



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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Response:
May God bless us in his mercy.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia!



May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace. 'Pope Paul VI declared News Years Day the World Day of Peace. It is appropriate because on this day we honour Mary who brought the Prince of Peace into the world. Better than anyone else, she knew the peace that is at once her Son's gift and the fruit of a life lived in obedience to God.

Happy New Year 2023

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Be safe on the roads, at the beach, in the pool, wherever you travel. Happy holidays and we look forward to the challenges of 2023 as a faith family.

Christmas Thank you

Thank you to everyone who assisted in decorating the Church, organising our Christmas liturgies and to all our ministers. Well done!

thank you

Congratulation to Fr Philip

On Tuesday 3rd February Fr Philip will celebrate 18 years of ordination. Congratulations on this great milestone in your priesthood.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priest, Father Philip Thottam. Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help Father Philip to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people. Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom. Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel. Allow him to experience joy in his ministry. Help him to be an instrument of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

May the love of the Lord be with you always. Blessings on the anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood Father Philip!

Congratulations!

Diocese of Broken Bay
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 - Sat 9.15am
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 Doylo

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 9.15 am

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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

The year of St. Francis de Sales

When God calls anyone to Christianity, He obliges Himself to furnish him with all that is required for being a good Christian.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V, 8)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knight-guard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am Mass. 9:15am Mass will continue until 15th February. Mass will then be celebrated at 8:45am, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner.



Young People and Adults becoming Catholic (RCIC & RCIA)

If you wish for your child/ren to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) course in the church in 2023.

Lessons will be held each Saturday starting January 28th - at 3pm for RCIC. The children will then celebrate their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night 9 April 2023.

RCIA will commence Thursday 7th February 2023 from 7pm in the Church.

For more information or to register please contact the parish office during office hours on 8379 1740 or email.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching!

It is now time to register for the Broken Bay WYD23 Pilgrimage. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

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

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 2 January

St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday 3 January

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday 4 January

Thursday 5 January

Friday 6 January

Saturday 7 January

St Raymond of Penyafort

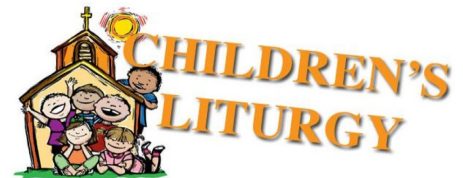
Return and Earn



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!



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team would like to wish all the children and families of the parish a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday break. The team will now take a break until the end of January 2023.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have worked with the parish children each week.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish office .

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 5628

Thank you for your generous contribution



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

Anniversaries: Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen, Sandra O'Connor, Charlie Gatt, Chelsea Gatt, Sue Lauder, Frank Costa, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, Connie Clarmunt, Helen & George Pantos.

Recently Deceased: Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight, Peggy O'Neill, Philipose, Kay Hillyer.



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us

and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.

R.

Let the nations be glad and exult

for your rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,

you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib.... When the eighth day came, they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.