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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2ND MARCH 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Sirach 27:4-7;
1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

Response:
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Catechist Sunday



Let the Children come to me.

This weekend, we commemorate Catechist Sunday. We invite you to join us in honouring the dedicated efforts of the catechists within our Parish. Our exceptional catechists will be formally commissioned during the 10am Mass on Sunday. Following the Mass, we warmly welcome you to join us in a morning tea.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is on
Wednesday 5 March.
This is the beginning
of Lent.

The liturgical timetable for the Parish is
9:15am Mass with distribution of ashes
(*Note: There will be no 8:45am Mass this day.*)

10am College Mass in hall, with ashes
7:00pm Mass with distribution of ashes

Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** (one main meal, no snacks) for those 18 to 60 years of age and **abstinence** (from eating meat) for those over 14 years of age.

Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 7th March in the Church.

Project Compassion



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us, as we
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

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

First Fruits Offering

Thank you for reflecting on joining our Planned Giving Program by giving to our First Fruits Offering. The process we are undertaking is vital to the future of our Parish and will help me, as your Parish Priest, get to know you better.

We appreciate your ongoing support of our community in Warnervale Parish and wanted to take a moment to say thank you. You are valued and loved, and your consideration is deeply appreciated.

*Thank you again for your participation.
God Bless you.*

Ordination of Permanent Deacon of Shane Hyland



It was a true honour to attend the ordination of Shane Hyland as a Permanent Deacon in Port Macquarie last weekend.

Shane, along with his wife Leanne and their children—

Joshua, Alyssa, and Lachlan—were cherished members of our parish for many years before relocating to Port Macquarie four years ago for professional reasons. The Mass, beautifully celebrated by Bishop Greg of the Lismore Diocese, was attended by numerous priests and deacons from three different dioceses across New South Wales. Shane was deeply moved by the outpouring of well wishes he received, and he continues to hold dear the memories of the friendships and experiences shared during their time in Warnervale Parish.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation classes will continue this Sunday, March 2nd, during the 10am Mass, and will run over the next five weeks.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated in our parish on April 8th, from 3pm to 5pm

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4th, during a special Mass at 11:45am.

Please keep the candidates and their teachers in your prayers during their preparation.

Salesian Thought

Why should we die a spiritual death, since we have so sovereign a remedy at hand?

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 19)

Reminder

We would like to 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. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 3 March

Tuesday 4 March

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday (Fast and abstinence)

Thursday 6 March

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Friday 7 March

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday 8 March

Saturday after Ash Wednesday



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Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$58.80



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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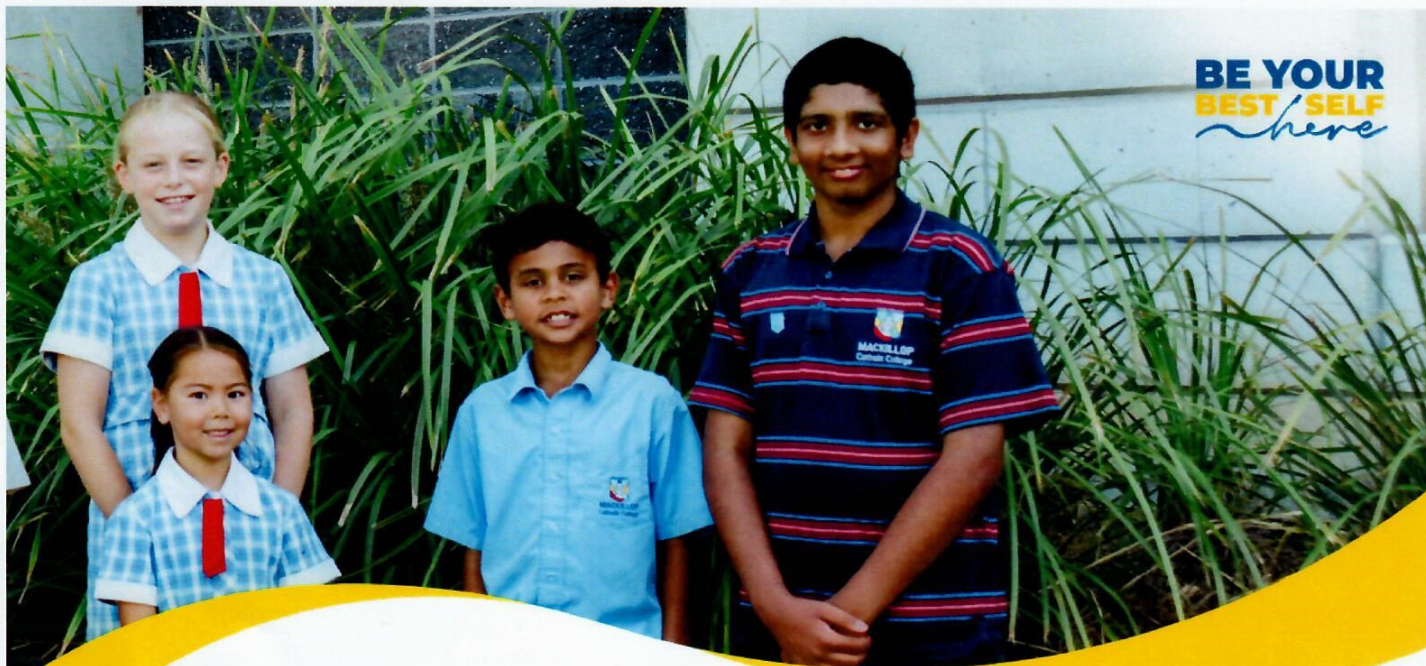
Please remember our sick: Finn McConnon, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Jacqui, Joset Gatt, Violet Gove, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Allan Clark, Charity M. Macapagal.

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.

Recently Deceased: Helen Griffin-Foley, Denis Holm, Eric Rogers, Philomena Pamel, Lisa Jackson, Josie Hawkesford, Rita Timbrell.



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OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 March 2025

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MacKillop Catholic College warmly invites you to our 2025 Open Days on March 12 and 13. Join us to experience the vibrant spirit of our College through open classrooms, student-led tours, and engaging performances. Our Principals will share important enrolment information, while teachers will showcase curriculum highlights and activities at the College Expo.

Additionally, on March 13, families interested in Kindergarten for 2026 can participate in specially tailored activities and information regarding Kindergarten at MCC. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!



Tanya Appleby College Principal
Kerry Power Head of Primary
Paul Lynch Head of Secondary

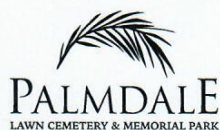


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ANZAC DAY

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The Palmdale Group will host ANZAC Day Ceremonies at both Palmdale and Greenway on 25th April, paying respect to the memory of our service men and women.

Services and Wreath laying ceremonies will be held at both Palmdale and Greenway.

Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park

57 Palmdale Rd, Palmdale.
Commencing at 9am,
the service will be held adjacent
to the Defence Force Memorial.

Palmdale ph: **4362 1203**

Greenway Chapel & Memorial Gardens

460 Avoca Drv, Green Point.
Commencing at 11am,
the service will be held adjacent
to the Defence Force Memorial.

Greenway ph: **4369 2013**

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LEST WE FORGET

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Book of Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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 sap when they are old,
still full 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 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.