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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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 25TH AUGUST 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Readings: Josh 24:1-2, 12-18
Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Response:

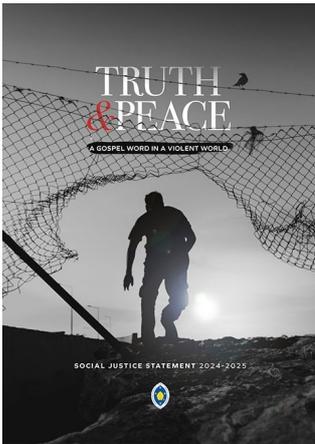
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

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Social Justice Sunday



On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops invite us to reflect on what we, as Christians, are called to do in a world wracked by war and violence. Truth is often the first casualty in war.

The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no 'us' or 'them'. Everyone on earth, whatever our race or creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict. Armed not with guns and missiles, but with love for our sisters and brothers, we are invited to speak of peace and to take action to promote peace in a violent world. On this Social Justice Sunday, let us re-commit ourselves to cultivating a culture of peace by following Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace.

Fr Alex—Clergy Retreat

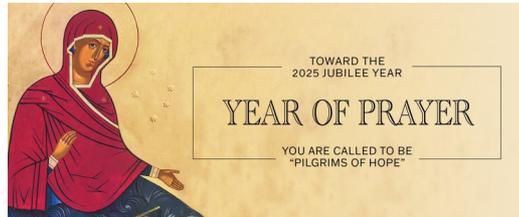
Please note that from Tuesday, August 27th to Friday, August 30th, Fr. Alex will be attending a clergy retreat. During this time, Mass will be replaced with a Communion Service. We kindly ask you to keep Fr. Alex in your prayers throughout his retreat.

Funeral for Raymond White



The funeral service for Raymond White will be held at the Church on Tuesday, 3rd September, at 11am. Raymond, along with his beloved late wife, Barbara, has been a cherished member of our parish community for many years.

Year of Prayer



Very Rev Dr David Ranson's Meditation Series on Christian Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year. The series can be found at www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/year-of-prayer or on the Diocese of Broken Bay YouTube channel www.youtube.com/user/brokenbay1

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: 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

Bible Study Group

We are excited to announce that Robert Madafiglio will commence a Bible study group this Wednesday, August 28th, at 9:30am, following the 8:45 am Mass. The study will focus on the "Letters of John" by John Stott. Everyone is welcome to attend and join us for this enriching and insightful journey through the Scriptures.

Catechist News



BECOME A CATECHIST OR AN ASSISTANT
"Never see a need without doing something about it".

Plant the seeds of faith, hope and joy in the hearts and minds of children in our public schools and God will do the watering.

Is Jesus calling you to "Come and see" (John 1:39) what it would be like to become a Catechist or an assistant? Has your heart been opened to the possibility?

Come on! Take the challenge! Step out in faith and let the Holy Spirit lead you in this wonderful ministry.

To find out more about becoming a catechist, please phone Kerrie Deder, our coordinator on 0402 815 633 who will only be too pleased to meet you and answer your questions.

Salesian Thought

Remain in peace. God works from afar and from close by, and calls distant things to the service of those who serve him, without bringing them - absent in body present in spirit says the Apostle. Above everything else, you must procure tranquility of spirit, not only because it is the mother of contentment but because it is the daughter of the love of God.
(Letters)

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:

September: Meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th, Thursdays, at 7:00pm

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.

Pilgrimage to the Philippines 16th—24th February 2025

Join the Diocese of Broken Bay pilgrimage and immerse yourselves in a spiritual journey through the rich and vibrant culture of the Philippines! Explore renowned churches and sacred sites, **guided by our chaplain, Fr David Ranson. Price: AU\$3,500** (subject to change depending on number of participants)

To reserve your place we require a deposit of 10% or \$350 (refundable)

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Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

For the Political Leaders

We pray that Political Leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 26 August

Tuesday 27 August

St Monica

Wednesday 28 August

St Augustine

Thursday 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

Friday 30 August

Saturday 31 August

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$23.20



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: Georgia Harten, Finn McConnon, Abigail Aquilos, Jacquie Thomas, Lara Young, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann.

Anniversaries: Ken White, Terence McBride OCDS, Joan Firmstone, Francina, Sunan Maria Cokrosontono, Huw Edwards, Bartolome Santos, Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinlay, Charlie Xuereb, Darrell Travers.

Recently Deceased: Raymond White, Thomas Kolencheri, Neville Whitfield, Mackenzie Astorga.



SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

MACKILLOP PRESENTS:

STARLIGHT CINEMA

Join us for a night under
the stars watching

TICKETS \$10 each
\$35 FAMILY PASS (up to 6)

No ticket sales will be available at the gates.
<https://www.trybooking.com/CUBPT>



GATES OPEN 5PM
MOVIE STARTS 6.30PM

VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCKS
OR BRING YOUR PICNIC BASKET

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOOL OVAL
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Tickets are limited
don't miss out!

BRING YOUR PICNIC RUG OR CAMP CHAIRS
AND GET READY TO HAVE A SUPER NIGHT!



*An exciting night with family and friends
for the Central Coast Community*

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



MACKILLOP
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WARNERVALE



This is a Community event and
therefore child supervision is the
responsibility of parents / carers

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT



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First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter to St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, if applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrifice himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body— and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel

John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord