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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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 29TH DECEMBER 2024, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: 1Sam 1:20-22, 24-28
1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

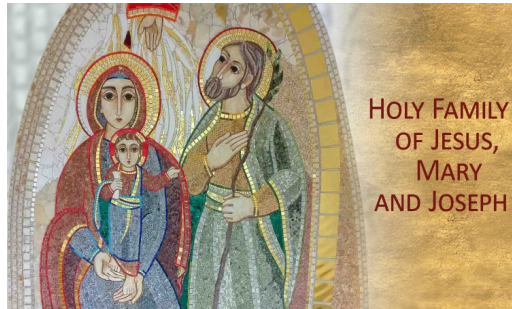
Response:

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to listen to the words of your Son.

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31st December Adoration & News Years Mass

Celebrate the New Year with us!



On 31st December, Fr. Philip will lead us in a beautiful evening of prayer, beginning with Adoration from 11:00pm to Midnight, followed by a special Midnight Mass to welcome 2025 with the solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Come and start the year in the presence of the Lord. All are warmly invited to join!

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, 18th December 2024, to Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

You may leave a message on the parish answering machine at **8379 1740**, and someone will return your call.

Alternatively, you can email the parish office and I will respond upon my return.

For emergencies, please contact Fr. Philip directly on the parish mobile at **0423 279 263**.

School Holidays

We ask you to be attentive to security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or National Integrated services (1300 240 620) if you have any security concerns. During the holidays the gates to the Parish/College site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

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

Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Parish Priest (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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

Thank You

Our Christmas celebrations were filled with joyful spirit. Thank you to everyone who made this holy occasion so special.

We thank all who cleaned and prepared the church so beautifully; servers and readers; musicians; those who prepared the data projections.

Also to everyone who came and brought their families along for our Christmas celebrations, may God bless all this goodwill.

Salesian Thought

When God calls anyone to Christianity, He obliges Himself to furnish him with all that is required for being a good Christian.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V, 8)

Baptism Information Night



Holy Baptism Baptism is a most wonderful sacrament, marking the beginning of a new kind of

relationship between God and your child. It is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation and through baptism we enter into the life of Christ and the Christian faith community; and, as such, have a right to the love and help of the faith community to live out our baptismal calling. Parents are required to attend an information session prior to baptism.

Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7pm** in the Church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to register your attendance.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !



Be safe on the roads, at the beach in the pool and wherever you travel. Happy holidays and we look forward, in friendship as a faith family in 2025.

Parish Collections

1st Collection: Contributions support the Clergy Remuneration Fund, providing financial aid to our priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the parish's operational management. Donations made through our tap-and-go terminals also go towards the 2nd collection.

PWBB: The Pastoral Works Broken Bay provides funding for charities that directly support the people of our Diocese. These are primarily: • Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) which resources our catechists in State Schools • Catholic Care Hospitality Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program.

You can also donate via Bpoint for secure online payments on our website: www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish.

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 10000 5628

Reference: Surname and Collection (1st, 2nd, or PWBB).

Please note that only PWBB donations are tax deductible.

THANKS FOR YOUR Support!

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 30 December

Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 January 2025

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday 2 January

St Basil the Great
St Gregory Nazianzen

Friday 3 January

Saturday 4 January

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!

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Please remember our sick: Allan Clark, Finn McConnon, Charity M. Macapagal, Frances Glanz, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess, Abigail Aquilos.

Anniversaries: Victor Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Michael McQueen (Snr), Mike McQueen, Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor, Jason Davis, Peter Conneely, Sheila & Michael, Tina & Noel Kane, Andrew & Jane Fenech.

Recently Deceased: Marie Beal, Robert Walker, Fr Michael O'Toole, Laurence Dummett (known as Wal), Ray Butterfield.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C

First Reading

First book of Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**How happy they who dwell in your house,
O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **R**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **R**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **R**

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Second Reading

Letter of St John 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.