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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 SEPTEMBER 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
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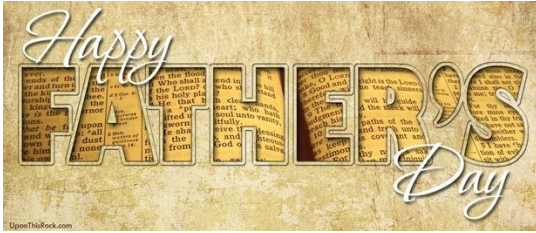
Readings: Wis 9:13-18;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Response:
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!



to all fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, foster fathers and spiritual fathers. God's blessings upon you in your life as a father.

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, foster fathers and spiritual fathers. Bless our young fathers as they embrace their vocation. Give them courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith with a joy in their sacrifice.

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

We remember our own father whether here on earth or in heaven and thank him for giving us life.

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

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 Fatherhood – loving God we thank you!

Amen.

Fundraising for Roof on Coffee Corner Area

The Parish Pastoral Council has approved the purchase of a **permanent polycarbonate roof structure** for the *Coffee Corner* area.

In order for this to be achievable we need **your help**, so we are launching an appeal. In order for this addition to be added to our Church we will need to raise funds amounting to approx. \$15,000. So we are asking if you can contribute a donation towards this, any amount no matter how small would be gratefully appreciated.

If you are able to contribute, please donate via our bank account (see details below), or please place money in an envelope with Roof Donation written on the front and can be placed in either collection at Mass or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Account Name: Warnervale Parish, BSB 062 784 , A/c # 10000 5628

Ref: Name & Roof Donation

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Lunch 11 September

On Sunday 11th September after 10am Mass, everyone is invited to join us for a parish lunch in the school COLA area. Please bring a plate to share. This is a great opportunity for the parish to come together and share a meal.

- 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 - Sat 9.15am
Wed 7.30am—College Mass
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
- RCIA/Faith Renewal**
~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~
- Parish Luncheon**
2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo
- 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 9.15 am

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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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

For the abolition of the death penalty



We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



Children's Choir

We warmly invite all school-aged children (primary and secondary) to join our Children's Choir!

Practice will be held every Sunday in the Church from 4 – 4:45pm, commencing 18 September. The choir will sing at Holy Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5pm.

No experience necessary. For more information, contact Khiara on 0460 692 720 or rar85y@gmail.com

Expression of Interest forms are available in the Church and can be submitted in the box at the back of the Church and we will be in touch!

The year of St. Francis de Sales

Humility makes us distrust ourselves, whereas generosity makes us trust in God. Humility which does not produce generosity is unquestionably false.

[Spiritual Conferences Vol.1, 1]

Baptism Information Evening—20 September



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 20 September at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

Catechist Corner

Our catechists have been teaching the children about the following:

Kindergarten: Lorette teacher: Have been learning about Jesus being God's son and a good friend to us; that God loves them and that we are all part of God's Holy Family. Now we are learning A Special Sign to get in touch with God – The Sign Of The Cross so they can get in touch with God and talk to him and thank him for all the good things he has given them. One of the children told her that her parents take her to Church and other told her that she loved her. WOW.

Years 1 & 2: Kerrie Having a special time learning about how Abraham obeyed God and God rewarded Abraham with lots of children and grandchildren. We also learnt about Noah and the Rainbow Promise and how Noah did as God asked and built an ark and Noah and his family put lots of animals inside and were saved from the flood. We had an ark with Noah and lots of animals inside. Then there was Joseph the Dreamer with his brightly coloured coat and how Joseph wasn't worried and prayed to God and trusted God to help him. We started learning about the Lord's Prayer and trying to do the actions.

Years 3 & 4: Khiara: Students have been learning all about prayer. My primary goal over this 4-week topic has been to normalise conversation with God in our daily lives. Students have explored many forms of prayer such as blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. We have dissected the Lord's Prayer to gain a better understanding of its perfection. Some of the children have recently encountered their first experience of praying aloud in a group - a very moving experience to witness.

Years 5 & 6: Maureen: Over the last few weeks our class has been learning about the Emmaus story and the loaves and fish with much discussion. Now learning about getting to know the Bible, how the Old and New Testaments are organised, about God's Covenant with us. The children's questions sometimes make me smile.

Years 5 & 6: Paul: Pupils in our class have been engaged in discussions on how to create community. Firstly the wider community, the church community, the school community. I've been impressed by their commitment to these issues and the discussions that followed.

THIS WEEK

Monday 5 September
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 6 September
9:15am Mass
6pm Rosary

Wednesday 7 September
7:30am Mass
9:15am Mass

Thursday 8 September
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:15am Mass—Year 5

Friday 9 September
9:15am Mass

Saturday 10 September
9:15am Syro Malabar Mass
4pm Reconciliation
5pm (Vigil) Mass

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$51.90



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!

Elements of the Catholic Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of beautifully produced short videos of 2-5 minutes. Each week during Mass we will be showing one of the videos from the series.

<https://watch.parousiamedia.com/programs/collection-eo3asfix14y?cid=1146129>

Cleaning Roster

We are continuing the **roster for the rest of the year**, for anyone who wishes to volunteer. If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday, either on a weekly basis or one-off. Please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church. For more information please see Fr Philip or email the parish office.

Please remember our sick: Robert Seddon, Ray Slucher, Finn McConnon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Cara De Guzman, Christina Edwards, John Desmond Gill, Christian Caulfield, Joshua Caulfield.

Deceased/Anniversary: Victor Gatt, Sean Shanks, Frank Crisafi, Joan Burgess, Maureen Hassan, Elen & Alfredo Merincilla, Terence McBride, Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinlay, Frances Fong.

Mass Intentions: Mary & Frank Gatt, Tess Ann Hardman, Frank Feliciotto, Dulce Gica, Connie Claramunt, Frank Walsh, Peter Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Angelo & Mary Spiteri.



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First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

‘What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens. As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you now grant Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers;
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever.
Show pity on your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us;
give success to the word of our hands. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Philemon 9:10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him—I could say—a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus of a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possession cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, ‘Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.’ Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possession.’

The Gospel of the Lord.