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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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH JULY 2026, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 89, 11-13;
Mt 11:25-30

Response:

I will praise your name for ever,
My king and my God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Understand the Church

The hierarchy of liturgical celebrations in the Catholic Church.

In the Catholic Church, liturgical celebrations are ranked according to their theological importance. The hierarchy consists of three main tiers: **Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials** (which include both obligatory and optional observances). These celebrations dictate the specific prayers, readings, and liturgical colours used during Mass.

1. Solemnities

Solemnities are the highest rank of celebrations, reserved for the most significant mysteries of the faith, major events in the lives of Jesus and Mary, and key patron saints.

- **Observance:** They are celebrated with the highest level of solemnity, and Sunday fasting and abstinence rules are typically lifted.
- **Mass Requirements:** Always include three Scripture readings (including a Gospel), the recitation of the *Gloria*, and the *Profession of Faith* (Nicene Creed).
- **Examples:** Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, husband of Mary. Specific to Australia are Mary Star of the Sea and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

School Holidays / Office Hours

School holidays commence **Monday 6 July through Friday 17 July**. During this

period, access to the Church will be available only through the top gate, and the site will be locked by 3 pm most afternoons. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask everyone to remain vigilant. Please report any concerns to the parish mobile on 0423 279 263 or to Knightguard Protection Group on 1300 655 009.

The **Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 8 July until Tuesday 14 July**. For urgent matters, please contact the parish emergency mobile on **0423 279 263**. For non-urgent enquiries, please email or leave a voicemail; all messages will be attended to upon return.

Fr Shane D’Cunha

On Saturday 4th July, Fr Shane D’Cunha will be in our parish to celebrate the vigil Mass at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in this celebration of Mass.

Peter’s Pence Collection

This Sunday, 5 July, our parish joins Catholics worldwide in supporting the **Peter’s Pence Collection**, which funds the Holy Father’s charitable outreach including emergency aid for those suffering from natural disasters, war, oppression and disease.

Your generosity helps Pope Leo XIV bring mercy and compassion to people in urgent need. Envelopes are available in the pews. May God bless your kindness.

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.