



# 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5TH MARCH 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

**Readings:** Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10;  
Mt 17:1-9

**Response:**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we  
place our trust in you.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Holy Week Timetable

**Palm Sunday (1/2 April):** Saturday 5pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am; 10am; 5pm Mass

**Holy Thursday (6 April):** 7.30pm

**Good Friday (7 April)**

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

**Holy Saturday (8 April):** 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday (9 April)**

8am, 10am & 5pm

**Please Note:** there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (8th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



### Happy Birthday Fr Philip

Happy Birthday to Fr Philip for  
Tuesday 7th March.



### Musicians Wanted

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS - Would you like to be involved in music ministry? We are looking for musicians, particularly pianists and guitarists, who would be interested in using their gifts in the church once per month for Mass. Please contact Khiera on 0460 692 720.

### Good Friday—Way of the Cross

On Good Friday (7th April) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church. We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

### Thank You

A big thank you to our very generous parishioners—Francesco Costa, Wayne and Cecilia Henry, Maria Macapagal, Cynthia Manickum who donated to the Easter Paschal Candle, Host and Wine.

### 20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations—November 2023

The PPC would like expressions of interest for any parishioners who would be interested in being part of the 20th anniversary planning group. If you are interested please contact the parish office to register your interest.

### 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 9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am

**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 9.15am

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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

## Sacrament of Reconciliation



Reconciliation classes commence this Sunday 5th March during 10am Mass, and continuing on 12th, 19th and 26th March.

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

If you would like to register your child please contact the parish office.

## IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates



**Confirmation**—will be celebrated on **Saturday 1st July at 9am and 11am.**

**First Holy Communion**—year 4 and older will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th September at 12noon**

## Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer meetings for **March will be on Thursday evenings 16th and 30th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

**For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Salesian Thought

**Christ was more concerned with St. Peter's repentance and remorse than with his sin. (The Spirit of St. François de Sales, VII, 8)**

## WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



## World Youth Day 2023

We still have a few spaces available for young adults to join the **Direct Pilgrimage**.

If you know of any young adults (18-35yrs) who may wish to journey with us, please ask them to register their interest at <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to secure their place on the pilgrimage.

## MacKillop Catholic College Open Day—8 March

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



**MACKILLOP**  
Catholic College  
WARNERVALE

MacKillop Catholic College is having an **Open Day on Wednesday, 8 March 2023 from 4pm**

The school's Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to come and explore what a Catholic education can offer your child. See what makes MacKillop Catholic College unique, tour the school, step inside classrooms, enjoy performances and meet our Principals and Teachers.

### Itinerary:

**4 – 6pm : Open Afternoon, demonstrations, performances and School Tours**  
**6 – 7:00pm : Kinder and Year 7 2023 Information Session**

2023 Open Day Registration Form  
- Catholic Schools Broken Bay -  
MacKillop Catholic College



Register via the QR code. We are now able to accept all visitors to our College regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not mandatory, however are highly recommended for indoor settings where social distancing is difficult. For any further information please contact the College on 4392 9399 or via email at [smccw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smccw@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 6 March**

**Tuesday 7 March**  
St Perpetua and St Felicity

**Wednesday 8 March**  
St John of God

**Thursday 9 March**  
St Frances of Rome

**Friday 10 March**  
Special Day of Prayer and Penance

**Saturday 11 March**

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$75.80**



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!**

## Parent Engagement Coordinator Position

MacKillop Catholic College is excited to announce a new role that is being introduced to Catholic Schools across Broken Bay. The Parent Engagement Officer is a part time role and would suit a Parent that is just as passionate about our College as we are and making sure everyone feels like they belong. For more information, please review the advertisement on seek ([www.seek.com.au/job/59988857](http://www.seek.com.au/job/59988857))

## Find us on Facebook

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**Anniversaries:** Frank Feliciotto, Josefa Radina Astraia Nonato, Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families.

**Recently Deceased:** Kenneth Stephen, Susan Melinz, Terry Flanagan, Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI.



# Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

## First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

### The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

**R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**R.**

# Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

## Second Reading

St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

**God has saved us, and called us to be holy.**

With me, bear the hardship for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy—not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

**His face shone like the sun.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' he was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.