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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, 23RD MARCH 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Response:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
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Reflection

Turn away from sin; be faithful to the Gospel.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus is questioned about some Galileans executed by Pilate, he does not respond with the expected righteous indignation. Instead, he asks them to look inward: "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" It is a hard saying: **Repent or perish.** But both new and longtime disciples need the truth of the warning. God is gentle and merciful, and in his mercy will wait, because God desires that all should live in his presence. However, we ignore our relationship with God to our own peril. As Jesus says in the parable of the fig tree, "...cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in due time. But if not, you can cut it down." God wants us to be his followers. God hears our questions and waits on us, but calls us to enter into his presence, to turn from sin and repent, and be near him.

Way of the Cross



All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Your new planned giving envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the Church. Thank you for your ongoing generosity; your support means so much. If you prefer to give online, you can do so easily through our website.

24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation

Beginning Thursday, April 10th, our parish will hold **24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation**, starting at 10:00am after the morning Mass and concluding with the **9:15am Mass on Friday, April 11th.** To help ensure continuous participation, please sign up on the form at the back of the Church to indicate the time you will be attending. We invite everyone to take part in this time of prayer and reflection.

Holy Week Timetable

Holy Thursday (17th April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (18th April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (19th April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (20th April)
8am, 10am & 5pm

Note: there is **no** 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be **no** 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



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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 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

Parish Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au) **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joshi Naduppura

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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

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 the month of **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.

Volunteers Needed Parish Ministries



This weekend (March 22/23), Michael Goodway will be speaking at each Mass about opportunities to volunteer in several important ministries in our parish, including Pastoral Care, Linen, Infant Baptism, and Mass Ministry.

If you're interested or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at 0418 294 034.

Thank you for your support!

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!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2025



For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Salesian Thought

**Let us a thousand times
a day turn our eyes
upon this loving will of
God and make ours
melt into it.**

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 8,
Chapter 4)

SAINTS DAYS DURING LENT

Monday 17 March

St Patrick, bishop

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

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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: 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: David Ekin, Allan Clark, Louis Sciberras, Chinnammr Joseph, Anne Devlin.



Join us for the
Monthly



Youth Group & Mass



Join us for **FUN GAMES,**
inspiring **YOUTH MASS** and a
delicious BBQ!

Grab a friend, bring your energy
and make some great memories!

Sunday 30 March 2024

Youth Group at 4pm and Mass at 5pm

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading

Book of Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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.

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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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

R

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

R

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.