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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

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 50:5-9;  
James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

### Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Reflection

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

### Thank you to Fr Alex



This week marks the last week Fr. Alex will be with us in the parish, as Fr. Philip returns on Saturday, 21st September.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and support during Fr. Philip's leave. Your willingness to step in and continue the work of our parish has meant so much to us. Your homilies, guidance, and pastoral care have been a true source of inspiration, and your kindness and compassion have touched all of our hearts.

We are deeply thankful for the time, energy, and love you've poured into our community. Your commitment to our spiritual well-being has been a blessing, and we are forever grateful. With sincere thanks and every blessing.

### Starlight Cinemas Saturday 21 September

Last chance to buy tickets for a fun-filled evening at MacKillop Catholic College's Community Starlight Cinema event next Saturday! Bring your friends and family to enjoy the animated hit *League of Super Pets* under the stars. Choose from a variety of food trucks or pack your own picnic for a cozy movie night. Don't miss out—grab your tickets today at [www.trybooking.com/events!](http://www.trybooking.com/events!)

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER  
**MACKILLOP PRESENTS:**  
**STARLIGHT CINEMA**  
Join us for a night under the stars watching

TICKETS \$10 each  
\$35 FAMILY PASS (up to 6)  
No ticket sales will be available at the gates.  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CUBPT>

GATES OPEN 5PM  
MOVIE STARTS 6.30PM

VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCKS  
OR BRING YOUR PICNIC BASKET

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOOL OVAL  
91 SPARKS ROAD, WOONGARRAH

Tickets are limited  
don't miss out!

BRING YOUR PICNIC RUG OR CAMP CHAIRS  
AND GET READY TO HAVE A SUPER NIGHT!

An exciting night with family and friends  
for the Central Coast Community

MACKILLOP Catholic College  
WARNERVALE

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

This is a Community event and therefore child supervision is the responsibility of parents / carers

### 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

**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

## Salesian Thought

Charity is amongst the virtues, as the sun amongst the stars; she distributes to all their lustre and beauty.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 9, Chapter 9)

## Catechist News

### Workers Required for God's Vineyard



**Description:**  
Training the vine to produce a bountiful harvest in the future.

**Qualifications:**  
Love children.  
Love of God.  
Robust Faith.

**Rewards:**  
Many blessings from God.  
Smiling children who can't wait to see you.  
Learn more about your faith.  
Gain confidence.  
Meet new people.

## CURIOUS?

Call our Chief Vineyard Worker, **Kerrie Dederer, 0402 815 633** or at [kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

### For the cry of the earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

## Central Coast Santa Maria Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch  
**Location:** Toukley Golf Club, Key Street, Toukley

**Time:** 12.00 noon to 4:00pm

**When:** Sunday, 8th December 2024.

**Menu:** 2 course lunch prepared and served at your table which will include: baked ham, turkey, pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin, mixed vegetables, and a bread roll.

**Desert:** Christmas pudding with custard or pavlova with ice-cream.

Each table will have nibbles to share. Tea and coffee.

Drinks to purchase at the bar at your own expense.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios.

**Tickets:** \$45 per person. Book and pay by 23rd November 2024

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or 4393 9998 or Tony & Rita 0448 74 2591 or Charlie & Connie on 4396 3704 or Rita Meilak 0411 894 387.

## Rosary Prayer Group



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

Please note the following schedule for our upcoming prayer meetings:

**September:** Meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th, Thursdays, at 7:00pm

**October:** Meetings will take place every Thursday at the home of Bill and Dianne, located at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

For more information, you may contact Bill and Dianne at 0413 454 547. All are welcome to join.

## SAINTS DAYS

### Monday 16 September

St Cornelius  
St Cyprian

### Tuesday 17 September

St Hildegard of Bingen  
St Robert Bellarmine

### Wednesday 18 September

Thursday 19 September  
St Januarius

Friday 20 September  
St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn

Saturday 21 September  
St Matthew

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$54.30



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:** Finn McConnon, Abigail Aquilos, Jacquie Thomas, Lara Young, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann.

**Anniversaries:** Diana Le, Ray Stoves, Victor Gatt, Ken White, Terence McBride OCDS, Joan Firmstone, Francina, Sunan Maria Cokrosontono, Huw Edwards, Bartolome Santos, Araluen Mary Kelly.

**Recently Deceased:** Georgia Mercer, Judy Bergen, Leonard Carlos, Raymond White.



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## First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

**I gave my body to those who struck me.**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R.**

When did God's love for you begin? When He began to be God. When did He begin to be God? Never, for He has always been without beginning and with-out end, and so He has always loved you from all eternity.  
(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part V, Chapter 14)

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## Second Reading

Letter of St James 2:14-18

### **Faith without good works is dead.**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of my brothers or one of my sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds—now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

### **You are the Christ..... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.**

Jesus and his disciples left for the village round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.