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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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH NOVEMBER 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10;
1Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Response:

I love you, Lord,
my strength

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



Prayer Cards

November is a special time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away, and to seek God's blessings for ourselves and those we care for. For the month of November small prayer intention cards will be available at the back of the church. If you would like to offer a special Mass for your dearly departed, please place your offering in a mass intention envelope. Your offering goes towards the formation of the seminarian of the missionaries of St Francis de Sales.

Talk on the Mass by Shayne

- ◆ How does the mass relate to my life?
- ◆ How can I get more out of the mass?

Our seminarian, Shayne, will address these questions as he explores *how we can participate more fully at mass.*

When: **6:15pm-7:15pm** (with time for Q & A) on **Saturday, the 18th of November.** Finger foods and drinks will be provided after 5pm mass. For more information please see Bro Shayne or contact the parish office on 8379 1740. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Parish Anniversary Fundraising Activities

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the 100s board fundraiser. All tickets have now been sold and the lucky winners will be announced next week.

This weekend before and after 8am Mass on Sunday we will be having a Cake and Plant Stall, all money raised to go towards our 20th Anniversary celebrations..

Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- **Pet Blessing**—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.
- **20th Anniversary Mass**—Thursday, 16th November at 6:30pm

20th Anniversary Dinner



Everyone is invite to join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish with a dinner on **Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall.** Tickets are available through try booking at www.trybooking.com/CLVWE. Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free.

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 & 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 4 - 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 Wallarah Bay Club

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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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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



TO LORETTE KELTY
15 YEARS TEACHING SRE
TO THE CHILDREN



Last Saturday at the 2023 CCD Annual Diocesan Mass and Presentation of Awards Ceremony at Our Lady Of The Rosary Cathedral Lorette was presented with a Certificate for teaching SRE to the children for 15 years by Fr. Paul Durkin.

At this Mass, Kerrie Deder, Lorette, Maureen Mulheron and Amelia renewed their commitment to the Ministry of Special Religious Education in taking the good news of the Gospels to the children they teach.

May God bless them and all catechists in this work.

For more information on this rewarding Ministry please contact our Catechist Coordinator, Kerrie Deder, 0402815633 or via email kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au



Farewell to Loretta

As the time comes for you to embark on a new journey in life, we want to take a moment to express our deep appreciation and bid you a heartfelt farewell. Your presence within our parish has been a source of inspiration and joy, and your contributions have enriched our community in countless ways.

Your unwavering commitment to our parish family, and your warm, welcoming spirit have made a profound impact on all of us. Your involvement in our ministries, your participation in our worship services, have created a sense of togetherness that will be deeply missed.

Message from Loretta;

Dear parish family,
With both sadness and joy I am moving to an apartment in the city to be closer to work and have a much smaller mortgage.

I thank you all for your wonderful support over the last 20 years in the parish and I will miss you and my parish memories fondly.

I will play and sing on Sunday 12/11 at 10am for the last time.

Loretta

Salesian Thought

True devotion does no harm whatever, but rather gives perfection to all things; but when it goes contrary to our lawful vocation, then without doubt it is false.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, Chapter 3)

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 **November on 2nd, 23rd & 30th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 6 November
St Leonard

Tuesday 7 November
St Achilles

Wednesday 8 November
St Castorius

Thursday 9 November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday 10 November
St Leo the Great

Saturday 11 November
St Martin of Tours

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$29



Thank you to all the parishioners who continually support our Return and Earn fundraising project. Just a few reminders as we come into the BBQ and socialising weather.

Please remember:

- ◆ containers need to be empty of all liquid
- ◆ not crushed or broken.
- ◆ labels must be on the containers
- ◆ glass containers need to be separated in the crates or individual bags.
- ◆ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!



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Please remember our sick: Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen.

Anniversaries: Abraham K, Bill Rogers, C.V Vincent, Kathleen Nolan, Christine Burns, Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Joseph Garcia, Victor Gatt.

Recently Deceased: Peter Banfield, Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practice what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.