannuation (clergy)	\$5,014	\$8,550
Total Expenditure	\$142, 713	\$160,750
Surplus	\$3,087	\$3,250
 Parish Liabilities (Interest-free loans from the Diocese)	 \$525,000	 \$525,000

The Parish also have a term deposit of \$50,000 for contingencies.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Book of Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
Such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
He leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in the goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.