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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

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 16TH JUNE 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Ezek 17:22-24;
2Cor 5:6-10;
Mk 4:26-34

Response:

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia!



A farmer went out to sow his seed.

Reflection on Gospel

In the **First Reading**, God uses the image of a small shoot growing into a majestic cedar to show His power to transform and provide refuge.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul urges us to live by faith, aiming to please God, with the awareness of our eternal home.

The **Gospel** features two parables. The growing seed parable illustrates the mysterious and divine growth of God's kingdom, beyond our understanding. The mustard seed parable highlights the kingdom's humble beginnings and its potential for great transformation.

These readings call us to trust in God's timing, knowing He can bring great growth from small beginnings. We are encouraged to sow seeds of kindness, love, and faith, trusting God to nurture them. Our small contributions can yield abundant fruit. Let us live by faith, contribute to God's kingdom, and find solace in our eternal home with Him.

Fr Carmelo 60th Anniversary of Ordination



Fr. Carmelo will celebrate his 60th anniversary of ordination on Thursday July 18th. To mark this milestone, the

Parish will hold a **special Mass on Saturday, July 20th at 5:00pm**. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to join Fr. Carmelo for a **dinner at Wyong Golf Club starting at 6:30 pm**. Please note that dinner expenses will be the responsibility of each attendee. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please write your name and contact details on the sheet outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **The deadline for expressing your interest is June 17th.**

Piety Stall Volunteers



We require volunteers to look after the Piety stall for the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next two weekends;

Sunday, June 23rd from 4pm to 5pm, and Saturday, June 29th from 9am to 11am. If you can help on either or both dates, please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to register your name or for more information.

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

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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

Website Update for Safeguarding

The Diocese of Broken Bay has updated their safeguarding page on their website and is also reflected on the parish's website. To govern the Dioceses and parish's commitment to ensuring a culture of safeguarding in our Chancery and Parish communities, the Diocese have developed policies and procedures that are compliant with legislation, standards, current research and national and international Church documents. The safeguarding website page includes resources, policies and reporting and contact information.

The safeguarding information can be found on the parish website at www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/our-parish/safeguarding or from the Diocese of Broken Bay website www.dbbsafeguarding.com.au.



Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday during the 10am Mass. This wonderful program offers children the opportunity to engage with the Word of God in a manner that is accessible and meaningful to them. Through age-appropriate teachings, activities, and discussions, children can better understand and appreciate the scriptures.

We are always looking for volunteers to join this ministry. If you are interested in helping to break open the word for the children of our parish, we would love to hear from you. Please call the parish office for more information.

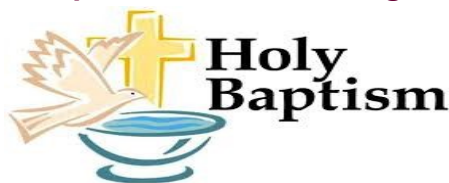
Salesian Thought

Have patience to walk with short steps till you have wings to fly.
(Letters to Persons in Religion, III, 19)

Baptismal Dresses / Suits

Baptism dresses and suits are now available for purchase through the piety stall. Please contact the parish office if you would like to purchase or look at these dresses and suits for your child's upcoming baptism.

Baptism Information Night



Baptism is a most wonderful sacrament, marking the beginning of a new kind of relationship between God and your child. It is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation and through baptism we enter into the life of Christ and the Christian faith community; and, as such, have a right to the love and help of the faith community to live out our baptismal calling.

Parents are required to attend an information session prior to baptism.

Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 18th June at 7pm** in the Church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to register your attendance.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

For the Migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

The prayer meetings for **June on 6th 20th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 17 June

Tuesday 18 June

Wednesday 19 June
St Romuald

Thursday 20 June

Friday 21 June
St Aloysius Gonzaga

Saturday 22 June
St John Fisher

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$30.70

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



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Please remember our sick: Lara Young, Finn McConnon, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Antonio L. Macapaal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Bernardinus Laka, Susan Charleston, Richard Murphy, Charles Firmstone, Willibrordus Laka, Albina Ynsfran, Romon Castro, Kathrie, Stephen Callaghan, Sr Fran Nolan Sgs, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jr.

Recently Deceased: Jane Feneck, Maureen Fenner, Denis James Ryan, Annabelle Bryant, Robert Curry Snr, Chris Henry, Christine Nemes, Shannon Deder, Phylis Austin, Pat Mcleod, Helen Cohen.



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and make the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

R.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

R.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exile from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exile from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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all who come to him will live for ever.

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Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord