



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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH FEBRUARY 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Is 58:7-10;
1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Response:

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from the upright.

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the man who follows me will have the
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Alleluia!



Reflection

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* (External site). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year - February 5 in 2023. Many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A number of resources have been developed to help individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries commemorate Word of God Sunday. Among ways Catholics and Catholic communities are being encouraged to mark the day are a special display of Sacred Scripture or the Book of the Gospels, the establishment of Bible study groups or the adoption of lectio divina, a common practice of reflection on Scripture.

Visit the website www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are seeking teachers and helpers/assistance to help prepare the children for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each teacher and helper will be required to have a volunteers working with children check (<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au>) and complete an online Safeguarding course from the Diocese.

Reconciliation classes are set over 4 Sundays during 10am Mass, commencing 5th March, and continuing on 12th, 19th and 26th March. All volunteers will have a lesson plan to assist them in preparing the children.

Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on 28th, 29th and 30th March between 3pm and 5pm.

Our parent information and enrolment evening will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm in the Church and we welcome all parents with children in year 4 and above to come to this session to enroll their child.

If you would like to teach or assist, please email or call the parish office to register.

IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates

Confirmation—year 3 and older will be celebrated on **Saturday 1st July** at 9am and 11am, (more details closer to the date).

First Holy Communion—year 4 and older will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th September at 12noon**, (more details closer to the date)

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—Communion Service
Tues - Sat 9.15am

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 9.15 am

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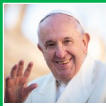
Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am and 9:15am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am from 15th February, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner. 9:15am Mass will continue till 8th February.

Adoration on Wednesdays

Adoration will be from 8am to 8:30am commencing Wednesday 15th February.

Young People and Adults becoming Catholics

If you wish for your child/ren or yourself to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course in the church in 2023.

For more information or to register please contact the parish office on 8379 1740.

Parish Pastoral Council Membership Recruitment

The Parish Pastoral Council meet monthly with Fr Philip to discuss ways of encouraging and supporting parish ministries, to assist with meeting the pastoral needs of the parish community and to provide input on the future vision and direction of the parish.

There are currently vacancies on the Council. If you would like to fill one of these positions, we ask you to nominate yourself and write a brief paragraph describing what you have done in this parish or other parishes and give to Fr Philip or email your nominate to the parish office by Friday 10th February.

Salesian Thought

When did God's love for you begin? When He began to be God. When did He begin to be God? Never, for He has always been without beginning and with-out end, and so He has always loved you from all eternity.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part V, Chapter 14)

Cleaning Roster

Due to a shortage of cleaners, we have continued with a roster for 2023 for anyone who wishes to volunteer on a one off or on a more regular basis. If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday. 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.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteers each week to ensure our Church is always clean for visitors and parishioners.

MenAlive Weekend Program

St Joseph's Parish Toronto is hosting a menAlive weekend 25/26th March 2023 at our St Joseph's Community Centre (140 Wangi Rd, Toronto, NSW)

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menAlive is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them become an active force of renewal in the Church.

For more information or to register for the weekend visit the website www.menalive.org.au/menalive-weekend/ or email menalivetoronto@gmail.com.

Baptism Information Night



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 6 February
St Paul Miki and Companions

Tuesday 7 February

Wednesday 8 February
St Jerome Emiliani &
St Josephine Bakhita

Thursday 9 February

Friday 10 February
St Scholastica

Saturday 11 February
World day of prayer for the sick

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$82.40



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.

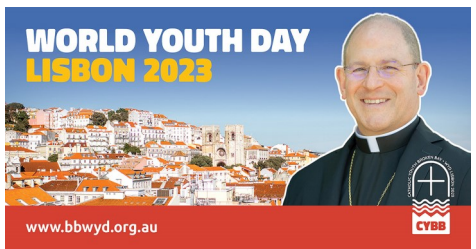
Thank you for your continued support!



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume this Sunday (5th February) during 10am Mass.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish.



World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching! It is now time to register for the Broken Bay WYD23 Pilgrimage. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

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

Anniversaries: Rosalie Crippin, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families, Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen.

Recently Deceased: Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor;
clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then your light will shine like
the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will an-
swer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hun-
gry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like
noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is the light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy ; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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will have the light of life.

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Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt become tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.