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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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 3RD NOVEMBER 2024, YEAR B

Readings: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

Response:
I love you, Lord, my strength

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

November Prayer Cards



During November, we remember and pray for all the faithful departed. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church

for you to write down the names of loved ones for whom you wish to have Masses offered. Please place the completed card in the basket at the base of the altar. For Mass offerings, use one envelope per Mass, including the name of your loved one on each.

Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Special Mass

November 14—Special Mass for Families Who Have Lost a Child

We offer a heartfelt invitation to families who have experienced the loss of a child to join us Mass on Thursday, 14th November at 7:00pm, where we will come together in prayer and support.

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Fr. Philip will be commencing the RCIA program on **Thursday, 7th November, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.** This program is open to individuals aged 13 and above who wish to become Catholic or those seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church. For further information or to register, please contact parish office at 8379 1740.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay



Our Diocese of Broken Bay has recently launched the Pastoral Works (PWBB) November Appeal. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community.

This financial year, 2024/2025, our parish has been asked to contribute to the charity works of our Diocese with \$17,467. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Envelopes are available at the end of the pews or at the back of the Church and can be placed in any collection plate or in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Darkinjung people

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

Prayer for Year 12s HSC



Let's keep our Year 12 students in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their HSC exams.

Salesian Thought

Consider the eternal love which God had for you. Already before our Lord Jesus Christ, as man suffered for you on the Cross, his divine Majesty thought of you in his sovereign goodness and loved you infinitely. But when did he begin to love you?
Introduction to the Devout Life, 5:14

Parish Community Dinner



You're warmly invited to our annual parish community dinner on Saturday, November 23rd, following the 5pm Mass in the school hall! It's a wonderful opportunity to gather and enjoy great food together. Please write your name on the spreadsheet outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You can pay easily with cash or eftpos. If paying by cash, please put money in a sealed envelope clearly marked (Dinner & Surname) and put in any collection or hand to the Priest.

Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$30, Children (6-10 years) \$10, and children under 6 are free.

Join us for a delightful menu featuring Beef with gravy, Pork with apple sauce, Chicken drumsticks and a variety of delicious sides including Dinner Rolls, Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Cole-slaw, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, and Potato Salad. Don't forget to save room for dessert! We'll have Cheesecake, Mud Cake, and Pavlova, along with Tea, Coffee, and Water.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch

Location: Toukley Golf Club,

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.

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.

Rosary Prayer Group



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

November: Prayer meetings will be on Thursday the 7th and 21st at 7pm at the home of Bill and Dianne at 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace.

For more information, you may contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are welcome to come.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 4 November
St Charles Borromeo

Tuesday 5 November
St Elizabeth

Wednesday 6 November
St Atticus

Thursday 7 November

Friday 8 November
St Castorius

Saturday 9 November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Return and Earn

This week we raised



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: Finn McConnon, Frances Glanz, Wayne Dowie, Madeline Wall, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess, Abigail Aquilos, Jacquie Thomas, Lara Young.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Nolan, Alan Hardcastle, Christine Burns, Santhosh V, Diana Le, Ray Stoves, Victor Gatt, Ken White, Terence McBride OCDS, Joan Firmstone, Francina, Sunan Maria Cokrosontono.

Recently Deceased: Maureen Goss, Maria Tabone, Georgia Mercer, Judy Bergen, Leonard Carlos.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increases, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

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Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true; that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he has spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.