



Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

# 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5TH JANUARY 2025, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6;  
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Response:**

Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



is the current, living king of Judeans. He knows that he has no newly born heir. Matthew draws a contrast between these honourable visitors from the east and the fearful rule of Herod. Let us treasure the gift of our faith and not betray our relationship with Christ.

### Reflection

#### Jesus - the Light of the World

We continue our Christmas celebration with the **Feast of the Epiphany**, a word meaning “revelation.” Jesus is revealed to the nations of the world as their Saviour too, not just the people of Israel. The nations are represented by the Magi, people from another land, another language, another culture, another time and place. They follow the light of a star to find the Light of the World, and there they give him their worship. And to honour their Saviour, they bring gifts that are expensive, precious, and rare. Gold—the traditional gift of a subject honouring their King, Frankincense—the sweet smelling perfume used in worship services (Jesus is more than an earthy king) and Myrrh, the bitter smelling scent used to embalm the dead—a reminder of the suffering that this King will endure.

Word that these visitors from the East are seeking a newly born king of Judeans strikes fear into the heart of old Herod who

### 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.

### 12th January Baptism of the Lord

Next weekend, January 11th and 12th, we will joyfully celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. We warmly invite all families who had their children baptised in our parish during 2024 to join us for a special 10:00am Mass on Sunday.

This Mass will include a beautiful opportunity to renew the baptismal promises made at your child’s baptism, deepening the connection to this sacred moment.

After Mass, please stay and enjoy a morning tea with our parish community.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you!

### 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](mailto:philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au))

**Secretary:** Kim McCarthy

**Bookkeeper:** Johnson Mani

**Church:** Cnr Minnesota & Sparks Rd, Woongarrah

**Mail:** PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

**Telephone:** 8379 1740

**Parish Mobile:** (out of hours) 0423 279 263

**Office email:** [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Web:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale)

**Office hours:** Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ([lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Prayer

Loving God,  
on this holy feast of the Epiphany,  
we celebrate the revelation of your  
Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, to the nations.  
As the Magi followed the star to find  
and adore Him,  
help us to follow the light of faith  
so we may always seek and find You  
in our lives.  
Bless our parish community, Lord.  
Open our hearts to recognize Your  
presence  
in one another and in the world around  
us.  
Guide us to offer our gifts—of love,  
kindness, and service—  
just as the Magi brought their gifts to  
Jesus.  
May we be lights of hope and peace in  
our families,  
our parish, and the wider community,  
reflecting Your love to all we meet.  
Through the intercession of Mary, the  
Mother of God,  
and under the guidance of the Holy  
Spirit,  
may we walk in Your light,  
today and always.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ,  
our Savior and King.  
Amen.

## Salesian Thought

*Mere silence is not wisdom, for  
wisdom consists in knowing when  
and how to speak and when and  
where to keep silent.*  
(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XX 2)

## 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.

For more information, you may con-  
tact Dianne on 0413 454 547.

All are welcome to come.

## 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 termi-  
nals also go towards the 2nd collec-  
tion.

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

You can also donate via Bpoint for  
secure online payments on our web-  
site: [www.bpoint.com.au/pay/  
WarnervaleParish](http://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 dona-  
tions are tax deductible.

**THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
Support!**

*Thank you  
for your  
generous  
support of  
our  
parish.*

**CENTRE OF CARE**  
Your Life Your Choice We Care

I ndis We ndis

ABN: 59658724906  
ACN: 658724906  
Email: [admin@centreofcareservices.com.au](mailto:admin@centreofcareservices.com.au)  
Address: 5 Amy Close, North Wyong, NSW 2259  
Phone: 02 9188 9448, 0494 169 308

Email: [admin@centreofcareservices.com.au](mailto:admin@centreofcareservices.com.au)  
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 6 January**

**Tuesday 7 January**

**Wednesday 8 January**

**Thursday 9 January**

**Friday 10 January**

**Saturday 11 January**

**Sunday 12 January**  
The Baptism of the Lord

## Return and Earn



Thank you to every-  
one who continually  
supports our Return  
and Earn fundraising  
project and commit-  
ment 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



Keep up with parish  
happenings on Face-  
book at [St Mary of the  
Cross MacKillop Par-  
ish, Warnervale,](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish)  
please "like" our page.

**CREIGHTONS  
FUNERAL SERVICE**  
100% Locally owned and operated

**PRE-PAID FUNERALS  
AVAILABLE**

**LOCK IN THE PRICE  
TODAY!**

**DOCUMENT YOUR  
WISHES**

Book an appointment at one of our offices or in the comfort  
of your own home with our mobile representatives.  
Office Locations: 376 The Entrance Road, Erina Heights  
14 Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi  
2 Viewpoint Drive, Toukley  
41 Palmdale Road, Palmdale  
460 Avoca Drive, Green Point  
1083 Pacific Hwy (cnr Telegraph Rd), Pymble

**1300 130 955** [creightonsfuneralservice.com.au](http://creightonsfuneralservice.com.au)

**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, Fr Michael O'Toole, Laurence Dummett (known as Wal), Ray Butterfield.



# The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

## First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

**The glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give you judgment to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In hi days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

# The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen this star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia**

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

**We have come from the East to worship the King.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.