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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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024, YEAR B

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25  
Jn 20:19-23

**Response:**

Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



### Reflection

The event of Pentecost marks the beginning of the time of the Church. We, as the Church, proclaim Christ's message in every language and witness to the presence of the spirit by manifesting the Spirit's gifts especially the gift of love.

It is good to reflect on the Spirit's presence in our own lives. Through the grace of our Baptism and sealed more completely at our Confirmation, we too are commissioned to carry out this same evangelistic mission as Christ's Disciples with the confidence that the Holy Spirit will truly guide and strengthen us for the journey.

The great Franciscan Theologian and Doctor of the Church, St. Bonaventure, says that *"The Holy Spirit comes where He is loved, where He is invited, where He is expected."* Though God has given us this great gift through the Sacraments, He does not force us to use it, rather He waits patiently for us to invite Him into any situation, big or small, and rushes in with great excitement at the mere appeal, *"come Holy Spirit."*

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We are starting the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation, intended for baptised Catholic children in year 3 and above. **Classes will begin** on Sunday, May 26th, and run for four weeks. The **Confirmation ceremony** will take place on Saturday, June 29th.

If anyone would like to assist / teach in preparing the children for the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office for more information.

### Pastoral Works Broken Bay



We extend immense gratitude to all those who contributed to the Pastoral Works, Broken Bay Appeal. Your kindness has propelled us closer to our annual goal of \$16,263, though we still face a shortfall of \$2,940. Your unwavering support is invaluable and has positively impacted numerous individuals in the past. Remember, donations exceeding \$2 are tax deductible.

Envelopes can be found at the end of the pews or towards the rear of the Church.

Please feel free to place your envelopes on any collection plate or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Donations can also be made online at **Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish BSB: 062 784; Account no: 10000 5628; Reference PWBB and surname.**

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#### 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)

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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

## Bible Study Group

We extend a warm invitation to join us for an enriching and spiritually fulfilling Bible Study group led by Robert Madafiglio. Our sessions take place every Wednesday following the 8:45am Mass, with the next session on Wednesday, 22nd May, in the Church meeting room. If you haven't joined us yet, it's not too late to become a part of this meaningful journey.

Over the course of 8 weeks, we will delve deeply into the teachings of John Stott, specifically focusing on the Beatitudes. Regardless of your background or familiarity with the subject matter, all are welcome to join us.

Should you require any further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to reach out to the parish office

## Salesian Thought

*Humility makes us distrust ourselves, whereas generosity makes us trust in God. Humility which does not produce generosity is unquestionably false.*  
(Spiritual Conferences Vol.1, 1)

## Rosary Prayer Group



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

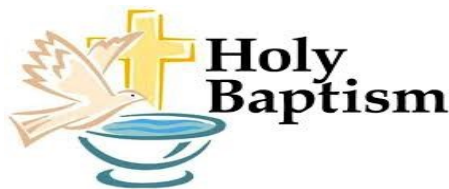
The prayer meetings for **May on 23rd, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

## Reminder



We would like to gently remind all parents and guardians participating in Church services of the importance of accompanying children to the toilets before, during, or after Mass. This practice is crucial for the safety of all parishioners, particularly children, and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

## 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 21st May at 7pm** in the Church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to register your attendance.

## Answer the Call become a Catechist or Helper



At Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descended on eleven Apostles the core of the Church who were largely uneducated and timid men. From that event they became fearless evangelisers ready to spread the Gospel far and wide.

**By the gift of the Holy Spirit at your Baptism and Confirmation are you ready to follow the Apostles example and spread the Good News of Jesus to the children in our schools.**

The Catechists Induction Course is starting soon. **Answer the call** and join our other new volunteers to be ready for a great adventure as a classroom helper

We will welcome you and the children will love you. Kerrie Dederer our Catechists Coordinator is waiting to hear from YOU.

Please phone: 0402 815 633 or email [kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au)

## SAINTS DAYS

### Monday 20 May

The Blessed Virgin Mary,

### Tuesday 21 May

Sts Christopher Magallanes & Companions

### Wednesday 22 May

St Rita of Cascia

### Thursday 23 May

### Friday 24 May

Our Lady Help of Christians

### Saturday 25 May

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$54.10**

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



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for your  
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**Recently Deceased:** Chris Henry, Christine Nemes, Shannon Dederer, Phylis Austin, Pat Mcleod, Helen Cohen, Paul Arkley, Rev Angelo Bart.



# Pentecost Sunday, Year B

## First Reading

### Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are!  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

# Pentecost Sunday, Year B

## Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25

### **The fruit of the Spirit.**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 20:19-23

### **As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord