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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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1ST DECEMBER 2024, YEAR C

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**Readings:** Jer 33:14-16;  
1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Response:**  
To you, O Lord,  
I lift my soul.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



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

Next weekend, we will be having a special annual collection for the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS). All money collected will go towards the formation of the seminarians to support of the congregation to which Fr Philip belongs. The collection has been approved and endorsed by the Dioceses.

Envelopes will be available at the back of the Church and at the end of each pews. Envelopes can be put in any collection or placed in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Today marks the beginning of the Advent season and a new liturgical year. Advent is a time of hope, reflection, and joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—both in His birth at Christmas and in His glorious return.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36), Jesus reminds us to stay alert and prayerful, ready to meet Him at any moment. His words call us to reflect on our priorities and to live with hearts open to His grace.

The first purple candle of the Advent wreath, the **Candle of Hope**, reminds us of God's faithfulness to His promises. As we light this candle, let us ask God to help us focus on His love and prepare ourselves to welcome Him anew into our lives.

May this Advent be a time of renewal and deepened faith as we journey together toward the celebration of Christmas.



You're warmly invited to join our parish community for a magical **Carols by Candlelight** evening on **Friday, December 20th**, starting at **6:30 PM** in the college cola. Come and share the joy of the season with beautiful music, heartfelt singing, and the glow of candlelight. We look forward to celebrating this special time together with you!

#### 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 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

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

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**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ([lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Thank you Parish Community Dinner

We sincerely thank everyone who joined us at the parish's Community Dinner last Saturday night. Your presence brought so much joy and warmth, making the evening truly special and filled with blessings. It was wonderful to see our parish community come together in fellowship, sharing laughter, stories, and delicious food.

A heartfelt thank-you to all who generously sponsored items and helped create the beautiful table settings, and to Cooper Randall for gracing us with his music throughout the night.

We are also deeply grateful to the PPC members for their dedication in preparing for and serving during the event, as well as to BBQ Spit Roast Catering for providing such a delightful feast and desserts.

Your contributions and participation made this evening unforgettable.

# Thank You

## Fr Ken Hagan 60th Anniversary of Ordination to Christian Ministry

Father Ken Hagan who has assisted here from time to time will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of his Ordination to Christian Ministry on the 19th December.

There will be an ordinary Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Serpentine Road, Terrigal at 11am which will be followed by refreshments.

You are warmly welcome to attend.

## Salesian Thought

*It is not enough to be afflicted because God wills it; but we must be so as He wills it, when He wills, for as long as He wills, and exactly in the manner in which it pleases Him.*  
(Spiritual Conferences, 21)

## Parish Volunteers Thank you Dinner



*You and your family are invited to join us on Thursday 19th 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.*

## Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

**Monday 23rd December at 6:30pm.**

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

## Christmas Mass Times

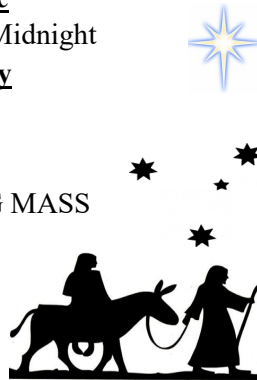
### Christmas Eve

5pm, 8pm, & Midnight

### Christmas Day

Mass 8am  
Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



## 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 12th 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.

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 2 December**

**Tuesday 3 December**  
St Francis Xavier

**Wednesday 4 December**  
St John Damascene

**Thursday 5 December**

**Friday 6 December**  
St Nicholas

**Saturday 7 December**  
St Ambrose

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$93.70**



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;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates



**Thank you  
for your  
continued  
support!**

## Find us on Facebook



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

**Please remember our sick:** Finn McConnon, Charity M. Macapagal, Frances Glanz, Wayne Dowie, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess, Abigail Aquilos.

**Anniversaries:** Jason Davis, Peter Conneely, Sheila & Michael, Tina & Noel Kane, Andrew & Jane Fenech, Charlie Gatt, Chelsea Gatt, Thomas Antony, Paul Poycattle, John O'Reilly, Rita Sammut, Kathleen Nolan.

**Recently Deceased:** Laurence Dummett (known as Wal), Ray Butterfield, Madelyne Wall.



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## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.**

See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

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## Second Reading

St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia**

## Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Your redemption is near at hand.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.