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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*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

Response:
The Lord upholds my life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Reflection

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life.

Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love.

Welcome back Fr Philip

This week we warmly welcome Fr. Philip back from his holiday. His return is a true blessing, and we are thankful for the renewal and rest he has experienced. We have missed his spiritual guidance and joyful presence in our parish.

As Fr. Philip resumes his ministry among us, we ask the Lord to continue to bless him with strength, wisdom, and peace. Let us unite as a community in offering our prayers and support as we journey together in faith.

Welcome back, Fr. Philip! We are so happy to have you with us once again.

Year 12 Charity Day 2024

On Tuesday, 24 September, from 7am to 9am, MacKillop College's Year 12 students will be hosting their Charity Day. The event will feature fun activities, fancy dress, and music, providing a great opportunity for the Year 12 Class of 2024 to give back to the community. Students will be stopping traffic and collecting donations as cars and buses enter the College grounds. Please support their fundraising efforts by bringing any loose change and allowing extra travel time. All proceeds will go to The Ghana Appeal, an initiative through UNICEF.

Thank you
for your
support!



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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'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Salesian Thought

Love everyone with a great love of charity but have friendship with those capable of communicating virtuous things to you.

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

Catechist News



Help to train the vine to produce a bountiful harvest in the future.

Plant hope and joy in the hearts and minds of children in the State schools.

**BECOME A CATECHIST OR AN ASSISTANT!
JOIN US TODAY!**

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to WORK FOR GOD IN HIS VINEYARD.

Has your heart been opened to the possibility? Don't let the excuses stop you from finding out more. Please call our Chief Vineyard Worker (Catechist Coordinator), Kerrie Deder, 0402815633 or kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Please note the following schedule for our upcoming prayer meetings:

October: Meetings will take place every Thursday at the home of Bill and Dianne, located at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

For more information, you may contact Bill and Dianne at 0413 454 547. All are welcome to join.

Central Coast Santa Maria Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch

Location: Toukley Golf Club, Key Street, Toukley

Time: 12.00 noon to 4:00pm

When: Sunday, 8th December 2024.

Menu: 2 course lunch prepared and served at your table which will include: baked ham, turkey, pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin, mixed vegetables, and a bread roll.

Desert: Christmas pudding with custard or pavlova with ice-cream.

Each table will have nibbles to share. Tea and coffee.

Drinks to purchase at the bar at your own expense.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios.

Tickets: \$45 per person. Book and pay by 23rd November 2024

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee,

- Charlie Scieluna on 0404 194 020
- Tony & Rita 0448 74 2591
- Charlie & Connie on 4396 3704
- Rita Meilak 0411 894 387.

Save the Date CCD Annual Mass

**Saturday 16 November 11.30am,
OLR Cathedral, Waitara**

The CCD Annual Mass is our opportunity to recognize and celebrate the devoted SRE catechists in our Diocese. We honour those who have served our ministry for 15 years or more, and this year we are thrilled to present a 60 years of service award. We also recognize catechists who have achieved high levels of training. We invite all clergy to concelebrate the Mass, and all catechists, family, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 23 September
St Pius of Pietrelcina

Tuesday 24 September

Wednesday 25 September

Thursday 26 September
St Cosmas
St Damian

Friday 27 September
St Vincent de Paul

Saturday 28 September
St Wenceslaus
St Lawrence Ruiz

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$88.90



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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Please remember our sick: Finn McConnon, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess, Abigail Aquilos, Jacquie Thomas, Lara Young, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards.

Anniversaries: Diana Le, Ray Stoves, Victor Gatt, Ken White, Terence McBride OCDS, Joan Firmstone, Francina, Sunan Maria Cokrosontono, Huw Edwards, Bartolome Santos, Araluen Mary Kelly.

Recently Deceased: Georgia Mercer, Judy Bergen, Leonard Carlos, Raymond White.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after—we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life,
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity.... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.