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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*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 6TH APRIL 2025, YEAR C

**Readings:** Is 43:16-21  
Phi 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

### Response:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!** With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



### Seeing with God's Eyes

In family life, we know one another's strengths—and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on faults. But Jesus shows us another way. When confronted with the woman caught in adultery, He did not condemn but extended mercy.

Family offers us the chance to see as God sees—not with judgment, but with compassion. When we choose to focus on love rather than faults, we help one another grow in God's grace. Let us ask for His forgiveness and strive to show His mercy to those closest to us.

### Good Friday—Way of the Cross

**On Good Friday (18th 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.

### Palms & Working Bee Holy Week



If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday we will be having a working bee and preparing the church on **Saturday 12th April from**

**10am.** We would like the palms delivered to the church by 10am on the Saturday. We need long and small palms.



(please bring your secateurs).

If you can spare an hour to help please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your

### 24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation



Commencing **Thursday April 10th**, our parish will hold **24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation**, starting at 10:00am after the morning Mass and concluding with the **9:15am Mass on Friday, April 11th.** To

help ensure continuous participation, please sign up on the form at the back of the Church to indicate the time you will be attending.

We invite everyone to take part in this time of prayer and reflection.

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### 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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

Prayer meetings for the month of **April** will be on **Thursday 10th and 24th**, at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547.

All are welcome to come.

## First Holy Communion Dresses / Outfits



With the sacrament of the First Holy Communion on 4th May, I wanted to share Mary's Faithful Wardrobe with the Community. We have a beautiful collection of sacramental garments that are available to borrow for your child's special day. If you are in need for a garment, contact Lucy Marien at [lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or Kim McCarthy in the Parish Office.



## Planned Giving Envelopes

Your new planned giving envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the Church.

*Thank you for your ongoing generosity; your support means so much.*

If you prefer to give online, you can do so easily through our website.

## Chrism Mass 2025

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday 15 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

## Salesian Thought

***Perseverance is the most desirable gift we can hope for in this life.***

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 3, Chapter 4)

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2025



**For the use of the new technologies.**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## Holy Week Timetable

**Holy Thursday (17th April):**  
7.30pm

**Good Friday (18th April)**

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

**Holy Saturday (19th April):**  
7.30pm

**Easter Sunday (20th April)**  
8am, 10am & 5pm

**Note:** there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



## Return and Earn

**This week we raised: \$70.80**



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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**Please remember our sick:** Finn McConnon, Pili Menardo Leal, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Jacqui, Joset Gatt, Violet Gove, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Charity M. Macapagal.

**Anniversaries:** Archibald Crippin, Patricia Frankham, Maria Lledon, William Sy, Jason Calphy, Magdalena Laka, Nina Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Erma Abucq, Modesto Ramon, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Mark Weiss.

**Recently Deceased:** Sharon Barnes, Alijandro Pagaran Jnr, David Ekin, Allan Clark, Louis Sciberras.



# Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

## First Reading

**Prophet Isaiah 43:16-21**

**I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.**

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R**



# Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

**Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## Gospel

John 8:1-11

**Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.