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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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12TH JANUARY 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Response:**

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A heartfelt **Thank You** to Ann, Frank, and Vince for their hard work in cleaning up the grass along the Church fence line and tending to the gardens outside the Church. Your efforts make a big difference!

Special thanks also go to Paul and Bernard Lauder, who generously volunteered their time to change the lights in both projectors. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Our gratitude extends to Carol and Merv, who continually ensure the toilet area is clean and well-stocked with supplies. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

We also deeply appreciate the dedication of the Church cleaning group, who faithfully clean the Church every Friday, ensuring it is ready and welcoming for the weekend. Your efforts are truly amazing!

If you feel called to volunteer, whether once a month or weekly, we'd love to have you join us. Please write your name and contact details on the Cleaning Roster sheet located outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Thank you all for your generosity and service to our Church community!

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

**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

## Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 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.

## Salesian Thought

***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)*

## Special Mass: 30th Anniversary of Mary MacKillop's Beatification

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre invite all to join them for a special Mass to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mary MacKillop becoming "Blessed," an important step toward her canonisation as a saint for the universal Church.

The Mass will be held at **11:30 AM on Sunday, 19 January**, at **St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Retreat, Kincumber South.**

On this day, we commemorate the momentous occasion when Pope John Paul II beatified Mary MacKillop at Randwick Racecourse on 19 January 1995.

We invite all to join us in prayer and thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross, a true saint for Australia and beyond. A light lunch will be available to purchase after mass.

**RSVP** by Wednesday, January 15 by getting your **(free) ticket** – as we can only seat up to 120 people, tickets are required.

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre  
8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South, NSW 2251  
Phone: 02 4398 2860



## Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal



Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours late 2024 impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.

There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.

This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please **Donate today** at [www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu](http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu) or by scanning the QR code



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2025

**For the right to an education.**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Email: [admin@centreofcareservices.com.au](mailto:admin@centreofcareservices.com.au)  
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 13 January**  
St Hilary

**Tuesday 14 January**

**Wednesday 15 January**

**Thursday 16 January**

**Friday 17 January**  
St Anthony

**Saturday 18 January**

## Return and Earn

**In December we raised \$186.90**



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



**Thank you for your continued support!**

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

**Anniversaries:** Pelesala Tuaimau, Victor Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Michael McQueen (Snr), Mike McQueen, Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor, Jason Davis, Peter Conneely, Sheila & Michael, Tina & Noel Kane.

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Beal, Fr Michael O'Toole, Laurence Dummett (known as Wal), Ray Butterfield.



# The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

## First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.**

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

Lord, God, how great you are,  
Clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. **R**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. **R**

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
And you renew the face of the earth. **R**

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## Second Reading

St Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

**He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in the present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have not ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saves us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John said: he who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia**

## Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptised you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.