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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30TH APRIL 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41;
1Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!



Annual May Mass Count

During the month of May we will count the number of people attending Saturday and Sunday Masses. This has been done throughout the Diocese for a number of years and provides us with important information for allocation of resources and planning for the future.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal

Next weekend we will hold our last PWBB appeal for this financial year. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church and at the end of each pews, or directly to; St Mary MacKillop Parish; BSB: 062-784, Account Number; 10000 5628; reference PWBB and surname.

Donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay are distributed to five charities that directly support the people in our Diocese. The charities receive the funds as needed. Charities are CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD); St Lucy's School; St Edmund's College and The Ephpheta Centre. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.



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 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ
4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions
Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass
3rd 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

Parish Luncheon
2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast
4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass
1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

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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

Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator - looking for the ideal candidate

The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will:

1. act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a **full-time position** for a **maximum term of two years**.

For more information please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply.

Applications close **Thursday, 18 May 2023**

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 **May will be on Thursday evenings 11th May, 25th May at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations



We are asking parishioners to write suggestions on what they would like to do as an 20th anniversary gift to the parish. There is a **suggestion box** set up in the breezeway where you can write your suggestions and place it in the box. The anniversary committee will then meet and collate the ideas.

Envelopes will be available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Sacrament of Confirmation



A parent information and enrolment evening will take place on **Thursday 18th May at 7pm in the Church**. It is essential that at least one parent comes to

this session to enroll their child and collect the information, please ensure you bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised at our parish. Confirmation classes will then commence Sunday 28th May during 10am Mass, and continue on 4th June, 18th June and 25th June. Confirmation Ceremony will be **celebrated in our Parish on Saturday 1st July at 9am and 11am**. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Baptism Information Night



Parents seeking baptism for their child are welcome to the Parish. Baptism is a most wonderful ceremony marking the beginning of a new kind of relationship between God and his child. Parents present their child to God and God bestows upon the child the gift of eternal life given through Jesus Christ. The washing and the anointing signify what God is doing. Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office to register your attendance.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 8 May

Tuesday 9 May

Wednesday 10 May

St John de Avila

Thursday 11 May

Friday 12 May

St Nereus, St Achilleus and

St Pancras

Saturday 13 May

Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday 14th May

Mother's Day

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$71.60

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!

Men Alive Retreat

Men Alive is a weekend retreat to help men of all ages become the best men, they can be. Date: Saturday 17 to Sunday 18 June 2023. Where: St Gerard's Catholic Parish Hall, Carlingford. To register or for more information please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1036955>

Salesian Thought

The world is a great stage on which God displays His many wonders.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XIX 3)



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Please remember our sick: Jeff Gill, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Mary Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Eileen & Vince Mulheron, Ann Bonnici, Stacey Wright-Puha, Agnes & Paul De Battista, Christine Elfes, Charlie Gatt, John Murphy, Anne Firmstone.

Recently Deceased: Lilas Roche (Bishop Walker's sister), Robert Skewes, Don Scott, Gabriele Laka, Isaias Seki, Fr Bob Maguire.



Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'it would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philp, Prochorus, Niccanor, Timon, parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The Word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

R.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Second Reading

St Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stone making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the world; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into the wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?’

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

‘I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.