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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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, 2ND FEBRUARY 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

Readings: Mal 3:1-4;
Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40

Response:
Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Reflection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The humble obedience of Mary and Joseph to the law of Moses in bringing Jesus to the Temple is heightened by the words of the prophesy of Simeon and Anna to Mary, Mother of Jesus *“this child is destined for the rising and falling of many in Israel and to be sign that will be spoken against and to Mary the Mother of Jesus, a sword will pierce you own soul too”* Jesus is the light that enlightens all the nations.

We pray for all women and men of Consecrated life as the church celebrates 2nd of February as the day of Consecrated life and specially pray for vocation to Religious Life and priesthood.

Welcome Fr Joshi



This weekend, we are thrilled to welcome Fr. Joshi from The Entrance Parish to our community. Fr. Joshi

has been appointed as the Assistant Priest at Warnervale and officially begins his ministry with us on this date. We are grateful for the guidance, spiritual leadership, and fresh perspectives he brings to our parish. Please join us in giving Fr. Joshi a warm welcome to our parish family and keeping him in your prayers as he embarks on this new chapter of his pastoral journey.

Welcome back



The staff and students of MacKillop College are returning from their holidays this week. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and extend our warmest wishes for a successful and fulfilling 2025 school year.

Sacramental Dates 2025

Confirmation (Year 3 and older)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, 31st July, at 6:30 pm.**

A parent information night will be held on **Thursday, 12th June, at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 22nd June, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 4 weeks

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Year 4 and older)

•**First Holy Communion:** The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, 4th May, at 11:45 am.**

•**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament will take place on **Tuesday, 8th April, between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**

A parent information night for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 20th February, at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes starting on **Sunday, 2nd March, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 6 weeks.

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)

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

Carpark Speed Limit

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As the school year resumes and traffic increases with more cars and children in the area, we want to remind everyone of the following important safety measures:

Speed Limit: The speed limit within the school car park is strictly **10 km/h**. Please adhere to this limit at all times to ensure the safety of our children and pedestrians.

Parking Rules: Kindly avoid parking in reserved spots during school hours (8am to 3:30pm).

Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our school community. Thank you for prioritising the safety of our children and contributing to a welcoming and secure space for everyone.

Let's work together to keep our school and parish zone safe!

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.

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 February will be on Thursday 13th & 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.

Bible Study

Join us Wednesday's after 8:45am Mass for an enriching Bible Study Group led by Robert Madafiglio. We'll be exploring the "*Revelation: The Triumph of Christ*" with insights from John Stott's work.

Everyone is warmly invited to participate—come and deepen your faith with us! journey through the Scriptures.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2025

For vocation to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in to priesthood and religious life.

Funeral Liturgy Information

The parish is offering a document to plan your own funeral liturgy.

The document will come in an envelope for you to fill out and then seal and return it to the parish office, where it will be kept confidential and secure until requested by your family, or you can keep the pack with your personal belongings

This is an opportunity to have your final wishes planned and give your loved ones a guide on what you would like for your funeral, which will relieve some stress from your loved ones when you pass away.

If you wish to receive the information please contact the parish office during office hours or see Fr Philip.

Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308



SAINTS DAYS

Monday 3 February

Tuesday 4 February

Wednesday 5 February
St Agatha

Thursday 6 February
St Paul Miki

Friday 7 February

Saturday 8 February



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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

Thank you for your continued support!

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Anniversaries: Rosalie Crippin, Victoria M, Clive Levido, V.C Mani, Pelesala Tuaimau, Victor Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Michael McQueen (Snr), Mike McQueen, Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor, Jason Davis.

Recently Deceased: Fr. Peter Dresser, Richard Van Doorum, Marie Beal, Fr Michael O'Toole.



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First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R**

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Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews.

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.