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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

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19TH JANUARY 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11  
Jn 2:1-11

**Response:**

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Reflection**

This Sunday marks the start of Ordinary Time, and during Cycle C, our Gospel readings primarily come from Luke, with occasional readings from John, as is the case today. The Gospel recounts Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, following his call of the first disciples.

John's Gospel uniquely links this event with other epiphanies, such as Jesus' baptism and the adoration of the Magi, highlighting it as a revelation of his divinity. The abundant wine Jesus provides symbolizes the overflowing grace of God's Kingdom and hints at the New Covenant he will establish.

This act of generosity invites us to respond to human needs with the same spirit of abundance and trust that God will transform our efforts into signs of his Kingdom.

Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life. Pray together Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity.

*Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,  
Teach me true generosity.*

*Teach me to serve you as you deserve.*

*To give without counting the cost,*

*To fight heedless of wounds,*

*To labor without seeking rest,*

*To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward*

*Save the knowledge that I have done your will.*

*Amen.*

*A heartfelt  
Thank You ❤️*

We are deeply grateful for the many generous hearts and hands that make our parish community vibrant and welcoming. A special and heartfelt thank you to Marie Frankham for her generosity and talent in creating the beautiful Altar cloths that adorn our sanctuary. Your work enriches our worship and inspires us all.

Our gratitude also goes to our dedicated team of counters and collectors, who faithfully handle the weekly collections with care and diligence.

We sincerely thank our Baptism team for their warm and thoughtful preparation of families, ensuring they feel embraced as they celebrate this important sacrament.

To our Senior and Junior servers, your dedication to ensuring our Masses run smoothly and prayerfully is deeply appreciated.

We are truly blessed to have so many volunteers who tirelessly give of their time and talents, whether behind the scenes or in visible roles. Your efforts make our parish a place of beauty, faith, and welcome. Thank you for being such a vital part of our 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

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**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.

Rosary recommences on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome to come.

## Jubilee Prayer

We pray the **Jubilee Prayer** for ourselves and our world.

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 20 January**

**Tuesday 21 January**

St Agnes

**Wednesday 22 January**

**Thursday 23 January**

**Friday 24 January**

St Francis de Sales

**Saturday 25 January**

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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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## Feast of St Francis de Sales



On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January the church celebrates the Memory of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was born near Annecy, in Savoy, France. Despite his father's opposition he pursued his priestly studies and was ordained to priesthood, undertook the dangerous mission of Chablais of bringing back Calvinists to Catholicism. Later on as the Bishop of Geneva, he spent rest of his life reforming and reorganising the diocese and caring for the souls of his people by preaching and spiritual guidance. His spiritual classics are: *Introduction to Devout life* and *Love of God*. The Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales who follow the Patronage of SFS continue to study, imitate his virtues and follow his method of teaching through out the world. Let us pray for all the MSFS around the world.

## Pews Cleaning

Steam cleaning of the pews will commence on Monday 20th January and be finished by Friday 31st January. Apologies, in advance, for any inconvenience.

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

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



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5

**As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.**

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Waddled' for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

Give the Lord, your families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-11

### **One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongue and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the works of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Alleluia**

## Gospel

John 2:1-11

### **The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.**

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from—only the servants who had drawn the water knew—the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory been seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.