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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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 28TH JULY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Message from Fr Carmelo



My friends and fellow pilgrims,

Now that I have come down from the dazzling heights where you put me last week, I want to thank you all for the love, care and appreciation that you showed me. I was and

still am overwhelmed. The celebrations indicated not only your love for me but also your high regard for the Catholic ministerial priesthood. I tried to get in touch with some of you individually but the numbers of those who wished me God's blessings and congratulated me are too many. Neither do I wish to leave anyone out.

Please, accept these few words as a thank you to all. I thank those who phoned me, sent me emails and messages and gave me cards and gifts. I thank those who joined me for the concelebrated Mass, those who joined me for dinner afterwards at the Dam Hotel and those who organised the event.

Above all, I thank Fr Philip who went out of his way to make my 60th anniversary a special day for me. Our get-together was a wonderful proof of the strength and unity of our parish. In all things may God be praised. *Fr Carmelo*

Grandparents Day—28 July

Pope Francis has chosen "*Do not cast me off in my old age*" from Psalm 71 as the theme for the 2024 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated on July 28. This theme highlights the loneliness many elderly experience, often victims of a throwaway culture. Initiated in 2021, this day is observed annually on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.

As the Church prepares for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis encourages a focus on prayer, using the prayer of an elderly person from the Psalms. The Vatican emphasized cherishing the contributions of grandparents and the elderly, combating loneliness, and forging intergenerational bonds.

A Prayer for Grandparents

*Loving God,
We thank You for the gift of our
grandparents, whose experience, wisdom,
and love enrich our lives.
Bless them with good health, strength, and
joy.
Grant them peace and comfort, and let them
feel Your presence.
Help us to show them respect and gratitude,
listen to their stories, learn from them, and
cherish our time together.
For those who have passed away, welcome
them into Your eternal embrace, and may
their legacy live on in our hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

Santa Maria Feast Day

The Central Coast Santa Maria Committee warmly invites all parishioners to join us in celebrating the **Feast of Santa Maria on Sunday, August 18th**, in our parish.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Mass at 3:00 PM
- Procession at 4:00 PM, followed by Benediction
- Fireworks display at 6:00 PM

Please note that there will be NO 5:00 pm Mass on this day.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day 11 August



On Sunday, August 11th, our parish community will gather for a very special occasion: the celebration of the Feast Day of our patron saint. This significant event will be marked by a special Mass at 10:00am, which will be graced by the presence of Bishop Anthony, who will be celebrating the Mass.

We are honored to have Bishop Anthony join us in celebrating this important day, and we encourage all parishioners to attend and participate in the Mass.

Following the 10:00am Mass, we invite everyone to continue the celebration with a bring-a-plate lunch. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to share in the joy of our patron saint's Feast Day. Please bring a dish to share, and join us in making this a memorable and joyous occasion for our entire parish community.

Please note that due to this special Mass, the usual 8:00 am Mass will be canceled on August 11th only.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together!

Salesian Thought

God works from afar and from close by, and calls the distant to the service of those who serve Him without bringing them near.
(Letters to Persons in Religion, IV, 15)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

The prayer meetings for **August 8th and 22nd, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

For the Pastoral Care of the sick
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Catechist Helpers Needed for 2025



In 2025, we will be short of at least two Catechists.

We are seeking exceptional individuals to train as Catechists or helpers for the 2025

Catechists needed school year in our public schools. Full training, resources, and support are provided.

Please contact Kerrie Dederer, our Catechist Coordinator, who would be delighted to meet with you over coffee to answer your questions and provide further information.

Phone: 0402 815 633,

Email:

kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 29 July

St Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Tuesday 30 July

St Peter Chrysologus

Wednesday 31 July

St Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori

Friday 2 August

St Eusebius of Vercelli

St Peter Julian Eymard

Saturday 3 August

St Dominic

Return and Earn



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!



Find us on Facebook



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Please remember our sick: Abigail Aquilos, Jacquie Thomas, Lara Young, Finn McConnon, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Lucy Hardman.

Anniversaries: Charlie Xuereb, Darrell Travers, Frank Costa, Gladys De Lange, Maureen Hassan, Charlie Spiteri, Ursula Paul, Angelija Laukaitis, Connie & George Drover, Wilhelmina Laka Seki, Ann Bonnici.

Recently Deceased: Mackenzie Astorga, Jane Fenech, Maureen Fenner, Denis James Ryan, Annabelle Bryant, Robert Curry Snr, Chris Henry, Christine Nemes, Shannon Dederer, Phylis Austin.



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First Reading

Book of Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said., But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat’ he insisted ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.” He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him for their hearts. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter to St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee-or of Tiberias-and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord