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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*

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 26TH JANUARY 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10
1Cor 12:12-30;
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Response:
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia, alleluia!



Australia Day is a time to reflect, respect and celebrate the Australian spirit and the best of this country.

Our nation's story began more than 65,000 years ago. First Nations Australians are the foundation of our nation's story and continue to maintain the world's oldest living culture. We acknowledge the traditional owners of the countries and lands on which Australia Day activities take place. We continue to work towards the best expression of our national day activities, ensuring that every aspect of our day is welcoming, inclusive and representative of the enormous diversity of this great country.

Australia Day Prayer

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history, with all its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Counting Rosters

Thank you to all our lovely counters, your time is much appreciated. Rosters are available in folder in the breezeway.



IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates 2025

Confirmation (Year 3 and older)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, 31st July, at 6:30 pm.**

A parent information night will be held on **Thursday, 12th June, at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes beginning on **Sunday, 22nd June, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 4 weeks

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Year 4 and older)

•**First Holy Communion:** The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, 4th May, at 11:45 am.**

•**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament will take place on **Tuesday, 8th April, between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**

A parent information night for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 20th February, at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes starting on **Sunday, 2nd March, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 6 weeks.

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

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Prayer meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

Rosary recommences on the 30th January. For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome to come.

St Vincent de Paul Warnervale Conference

The St Vincent de Paul Warnervale Conference Committee wishes to announce that they will cease operations on Friday, 31st January. For many years, the Warnervale Conference has been a dedicated and compassionate presence within our community, providing invaluable support to those in need during challenging times.

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of volunteers, the group has made the difficult decision to close. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Des Worboys and Robyn Cant for their exceptional commitment and many years of service to the Warnervale parish on behalf of St Vincent de Paul.

As a result, there will no longer be collections for St Vincent de Paul within the parish. However, if you wish to continue supporting St Vinnies' vital work, you can do so by visiting their website at www.vinnies.org.au to donate directly.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Pews Cleaning

A heartfelt thank you to Dave from DJM Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning for his outstanding work in beautifully cleaning the Church pews. Your dedication and attention to detail are truly appreciated!

If you're in need of carpet or upholstery cleaning, we highly recommend reaching out to Dave at 0414 487 297. Thank you again, Dave, for your generosity and excellent service!

Funeral Service

A funeral service for Richard Van Doornum will be held in the Church on Tuesday, 28th January, at 11:00 am. Richard and his wife, Carmel, have been cherished members of our parish community for many years. Please keep Richard, Carmel, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Bible Study

Join us this Wednesday, 29th January, after 8:45am Mass for an enriching Bible Study Group led by Robert Madafiglio. We'll be exploring the "Revelation: The Triumph of Christ" with insights from John Stott's work. Everyone is warmly invited to participate—come and deepen your faith with us! journey through the Scriptures.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2025

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 27 January

Tuesday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday 29 January

Thursday 30 January

Friday 31 January

St John Bosco

Saturday 1 February



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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: Sheila Marquez, Allan Clark, Finn McConnon, Charity M. Macapagal, Frances Glanz, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess, Abigail Aquilos.

Anniversaries: Rosalie Crippin, Victoria M, Clive Levido, V.C Mani, Pelesala Tuaimau, Victor Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Michael McQueen (Snr), Mike McQueen, Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor, Jason Davis.

Recently Deceased: Richard Van Doorum, Marie Beal, Fr Michael O'Toole.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Book of Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

You words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **R**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the down trodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.