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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*

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**8TH OCTOBER 2023, YEAR A**

**Readings:** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

## Response:

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House of Israel.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because  
I have made known to you everything  
I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

## Reflection



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October is also the month in which Mary appeared for the last time to the shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal urging them to "say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world". The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7.

## Wood panel on Sanctuary Wall

We are excited to share with you an opportunity to enhance the beauty and solemnity of our sacred space. Our beloved church's Sanctuary is the heart of our worship, and we are initiating a special project to adorn it with a magnificent wood panel on the concrete columns that will elevate our worship experience.

We kindly request your support in making this project a reality. Your generous donations will help us acquire the wood panel and ensure its expert installation. Every contribution, no matter the size, will be a vital part of this effort. **The total cost is \$8,250. Donations can be made via our account; Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, BSB: 062 784, Account no: 10000 5628, or money placed in an envelope marked with Sanctuary donation.** Your generosity will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.



## Parish Anniversary Activities

During October and November the parish is holding a variety of fundraisers and activities: Please ensure you keep these dates free.

- **100s board** - 21st and 22nd October
- **Cake Stall** - 8am Mass, 29th October
- **Plant Stall**—5th November
- **Pet Blessing**—after 10am Mass till 12noon on 12th November.
- **20th Anniversary Mass**—Thursday, 16th November at 6:30pm

## 20th Anniversary Dinner

We are delighted to invite you to a joyous and momentous occasion as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Parish. Over this time, we have grown together as a loving and vibrant community, and it is only fitting that we come together for a celebration on **Saturday 25th November from 6:30pm in the School Hall**. Tickets are available through try booking at [www.trybooking.com/CLVWE](http://www.trybooking.com/CLVWE). Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (6-12 years old) and under 6s free and includes dinner, tea, coffee and dessert.

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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—Communion Service  
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 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 & 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

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

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**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

**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

### Trivia Night—October

Next event is **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October starting 6:30pm** at MacKillop College Hall. Tickets are \$7 per person. For more info or to book call Bill on 0412 051 839 or visit [mactrivia.com.au](http://mactrivia.com.au)



### Central Coast Santa Maria and Parish Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at **Toukley Gold Club**, Key Street, Toukley from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Meal consists of pre-dinner nibbles, bread role, ham, turkey and pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin and mixed vegetables. Also served is a dessert of pudding with custard, Pavlova and ice cream. All is prepared by the chef for the club. Tea and coffee available. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person, available till 19<sup>th</sup> November.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or Joyce on 4332 9963 or Connie and Charlie on 4396 3704 or Rita and Tony on 0448 742 591.

### Find us on Facebook

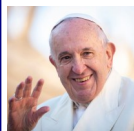
Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish), please "like" our page.

### 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 **October will be on every Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for OCTOBER

#### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### CATECHIST CORNER



At Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descended on eleven disciples, the core of the Church who were largely uneducated and timid men. From that event they become fearless evangelisers ready to spread the Gospel far and wide.

**By the gift of the Holy Spirit at your Baptism and Confirmation are you ready to follow the Disciple's example and spread the Gospels to the children in our schools.**

Our last Safeguarding Course for the year will be held in November. Answer the call and join our new volunteer to be ready for a great adventure as a classroom helper in the New Year.

We will welcome you and the children will love you. Kerrie Dederer our Catechists Coordinator is waiting to hear from YOU. Phone: 0402815633 or email: [kan-dadedera@westnet.com.au](mailto:kan-dadedera@westnet.com.au)

To our current Catechists and Helpers and those who are interested in finding out more about this Ministry our Preparation for Term 4 Meeting will be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in the Church Meeting Room. Please confirm your attendance with Kerrie. Walk Ins are always welcome.

### SAINTS DAYS

#### Monday 9 October

St Denis  
St John Leonardi

#### Tuesday 10 October

St Daniel

#### Wednesday 11 October

St John XXIII

#### Thursday 12 October

#### Friday 13 October

St Edward the Confessor

#### Saturday 14 October

St Callistus I

### Return and Earn

This week we raised \$87.20



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!**



### Salesian Thought

*Never do our virtues come to their full stature and measure, till such time as they beget in us desire of progress.*

*(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 8, Chapter 8)*



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**Anniversaries:** Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Josephen Garcia, Victor Gatt, Joan Firmstone, Terence McBride OCDS, Dorothy McGinley, Darrell Travers.

**Recently Deceased:** Charlie Xuereb, Ursula Paul, Maria Grundy, Charlie Spiteri, Jackie McCall.





## Mary's Faithful Wardrobe

MacKillop Catholic College and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish are starting an initiative to help families where pre-loved sacramental dresses and outfits find a new purpose.

Do you have used Sacramental outfit that are no longer needed? Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of those in our community who are preparing for their Sacrament.

Consider donating your outfits to spread joy and blessings:

### Accepting Donations Of:

- Communion Dresses for Girls
- Confirmation Dresses for Girls
- Suits and Accessories for Boys

### Why Donate:

1. **Make a Difference:** Your donation can help a child or family in need celebrate this sacred milestone.
2. **Spread Love:** Share the joy of your Sacramental day with others in the community.
3. **Reduce Waste:** Give these special outfits a second life, promoting sustainability.

**Drop-off Location:** Donations can be handed to the Parish office during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm) or by contacting Lucy Marien (Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator) on 7256 2116.



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# Donations Needed

# Mary's Faithful Wardrobe

Mary's Faithful Wardrobe is a new initiative where preloved sacramental dresses and outfits find a new purpose. We collect these beautiful garments from generous donors and, in the spirit of faith and community, lend them to families that may need one for their special day. We understand that some families face different challenges, making it difficult to afford these special garments. This is why we offer a borrowing system, ensuring that no child misses out on these significant moments.

If you have a garment that you would like to donate, please contact either Lucy Marien (PEC at MacKillop) [lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or Kim McCarthy (Parish Secretary) [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

We sincerely appreciate your generosity, and with your support, we aim to make many children feel exceptionally special in the future.

Thank you!





**ST MARY OF THE CROSS**  
**MACKILLOP CATHOLIC PARISH**  
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# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## First Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7

**The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

**R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.

**R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit the vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

**R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**R.**

# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Second Reading

## St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

**Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

## Matthew 21:33-43

**He leased his vineyard to other farmers.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and build a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number and they dealt with them the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.' So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants, who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to the people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.