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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 24TH NOVEMBER 2024, YEAR B

Readings: Dan 7:13-14;
Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Response:

The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!



As we come to the end of another liturgical year, the feast of Christ, King of the Universe, gives us the opportunity to consider the priorities we wish to live by in our troubled world. This universality is described with the vision of 'one like a son of man', who we identify as Christ himself, from the book of Daniel (**First Reading**). Christ's sovereignty is eternal. It is not exclusive, and shall never be destroyed.

In the **Second Reading** from the Apocalypse, Christ is called the Alpha and the Omega. He has rescued us from our sins and will be made manifest when he comes again on the clouds of heaven.

The **Gospel** brings us to the essential question. What kind of king is Jesus? As Pilate questions him, Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world; it is not a kingdom of pomp and power and glory. Christ has come to testify to the truth.

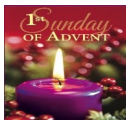
May we pray this week that all humankind may be united in Christ, so that he can offer to the Father a people 'of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace'.

Parish Census



We are updating our parishioner records to improve communication with our community. This brief survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. The information collected will be securely stored in our Parish mailing database (Mailchimp) and will be used exclusively for Parish communications. To participate, please scan the QR code to access the survey online. Paper copies are also available near the bulletin collection areas and can be placed in the box 'Census Forms' after completed. Each family only needs to complete one survey.

First Sunday of Advent



Next weekend, we joyfully celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church. Advent is a sacred season of preparation and anticipation, inviting us to reflect deeply on the mysteries of our faith and the coming of Christ into our lives. This holy time reminds us of who God is—loving, faithful, and ever-present—and who we are called to be as His beloved children. It is a season to renew our focus on the virtues of hope, patience, and love, allowing the light of Christ to grow within us.

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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

**Fr Ken Hagan
60th Anniversary of
Ordination to Christian
Ministry**

Father Ken Hagan who has assisted here from time to time will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of his Ordination to Christian Ministry on the 19th December.

There will be an ordinary Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Serpentine Road, Terrigal at 11am which will be followed by refreshments.

You are warmly welcome to attend.

Salesian Thought

The practice of self-purification cannot and should not come to an end as long as we live. Therefore, let us not be disturbed by our imperfections, because our perfection consists in fighting them.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, Chapter 5)

Carols by Candlelight



You're warmly invited to join our parish community for a magical **Carols by Candlelight** evening on **Friday, December 20th**, starting at **5:00 PM** in the church.

Come and share the joy of the season with beautiful music, heartfelt singing, and the glow of candlelight. We look forward to celebrating this special time together with you!

Baptism Ministry



We are looking for one or two volunteers to assist with our Infant Baptism ministry.

Baptisms are held each Sunday at 11.30am. The volunteer assists Fr Philip with Baptisms once every four weeks from 11.00am until 12.30pm.

The volunteer role is to welcome the parents and family of the children and assist the families with seating and the various steps involved. It is a great opportunity to show how welcoming our Parish can be.

Unfortunately the volunteers have little to do with the babies/children involved. This is an ideal way of assisting our Parish without a major commitment and we can organize the roster around your requirements.

Please contact Michael Goodway on 0418 294034 or the office if you can assist.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

December: Prayer meetings will be on Thursday 12th 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.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 25 November
St Catherine of Alexandria

Tuesday 26 November

Wednesday 27 November

Thursday 28 November

Friday 29 November
St Cecilia

Saturday 30 November
St Andrew

Sunday 1 December
First Sunday of Advent, Year C

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$77.70



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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Recently Deceased: Madelyne Wall, Giuseppe Grazzo, Maureen Goss, Maria Tabone, Georgia Mercer, Judy Bergen, Leonard Carlos.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

First Reading

Prophet Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is king;
he robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

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Second Reading Book of Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth.... make us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia

Gospel John 18:33-37

You say that I am king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.