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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 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026, YEAR A

Readings: Ezek 33:7-9;
Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

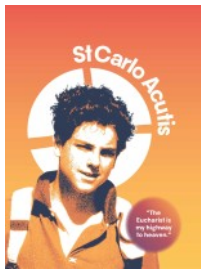
Response:

O that today you would listen
to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself; and the Good News of
reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Relic of St Carlo Acutis



On Monday, 7 September,
the Relic of St Carlo
Acutis will be visiting our
school and parish
community.

There will be an
opportunity for prayer and
veneration of the relic at
7:00pm to 9pm in the

Church on Monday evening. All
parishioners are warmly invited to join us.
We also invite everyone to come together
for **9:15am Mass on Tuesday, 8
September**, as we continue to celebrate
the life and witness of St Carlo Acutis.

Funeral—George Charlton

A Funeral Service for the late **Mr. George
Charlton** will be held in the Church on
Wednesday, 9 September, at 11:00 am.

George and his family were valued
members of our parish community and
were among the original parishioners when
the Parish first commenced. Over the
years, they generously contributed to
parish life through their involvement in the
music ministry, PowerPoint presentations
and the reading ministry.

All those who knew George are warmly
invited to attend and join in giving thanks
for his life and praying for the repose of
his soul.

Please keep George and his family in your
prayers during this time of sorrow.

RCIA Program

*Are you or someone you know interested
in learning more about the Catholic faith
or considering becoming Catholic?*

Commencing **Thursday, 8 October at
7:00 pm in the Church**, our parish will
commence the **Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** program.

RCIA is a journey of faith and formation
for adults aged **16 years and over** who are
interested in becoming Catholic. It
provides an opportunity to learn about the
teachings, traditions and Sacraments of the
Catholic Church. Whether you are
considering becoming Catholic yourself, or
know someone who may be interested, you
are warmly invited to join us on this
journey of faith.

**For more information or to register for
the program please contact the Parish
Office via email or phone.**

We look forward to welcoming you and
accompanying you on this special journey
towards faith and belonging in the Catholic
Church.

Save the Date

Please save the date for our **Annual
Parish Dinner**, to be held on **Saturday,
21st November**, following the **5:00 pm
Mass** in the **School Hall**. Join us for a
wonderful evening of food, fellowship and
community as we come together to
celebrate our parish family. **Ticket
information and the menu will be
announced in the coming weeks.**

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

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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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

Bank Details: Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, Account # 10000 5628, BSB: 062-784

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

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Sacrament of Confirmation Confirmation (Year 3 and older)

The Sacrament of Confirmation is available to baptised Catholic children who are in **Year 3 or above**.

Fr Philip will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, 14 November at 10:00 am**.

A **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Thursday, 15 October at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Preparation classes will commence on **Sunday, 18 October**, during the **10:00 am Mass**, and will continue for four weeks. Enrolment forms and further details will be available by first week of October.

Memorial Wall Plaques

Parishioners wishing to dedicate a memorial plaque in honour of a loved one can now make payment via direct bank transfer using the details below.

Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish;

BSB: 062-784

Account Number: 10000 5628

Reference: Plaque & Surname

Cost: \$100 per plaque

Once payment has been made, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following information:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Name(s) of the person(s) dedicating the plaque

We kindly ask that all requests and payments be submitted by **30 September**.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



Rosary Prayer Group

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

SEPTEMBER 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 3rd and 17th at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome.

Salesian Thought

Finding God in creatures and creatures in God, great souls love God, not the creatures.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 10, Chapter 5)

ACBC Research into the First 10 Years of Marriage September 2026

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 7 September

Tuesday 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 9 September

St Peter Claver

Thursday 10 September

Friday 11 September

Saturday 12 September

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$30.30



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

Please remember:

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

Thank you for your continued support!

MacKillop Online Newsletter



Please scan the QR code to subscribe to our weekly email *MacKillop Online* newsletter, sent each Friday.



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Please remember our sick: John Firmstone, Harrison Aitken, Hetti Damanik, Cesar Raque Martinez, Edgar Ramon Savichez, Vincent Abela, Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, George Walters, Maisie Walters, Victor Gatt, Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Dorothy McGinlay, Darrell Travers, Kenneth Grigg,

Recently Deceased: George Charlton, Anita Visintin, Aubrey Croker, Manuel Gatt, Joe Refalo, Jenny Paul, Pat Pate.



Invoking Self-Discovery



25 – 27 SEP 2026
\$550 incl GST



This will be a time for growth and transformation through developing understandings of and engaging in experiences for self-discovery. There will be opportunities to invoke personal freeing and harmony in relationships. You'll appreciate more your gifts and the giftedness of others. Allow yourself to be open to the wisdom within by being with emotional realities, and engaging in poetry, gentle movement, relaxation, meditation and music– all for your wellbeing. There will be space for personal reflection in tranquil surrounds.

Vicki Hancock

Vicki is passionate about nurturing people to well-being and inner wisdom through offering experiential reflective retreats. She has experience and qualifications in meditation, relaxation, movement, mindfulness, contemplation, imagery, soul collage and teaching. She's a practising spiritual director who is committed to her own spiritual journey.



 **Mary MacKillop
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Central Coast

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Filipino Chaplaincy Cultural Showcase 2026

Celebrate faith, culture and community with us!

You are warmly invited to join the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay as we celebrate the **40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay**, the **7th Anniversary of the Filipino Chaplaincy**, and the **Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz and St Pedro Calungsod**.

The celebration begins with the **11:00 am Anniversary Mass** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara**, followed by a **free Filipino lunch** and the **Filipino Cultural Showcase** at the **Light of Christ Centre**. Enjoy vibrant performances by our five Filipino communities, live music, fellowship, and a grand raffle draw with fantastic prizes.

Everyone is welcome—parishioners, families, friends and members of the wider community.

Admission is free; however, all attendees are required to register through Humanitix to receive a free entry ticket. Your ticket helps us manage venue capacity and prepare enough food for everyone. Register early to secure your free ticket.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you. Come dressed in your **Filipiniana or Barong** and bring your family and friends!

Support Our Chaplaincy Raffle

Help support the charitable works of the Filipino Chaplaincy by purchasing raffle tickets. **Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 per booklet of 10**, with fantastic prizes to be won, including a **return airfare to Manila**. Raffle tickets are available through your local Filipino Chaplaincy community or parish representatives.

[Click here to register](#) or via the QR code below



Saint Pedro Calungsod +

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz +

Filipino Chaplaincy

Cultural Showcase

40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay
Celebrating 7 Years of Filipino Chaplaincy

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2026
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

+ Holy Mass
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

+ Lunch & Cultural Presentations
12:15 PM – 3:30 PM
Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara

+ Cultural Performance
+ Live Music
+ Raffle Draw
+ Grand Finale Dance

Entry: Free • Lunch: Free

Contact: Deacon Roberto Corpuz
roberto.corpuz@bbcatholic.org.au

Fundraising Purposes: Support local and overseas charitable groups.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R.**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in his single command: You must love our neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.