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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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

Readings: Num 11:25-29

James 5:1-6;

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Response:

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together and entrust their plight to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In conclusion, the Pope encourages prayer for migrants and emphasizes the importance of recognizing every encounter with those in need as an opportunity to meet Jesus. The accompanying prayer highlights the pilgrim nature of the Church, urging believers to walk alongside migrants towards their true home in heaven.

World Refugees & Migration Day

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees emphasizes the theme *"God walks with his people."* He reflects on the Church's journey, likening it to the biblical Exodus where the Israelites moved toward the promised land, and sees modern migrants as embodying this pilgrimage toward an eternal homeland.

The Pope highlights the struggles migrants face—escaping oppression, dealing with obstacles, and seeking hope. He reassures that God's presence accompanies them, mirroring the Israelites' experience of divine support through various forms during their exodus.

He underscores that encounters with migrants are encounters with Christ himself, as stated in Matthew 25, where welcoming the stranger is a way of serving Him. The message calls for solidarity with migrants, inviting everyone to journey

Congratulations Year 12

The Year 12 students had a wonderful Graduation Mass and award ceremony last Wednesday as they officially finish school to prepare for their HSC exams. Please pray for our year 12 students as they are preparing for their HSC commencing Tuesday 15th October.

School Holidays

School holidays commences Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October.

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:00pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Daylight Savings



Daylight savings starts next Sunday 6 October 2024. **REMEMBER** to turn your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed.

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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Will you answer Jesus' call?

Salesian Thought

Sin is shameful only at the time we commit it. Changed into confession and repentance, it is honourable and brings salvation.
(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, Chapter 19)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

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.

Central Coast Santa Maria Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch.

Location: Toukley Golf Club, Key Street, Toukley

Time: 12.00 noon to 4:00pm

When: Sunday, 8th December 2024.

Menu: 2 course lunch prepared and served at your table which will include: baked ham, turkey, pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin, mixed vegetables, and a bread roll.

Desert: Christmas pudding with custard or pavlova with ice-cream.

Each table will have nibbles to share. Tea and coffee.

Drinks to purchase at the bar at your own expense.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios.

Tickets: \$45 per person. Book and pay by 23rd November 2024

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee,

- Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020
- Tony & Rita 0448 74 2591
- Charlie & Connie on 4396 3704
- Rita Meilak 0411 894 387.

Save the Date CCD Annual Mass

**Saturday 16 November 11.30am,
OLR Cathedral, Waitara**

The CCD Annual Mass is our opportunity to recognize and celebrate the devoted SRE catechists in our Diocese. All catechists, family, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 30 September
St Jerome

Tuesday 1 October
St Therese of the Child Jesus

Wednesday 2 October
The Holy Guardian Angels

Thursday 3 October

Friday 4 October
St Francis of Assisi

Saturday 5 October
St Faustina Kowalska

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$38.10



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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Anniversaries: Diana Le, Ray Stoves, Victor Gatt, Ken White, Terence McBride OCDS, Joan Firmstone, Francina, Sunan Maria Cokrosontono, Huw Edwards, Bartolome Santos, Araluen Mary Kelly.

Recently Deceased: Georgia Mercer, Judy Bergen, Leonard Carlos, Raymond White.



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First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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 fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

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

So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days.

Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them—listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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make us holy in the truth.

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Gospel

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off?

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak of evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and to go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of god with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor the fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.