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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15TH DECEMBER 2024, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Zeph 3:14-18;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Response:**

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



REJOICE IN THE LORD! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which is present and will bestow on us this Christmas.

### Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas



Join us for a special cleaning and decorating day as we prepare our Church for the Christmas season! We'd love your help on Saturday, December 21st, from 10:00am.

Let's come together as a parish community to make our space beautiful and festive. Everyone is welcome!

### 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



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2024



This weekend St. Vincent de Paul will launch their 2024 Christmas Appeal. Envelopes will be available at all Masses over the weekend. Donations can also be placed in the Vinnies Box located outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you need a receipt, please ensure your details are clearly recorded on the envelope. **Beautiful Vinnies Christmas Cards will be available in the breezeway for \$10.**

### 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

## Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, 18th December 2024, to Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

You may leave a message on the parish answering machine at **8379 1740**, and someone will return your call. Alternatively, you can email the parish office and I will respond upon my return.

For emergencies, please contact Fr. Philip directly on the parish mobile at **0423 279 263**.

## End of School Year 2024

On Tuesday, December 17th, we mark the conclusion of the 2024 College school year. Together, we pause to give thanks for the many blessings we have shared as a community of faith. The parish extends heartfelt congratulations to all staff, students, and families for their achievements throughout the year. May God bless you with a joyful Christmas season and a restful, happy holiday!

## 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.

## Christmas Flyers

We have printed some colourful Christmas flyers with our Mass times. As parishioners, we have the bulletin for this information. The flyers are for families in your neighbourhood. Please take a few and place in letterboxes in your street or in a new area around you. This is a simple way to promote the parish and welcome anyone new to the area.

## 31st December Adoration & New Years Mass



Celebrate the New Year with us!

On 31st December, Fr. Philip will lead us in a beautiful evening of prayer, beginning with Adoration from 11:00pm to Midnight, followed by a special Midnight Mass to welcome 2025 with the solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Come and start the year in the presence of the Lord. All are warmly invited to join!

## Carols by Candlelight

Join Us for a Magical Carols by Candlelight!

**When:** Friday, 20th December

**Where:** College COLA

**Time:** Sausage sizzle from 6:30pm (gold coin donation),  
Carols begin at 7:15pm

Bring your family and friends to celebrate the joy of the season with beautiful music and singing by candlelight. Candles will be available for purchase (2 for \$5).

We would love your help! Volunteers are needed for the BBQ. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

We can't wait to share this special evening with you!

## Salesian Thought

God does not forsake unless forsaken; He never takes away His gifts till we take away our hearts.

*(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2, Chapter 10)*



The Children's Liturgy team would like to thank all the children and families who participated this year in Children's Liturgy. Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2025. Wishing you all a safe and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 16 December**  
St Adelaide

**Tuesday 17 December**

**Wednesday 18 December**  
St Moses

**Thursday 19 December**

**Friday 20 December**  
St Julius

**Saturday 21 December**

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$97.10



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

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

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



# Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

## First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

**With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R**

# Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

### **The Lord is near.**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone; the Lord is very near. 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.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

### **Alleluia**

## Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

### **What, then, must we do?**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'what must we do?' he said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

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 baptize 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. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.