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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 23RD FEBRUARY 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Readings: 1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
1 Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38

Response:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome Mass

We are delighted to welcome all new students, families, Year 7 and Kindergarten students, and staff of MacKillop Catholic College to our Parish! We look forward to sharing this journey of faith, community, and friendship with you.

First Fruits Offering

Our First Fruits Offering will end this Sunday, 23rd February 2025. We thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025, will be the last Sunday of our First Fruits Offering / Planned Giving Renewal Program. Thank you very much to those who have taken the time to read, reflect, pray, and give financially to fulfil our Parish's plans and become planned givers. Your ongoing support will make a difference in the long term and allow our Parish to thrive and continue proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It's been a joint effort between our Diocese and all Parishes to build a more sustainable future for our Parishes. Your offering, no matter how big or small, will enormously contribute towards renewing our faith and giving our parish a chance to continue with its ministries. You can still give until the end of the month by filling the envelope and handing it over to your Parish office.

Please speak with Fr Philip about whether you can contribute this way.

Warnervale Parish is grateful for your offering. God Bless you.

Monday Mass

Commencing **Monday, March 3rd**, we warmly invite you to join us for **Mass at 7:30am**. Please note that the 9:15am Communion Service will no longer be held. We look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you!

Palms—Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on March 5th. Please bring in your blessed palms from last year so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday. Baskets will be placed at the entrances of the church so you can leave your palms.

Ash Wednesday—5 March

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.

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

Monster Garage Sale

Join Us for a Fantastic Monster Garage Sale!

St Joseph's Spirituality Centre – 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South
Saturday, 15 March 2025, from 9am
Discover a huge selection of items, including furniture, bedding, glassware, kitchenware, and so much more! There's something for everyone, and you're sure to find a bargain. **Enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle and refreshing drinks while you shop!** Bring your friends, have fun, and grab some great deals. **We can't wait to see you there!**

Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites you to celebrate **Mother's Day 2025** with a special luncheon!

Date: Sunday, 4th May

Venue: Toukley Golf Club, Key St, Toukley

Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$40 per person

Enjoy a **delicious 2-course meal** served to your table, featuring:
Chicken Schnitzel with chips, salad & gravy **OR** Fish & Chips with salad (alternative drop)
Fresh bread roll
Tea, coffee & dessert

Live entertainment to make the day extra special!

Bookings & Payment Due by 20th April 2025.

For tickets, please contact:

• **Charlie:** 4393 9998
or 0404 194 020

• **Tony & Rita:** 0448 742 591

• **Charlie & Connie:** 4396 3704
Come along and celebrate the wonderful mothers in our lives!

Catechist Sunday

Let the Little Children Come to Me



On the weekend of 1-2 March 2025 we will be celebrating **Catechist Sunday**. Our catechists will receive a blessing at the 10.00am Mass on the 2nd March. Please join in celebrating the work of the catechists within our Parish. You are also welcome to join with our catechists for an appreciation morning tea after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 2nd March.

Catechists are parishioners from all walks of life that teach Special Religious Education to Catholic children in our State schools. The children in SRE learn of God's great love for them, among other essential messages of our Catholic faith.

SRE classes start this week and we are looking for another 2 – 3 teachers to cover all the classes.

If you feel that you are being called into this rewarding ministry or would like further information, please contact

Kerrie Dederer our Coordinator on
phone: 0402815633
email: kerrie.dederer@bbccatholic.org.au

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.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 24 February

Tuesday 25 February

Wednesday 26 February

Thursday 27 February

St Gregory of Narek

Friday 28 February

Saturday 1 March



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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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Please remember our sick: Finn McConnon, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Allan Clark, Charity M. Macapagal, Frances Glanz, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess.

Anniversaries: 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: Denis Holm, Eric Rogers, Philomena Pamel, Lisa Jackson, Josie Hawkesford, Rita Timbrell.





Letter to the Clergy and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Broken Bay

12 February 2025

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In February 2023 I committed the Diocese to an innovative annual Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework. This framework seeks to increase awareness of our own personal and collective ongoing responsibility as a Church community to be vigilant in safeguarding. This is a commitment marked by consistency and constancy.

In 2024, the theme I chose for Safeguarding Awareness was “The Voice of the Vulnerable with a particular focus on Domestic Family Violence.” This informed our in-services for Clergy and Chancery personnel and provided us with the opportunity to focus again on our Diocesan resource, ‘A Catholic response to Domestic Violence.’ It is very important that this not be forgotten, and again I commend the continuing use of the resource to everyone, available at the following [link](#).

After consultation and prayerful consideration, I have chosen for 2025 our Safeguarding Awareness theme as, “Raising mental health awareness: Encouraging hope for the future.”

In the first instance, the theme highlights the particular crisis in mental health in our society today, especially experienced by young people. Recent data indicates that 38.8% of individuals aged 16–24 have experienced a mental condition in the past year, and the prevalence of mental conditions among young Australians has seen a substantial increase, rising from 26% in 2007 to 39% in 2021. This surge is driven primarily by heightened rates of anxiety in young people, intensifying feelings of isolation, uncertainty, and stress. Further, the pervasive use of social media has been linked to increased psychological distress, with a 120% rise in such distress among 15–24-year-olds between 2011 and 2021.

Notwithstanding, between 2020-2022, an alarming 40.5% of people aged 16-85 years living in New South Wales have identified with a lifetime mental illness, and nearly 1 in 5 have experienced a mental illness for longer than 12 months. These figures are represented in daily stories of distress, evidenced in our parish communities, schools, and social services agencies. In response to these challenges, there is a pressing need for comprehensive reforms in mental health services as agencies struggle to meet the demand, as well as the development of new pastoral skills to attend to those who come to us in distress.

The Safeguarding Awareness theme for 2025, however, also stresses the dynamism of Hope which speaks always of the possibility of a future. Hope is the key theme in the 2025 Holy Year of Jubilee, declared by Pope Francis and now being celebrated through our Diocese. As we read in the document implementing the Jubilee year:

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Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life's beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world! (*Spes non confundit n.12*)

Therefore, through the adoption of the Safeguarding Awareness theme for 2025, may we commit to identify and initiate new ways to bring hope to those who are struggling, in different ways, with anxiety, loneliness, and depression, for the Lord himself says to all, "Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28). I convey my deep gratitude to all our communities, schools, and agencies for the manner in which they already act as beacons of hope in a world that struggles with the effects of isolation and fragmentation. Through this year's theme, may they continue to bring forth new initiatives and practices to welcome and accompany those struggling with their mental well-being.

A calendar of events to support the theme across our Parishes, the Chancery, CatholicCare Broken Bay, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay is being developed, and will be published soon.

I commend the Safeguarding Awareness theme for 2025 to you all,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Parish Warnervale

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings in this year of Jubilee! As members of the Parish of Warnervale, we are blessed to come together in faith to experience God's love in the celebration of the Mass, and through one another as a community of faith. I am deeply grateful for your meaningful participation, contributions and support in the life of our parish.

As we continue to journey together as the People of God, I invite you to prayerfully consider becoming an ongoing Planned Giver as part of our First Fruits Offering, taking place over the next two weeks.

Planned Giving is a prayerful commitment to dedicate a portion of your financial income to God and His Church in gratitude for His many blessings. It helps ensure the mission and ministries of our parish continue to thrive for both our present community and future generations.

Your contributions remain within our parish and support:

- Liturgical needs (vestments, bread, wine)
- Ongoing ministries (RCIA, RCIC)
- Special ministries (Catechetics, sacramental programs, aged care visits)
- Equipment and resources (computers, photocopiers)
- Rising utility costs, insurance, repairs, and staff wages

To assist you in prayerfully reflecting on this important decision, we have prepared materials and resources that are available for you to take home. These include information about First Fruits Offering and pledge envelopes. We encourage you to take some time to review these resources, pray, and discern how you can support our parish in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Becoming a Planned Giver is a simple yet profound way to demonstrate your faith and commitment to God's work. ***If you are not yet a Planned Giver, can I encourage you to take this step and consider your support to our parish prayerfully with any amount within your reach.*** If you are already contributing on an ongoing basis to the Parish, thank you. I invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your offering as you are able.

For more information or assistance with Planned Giving, please contact the parish office. We are happy to help.

Thank you for your generous support. May God bless you abundantly as you continue to live out your faith and share in His mission.

In Christ's peace and love,

Fr Philip Thottam
Parish Priest





SERVE YOUR PARISH

THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just like our family households, our parish communities need financial resources to operate, serve and minister. God provides for these needs through you - you are the Parish.

Giving to your Parish is also an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God for all He has given us. It comes from the recognition that everything we have and can give, pales in comparison to His sacrifice on the cross.

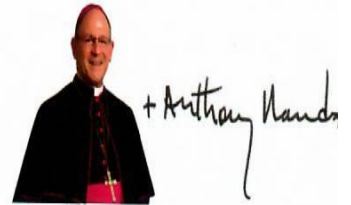
Our giving should not merely be quantitative, but qualitative. It should be a prayerful interior reflection on the gratitude I wish to show God, for all He has given me.

The amount is never as important as the spirit of generosity and love.

Thank you for your new or increased commitment to the First Fruits Offering through Parish Planned Giving.

May your offering to the Lord bear much fruit.

In Christ,



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

GIVING INFORMATION

I would like my giving to be:

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

I would like to give:

\$25 \$50
 \$100 \$250 \$500



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Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

R

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

R

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

R

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.