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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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7TH DECEMBER 2025, YEAR A

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

Response:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and
fullness of peace for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall see the
salvation of God.

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Advent Reflection

Join us for our Diocesan Advent Reflection Group with Fr Philip.

This year's booklet continues the beautiful tradition of reflecting on the Sunday Gospel readings, enriched with thoughtful personal reflections.

We will meet every Wednesday at **9:30am after 8:45am Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to take part in this meaningful journey of hope and preparation as we ready our hearts for the Advent season.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Catechist News

After 17 years of dedicated and faithful service **Lorette Kelty** is retiring from our ministry. We would like to thank Lorette for everything she has done and I'm sure she will receive many blessings for her part in our ministry teaching the kindergarten children.

Lorette will be farewelled on Sunday, 7th December at the 8am Mass followed by a morning tea.

Volunteers Christmas Dinner

You and your family are invited to join us on Thursday 18th December from 6:00pm, in the College Staff Room for a volunteers thank you end of year dinner. Please bring an item of food to share. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided.

Fr Philip Away

Fr Philip will be away from Monday 8th December to Thursday 11th December to attend his congregation's conference and retreat with the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS) in Melbourne. We kindly ask you to keep Fr Philip in your prayers during this time.

Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Parishioners are warmly invited to join our Christmas cleaning and decorating of the Church as we prepare for the joyful celebration of Jesus' birth. This will take place on **Saturday, 20 December, from 10:00am**. Your helping hands and generous spirit are most welcome.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on: **Wednesday 17th December at 6:30pm**.

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm, 8pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



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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

Parish Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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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) 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

Special Annual Collection for Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS)

Next weekend (13th December), we will be having a special annual collection for the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS).

All proceeds will support the missionary works of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, the religious congregation to which Fr Philip belongs. Their mission includes parish ministry, the education and formation of children and youth, and the care and education of children with cerebral palsy and those who are less fortunate.

The collection has been approved and endorsed by the Diocese.

31st December—Rosary, BBQ, Adoration and Mass Celebrate the New Year with us!

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Fr Philip at the Presbytery on **31st December** for a BBQ and Rosary gathering from **6:00pm**.

As we prepare to welcome the new year, Fr Philip will lead us in a reverent evening of prayer, beginning with **Adoration from 11:00pm to 11:45pm**, followed by a **special Midnight Mass** to usher in **2026**. Come and begin the new year in the peace and presence of the Lord.

All are welcome!

Rosary Prayer Group

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

December: Prayer meetings will be on **Thursday 11th 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.

Memorial Wall

If you would like to dedicate a plaque in memory of a loved one, you can now make payment by bank transfer:

Account Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish; **Account Number:** 10000 5628; **BSB:** 062-784;

Reference: Plaque & Surname

Cost \$100 per plaque

Alternatively, you may **scan the QR code** provided and select option **6: Memorial Plaque**.



After making your payment, please email the parish office at warner-valeparish@bbcatholic.org.au with the following details:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of death
- Name(s) of those dedicating the plaque

We ask that all orders and payments be submitted by **Tuesday, 16th December**, so we can ensure the plaques are installed before the end of the year. Thank you for helping us honour and remember your loved ones in this meaningful way.

Become a Catechist Positions Available for Kindergarten starting 2026.

Wednesdays, Warnervale School
12.20pm - 12.50pm

Thursdays, Woongarah School
12.35pm - 1.05pm

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS TO GOD'S CHILDREN WITHIN OUR PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

No previous teaching experience is required. Full training and support will be provided. Please contact Kerrie for further information: 0402 815 633,

Email: kerriededera@gmail.com

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 9 December

Wednesday 10 December

Thursday 11 December

Friday 12 December

Saturday 13 December

St Lucy



Premium
Pure Water

Exclusive Offer 10% Off & \$1 per unit
Donated to SMOTC MacKillop Parish

Use Promo Code MACKCP

More info go to earthgold.com.au

Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$53



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!

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Please remember our sick: Corazon Armonio, Julie Granero, Mary Swift, Alan Smith, Anne Levett, Ivan Dzido, Barry Bateson, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

Anniversaries: Robert Walker, Marjorie Francis, & Jonathan Breen, Peter Conneely, Tina Keane, Stephen Aitken, John Butler, William Hardman, Tess Hardman, Neville Pikulich, Leticia Gomez.

Recently Deceased: Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millstead, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Teuila Kelly, Jessy Edwards, Bill McGuinness, Pamela Noble, Lillian Derbyshire, Claire Otoole, Elizabeth Kellman.





St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish presents
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Friday 12 December 2025
7:30pm | College COLA

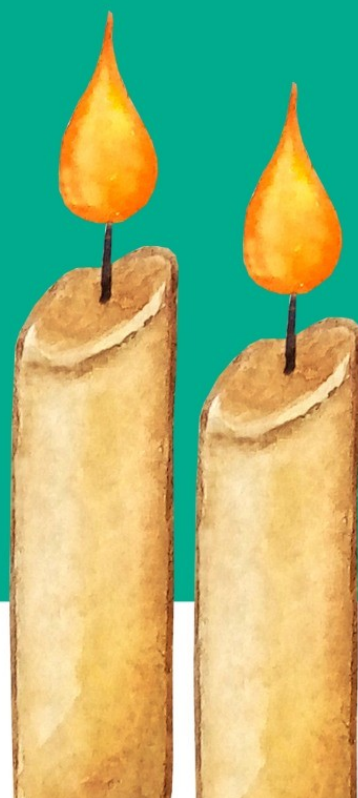
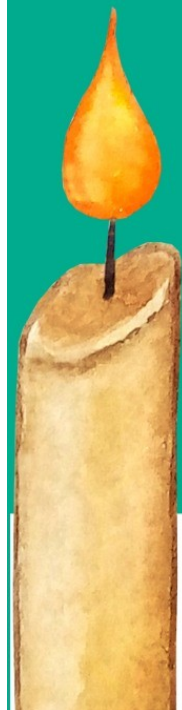
Candles for sale on the night - 2 for \$5
Sausage sizzle from 6:30pm - Gold coin donation
Carols commencing at 7.30pm



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Christmas Postage Stamps

Australia Post issues two groups of Stamps for Christmas :-

Secular and Christian.

Be sure you ask for the Christian stamps when buying stamps for your cards and parcels, both International and Domestic.

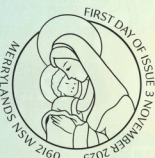
Keep Christ in Christmas.

Released 3 November 2025

Christmas – Religious

A vivid series drawing on the work of artist Justin O'Brien.

This year's Christmas stamps feature details of an artwork by eminent Australian artist Justin O'Brien (1917–1996), who was best known for his works on religious themes. This joyous, colourful work is a triptych, or three-part painting, held in the collection of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. It represents three traditional scenes: the Annunciation to the Virgin, the Virgin Enthroned and the Visitation.



\$3.65

Stamp Design Set
(2335067) 76604489

\$7.75

Stamp Pack
(2335126) 76604476



\$4.65

First Day Cover (Gummed)
(2335002) 76604474

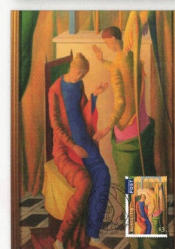
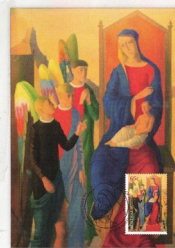


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First Day Cover (Minisheet)
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Minisheet
(2335142) 76604487



\$15

S/A Sheetlet of 5 x \$3 International
(2335252) 76604404



\$6.50

S/A Booklet of 10 x 65c
(2335250) 76604406

Technical details

Withdrawal dates	31 December 2026 – FDC 2 December 2025
Denomination	1 x 65c, 1 x \$3 International
Stamp & product design	Jo Muré, Australia Post Design Studio
Artwork design	Justin O'Brien, Triptych: Annunciation, the Virgin Enthroned, Visitation, c. 1962, oil on canvas, side panels 107 x 47 cm; centre panel 107 x 68.5 cm. Collection of Newman College, The University of Melbourne. © Estate of Justin O'Brien
Printer	RA Printing & Rapid Labels

Paper type	Tullis Russell 104gsm Red Phosphor/Blue PVA Stamp Paper & PSA (P55) 100gsm Release Self-Adhesive, Rallicast Cast gloss SP34 KS90
Printing process	Offset lithography
Stamp size	26mm x 37.5mm
Minisheet size	135mm x 80mm
Sheet layout	Module of 50 (2 x 25)
National postmark	Merrylands, NSW 2160

Save the date

14 December, 2025

Event begins at

10:00 AM

Event concludes at

12:00 NN

Couples for Christ (CFC) Community
invites all young Parishioners to our
Christmas Fellowship + Teaching

*“One Community, One Christmas, One
Christ!”*

“We love because He first loved us.” — 1 John 4:19

See you there

St Mary of the Cross,
Mackillop, Catholic
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Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R**

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.