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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*

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9TH AUGUST 2026, YEAR A

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Response:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Happy Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Beloved of God, Disciple of Jesus,
Woman of faith, Daughter, sister, aunt,
friend, Teacher and educator, Friend of
the poor, Lover of children, Defender of
the oppressed, Visionary and
pragmatist, Founder and leader,
Mother, a great Australian, our patron
and inspiration, Saint.

Happy Feast Day to each of us who
call St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
parish our spiritual home. May her prayers
for us bring us a blessing of following
Christ more closely. Feast Day blessings
are extended to Sr Marea and all the
sisters of St Joseph as well as the students
and staff at MacKillop College.

New Tabernacle

At the 10.00 am Mass this Sunday, Fr
Philip will bless and formally install our
new Tabernacle.

We sincerely thank Fr Peter D'Souza for
his generous donation of the Tabernacle to
our parish. We also gratefully
acknowledge Sharmila Nakkam a well
wisher for sponsoring the new sanctuary
lamp for her birthday, John Bonnici for
crafting the pedestal for the Tabernacle to
match the design of the altar in the
Church, and Michael Manickum for his
expertise in completing the electrical work
for the installation.

With the Tabernacle now being relocated

to the Sanctuary, let's be reminded once
again of Christ's Real Presence in the
Blessed Sacrament. **We encourage all
parishioners to enter and leave the
church in a spirit of prayer, reverence,
and quiet reflection.**

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will
continue to be available for private prayer,
Eucharistic Adoration, and parish prayer
group meetings.

Happy Feast Day CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal 2026

For many people, having a safe place to
call home is not a reality. CatholicCare
supports those experiencing homelessness
through women's refuges, transitional
housing, outreach services, and community
centres such as Dom's Place in Hornsby
and Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy,
providing meals, showers, laundry
facilities, and compassionate support.
Donation envelopes are available at the
back of the church, on each pew, and may
be placed in any collection or the donation
box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Santa Maria Feast Day

Sunday, 16 August. The Central Coast
Santa Maria Committee warmly invites all
parishioners to celebrate the Feast of Santa
Maria. **Program:** 3.00 pm – Mass; 4.00
pm – Procession and Benediction; 6.00 pm
Fireworks.

**Please note: There will be no 5.00 pm
Mass on this day.**

Diocese of Broken Bay
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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) 0412 051 839

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

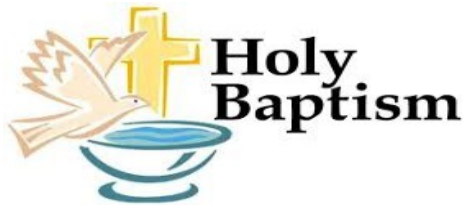
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Rosary Prayer Group



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

AUGUST 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday, 6th & 20th August 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.



Baptism Information Evening

Our next **Baptism Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 18 August 2026, at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

All parents preparing to have their child baptised are warmly encouraged to attend.

To register, please email the Parish Office at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au. In your email, please include the following information:

- Your name; Your partner's name
- Your child's name and date of birth
- Your contact details

Salesian Thought

Great fires are increased by the wind, but little ones are extinguished, if they be not well protected from it.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 34)



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Parish Office

Please note that the parish office will be closed from **12th August to 14 August**. For urgent pastoral matters, please contact the emergency mobile on **0423 279 263**. For all other enquiries, please leave a message by phone or email. Your enquiry will be returned when the parish office reopens on **Tuesday, 18 August**.

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED!

**We are planning for 2027.
ANSWER GOD'S CALLING
WITH US!**

Following the retirement of three long-serving catechists, we are seeking new volunteers to continue this rewarding ministry in our local public schools.

If you have ever considered sharing your faith with the next generation, we warmly invite you to explore becoming a catechist or catechist assistant. No teaching experience is necessary training and ongoing support are provided.

To find out more, please speak with Fr Joshi or contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

By volunteering, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of young people by helping them grow in faith and discover God's love.

Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and guardians participating in Church services of the importance of accompanying children to the toilets before, during, or after Mass. This practice is crucial for the safety of all parishioners, particularly children.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this regard.



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Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 10 August

St Lawrence

Tuesday 11 August

St Clare

Wednesday 12 August

Thursday 13 August

Friday 14 August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Saturday 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$43.90



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: 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: Fr Hugh Thomas, William (Billy) Hardman, Dorothy McGinlay, Darrell Travers, Kenneth Grigg, Willibrordus Laka, Wilhelmina Seki, Salmen Damanik, Maureen Hassan, Charlie Spiteri, Jolly, Ronald Wright, Eliezer Degan.

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





30 July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

IDENTIFYING AS CATHOLICS IN THE 2026 CENSUS

As you may be aware, Australia will undertake the national Census this August. This important event provides an opportunity for every person to be counted and for our communities to be better understood and served.

In recent years, some groups have encouraged Australians to identify with a religion only if they are actively practicing, suggesting that those who are less engaged should instead select "No Religion."

As Catholics, we know that the journey of faith is often personal and, at times, complex. While our practice of the faith may vary throughout different seasons of life, many people continue to identify as Catholic because it remains a fundamental part of who they are. Research consistently shows that many Australians who may not attend Mass regularly still regard their Catholic faith as an important part of their identity.

For this reason, I encourage you, when completing your Census, to identify your religion as Catholic if you feel this reflects your faith and identity.

Selecting "Catholic" in the Census is more than a statistical exercise. It helps ensure that the presence and needs of the Catholic community are recognised within Australian society. Census information is used by governments, researchers and community organisations to:

- Plan schools, hospitals and community services;
- Inform the allocation of resources and funding; and
- Better understand the spiritual, cultural and social life of our nation.

An accurate picture of the Catholic community strengthens the Church's ability to advocate for the needs of our people and to continue serving communities across Australia.

Every person who identifies as Catholic helps tell the story of the Church's continuing presence and mission in Australia. Your response contributes to a clearer understanding of the Catholic community, enabling the Church to better serve those in need, support families, educate future generations, and continue proclaiming the hope of the Gospel with confidence.

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The Census will be conducted in August, and every household will receive information about how to complete it, either online or by paper form.

I encourage you to take a few moments to complete the Census prayerfully and accurately. Thank you for your participation and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our parish and the wider community.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'David Ranson'. The signature is stylized, with a large 'D' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading:

First book of Kings 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

R.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

R.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ—it is the truth—my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me if it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.