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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,  
5 SEPTEMBER 2021, YEAR B**

**Readings:** Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5;  
Mk 7:31-37

**Response:**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Alleluia!**

## Happy Fathers Day



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 lift up all fathers who are lost or suffering that they may know the compassion of God who walks with them. We ask God's blessings for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice and may God bless and sustain our priests, our spiritual fathers. For the gift of Fatherhood – loving God we thank you! AMEN

## Mass Wednesday 8/9 @ 9:15am Birthday of Our Blessed Mother

Please join us for Mass to celebrate the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale Facebook page. Afterwards Recorded mass can be viewed on our **'YouTube channel'** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIX6kNkxSCu-c4M29CKtIvg>

## New Parish Mobile Number

Please note that our Parish mobile number has changed. The new number is **0423 279 263**

## New Account Details

Since we are no longer having collections each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances. If you wish to assist, you can contribute directly to the parish account:

**Warnervale Parish**

**BSB: 062 784**

**A/C: 100005628**

Add your surname and if you have an envelope include the number as **reference** e.g., Smith 21. Otherwise you can write 'donation' or surname CWF.

## Pray MacKillop



During these times of lockdown, it is important to stay united and connected in prayer.

"Pray MacKillop" is our weekly prayer email that contains prayer intentions from our parishioners here at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale.

To receive the weekly Pray MacKillop, please email [praymackillop@gmail.com](mailto:praymackillop@gmail.com) to register.

Your prayer intentions can remain anonymous should you so wish. You may opt out at any time.

**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

Tues - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am

## Anointing Mass

Third 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~~

## Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

## Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

## Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

## Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff  
for more information.

**Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator ([philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au))

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**Web:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale)

**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.

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Reduced Office Hours



The parish office will only operate 2 days each week Tuesday and Friday.

Leave a message and we will return your call for anything urgent please call the parish mobile 0423 279 263.

## St Vincent de Paul Society—Support Centre

While some of our critical outreach services are unable to get out within the communities to provide their usual support, we've been finding new ways to ensure help is there for those who need it.

Our staff and volunteers have recently distributed 130 hampers through a range of services, Help is here for those who need it right now, to find out more about what support is available head to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/NSW/COVID-19\\_Support/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/NSW/COVID-19_Support/)



## Major earthquake hits Haiti

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free



## Prayer Website

Pray as you go (<https://pray-as-you-go.org>) is a great website to access daily prays. If you click on the day of the week, there will be an audio file for you to listen to the prayer of the day.

## Social Justice

### The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is now in place and runs for a month during the month of September until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. It is a time for prayer and reflection on creation and our relationship with it. We pray: Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:

The bush grown more silent,  
The birdsong less vibrant,  
The stream's sluggish ripple.  
Have mercy and open our ears.  
Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
The soil depleted,  
The sky smudged,  
The oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.  
Have mercy and help us to see.  
Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:

The workers who struggle to get by,  
The women subjected to violence,  
The people who are excluded.  
Have mercy and help us to see.  
Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:

The sound of hungry children,  
The distress of the mentally ill,  
The silent pain of homeless women and men.  
Have mercy and open our ears.  
Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,  
To restore our bearing,  
And to reclaim your reign of justice for all people and  
Peace for creation.

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September Environmental Sustainability

We pray that, we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable way of life, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## THIS WEEK

### Monday 6 September

9:15am Mass

### Tuesday 7 September

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed virgin Mary

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

### Thursday 9 September

St Peter Claver

9:15am Mass

### Friday 10 September

9:15am Mass

### Saturday 11 September

4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

### Sunday 12 September

8am Mass

9:15am Livestreaming Mass on

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Warnervale Facebook page.

10am Mass

5pm Mass

## Return and Earn

Please leave the containers for recycling near the recycling bins. Just collect them in a plastic bag, or a container of any description and either drop them at the church or give Steve Roll a call, 0427 401 666, and he can pick them up from you.

Thank you everyone who continues to support the return and earn.

## Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: *Reassure a friend or family member that the Church will always be there for them.*

## Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been suspended until 10 September. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted during the Stay at Home Order.

The Church is closed to the public and is not available for private prayer.

Baptism have been postponed until further noticed.

Weddings are not permitted to take place.

Funerals maybe celebrated with a limit 10 people including the celebrant.

**Please remember our sick:** Anne Firmstone, Anne Byrne, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Jean Ganly, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** David Caire, Ken White, Joan Firmstone, Terry Quinnell, Deborah Dickerson, Anthony Attard, George Radacic, Alekuty Joseph, Joseph Buhagier, Therese Ann Hardman, Richard Murphy, Sira Raveane.

**Mass Intentions:** Brandi & Jessica Lozario, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos,



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the  
 parched land springs of water.  
The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion’s God, from age to age. **R**

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### Second Reading

**St James 2:1-5**

**Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest,' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia**

### Gospel

**Mark 7:31-37**

**He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.