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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, 16TH MARCH 2025, YEAR C

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Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
Phil 3:17-4:1
Lk 9:28-36

Response:
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Reflection

Today's readings are full of hope, encouraging us to reflect on faith and transformation, and to trust in God's promises. As Lent

continues, we try to spend extra time in prayer, giving ourselves more opportunity to recognise the presence and action of God in our lives. In Luke's Gospel of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. In the presence of Moses and Elijah, they see a glimpse of Jesus's true identity: his divinity is revealed. A voice from the cloud confirms Jesus as God's Son, and commands us: 'Listen to him!'

Planned Giving Envelopes

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity and support! Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church.

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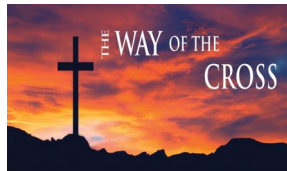
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Thank you once again for your kindness and dedication!

Lenten Reflection

Join us for a Lenten Reflection with Fr. Philip, Wednesdays after the 8:45am Mass. This will be a weekly gathering every Wednesday throughout Lent, and everyone is warmly invited to participate. We look forward to sharing this time of reflection together!

Way of the Cross



All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross.

Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 10th April at 6:30pm

Holy Thursday (17th April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (18th April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (19th April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (20th April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is **no** 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be **no** 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Mon 7:30am
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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Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (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) 0412 051 839

Baptism Information Night



Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7pm** in the Church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email at warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au to register your attendance.

Become a Catechist

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A combined year 3 and 4 class. This class is being taught by our Regional Director.

A combined year 1 and 2 class. This is a large class and it would be good if we could have an assistant come into that class with our teacher and train up to be a teacher. In that way when you are ready we could ask the school if possible to split the class in two.

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Please contact Kerrie Deder for further information:
0402 815 633 or
kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

To "be" catechists!
Not to "work" as catechists.
Catechesis is a vocation:
"being a catechist",
this is the vocation,
not "working" as a catechist.

From Francis,
Congress on Catechesis



Ordination of Deacon Rosan

The Diocese of Broken Bay is excited to celebrate a special milestone—the ordination of Deacon Rosan Mathew! Join us as Deacon Rosan Mathew is ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Wednesday, March 19th, at 7:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara. Everyone is welcome to be part of this joyous occasion!

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings for March will be on Thursday 13th and 27th, 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

He who in his rapture has more light in the understanding to admire God, than heat in the will to love Him, is to stand upon his guard.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 7, Chapter 6)

Ignite Conference 2025

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SAINTS DAYS DURING LENT

Monday 17 March

St Patrick, bishop

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord



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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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Anniversaries: Jason Calphy, Magdalena Laka, Nina Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Erma Abucq, Modesto Ramon, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Mark Weiss, Victoria M, Clive Levido, V.C Mani, Pelesala Tuaimau.

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Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading

Book of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R**

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.