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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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8TH DECEMBER 2024, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9;  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

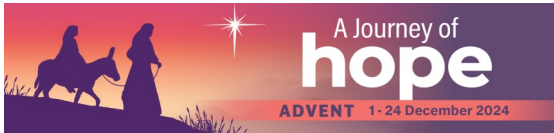
**Response:**

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths: all people shall see the  
salvation of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



### Special Annual Collection for Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS)

This weekend, we will be having a special  
annual collection for the Missionaries of St  
Francis De Sales (MSFS). All money  
collected will go towards the formation of  
the seminarians to support of the  
congregation to which Fr Philip belongs.  
The collection has been approved and  
endorsed by the Dioceses.

Envelopes will be available at the back of  
the Church. Envelopes can be put in any  
collection or placed in the donation box  
outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Parish Volunteers Thank you Dinner

*You and your family are invited to join us  
on Thursday 19th December from 6:00pm,  
in the College Staff Room for a volunteers  
thank you end of year dinner.*

*Please bring an item of food to share.*

*Soft drinks, tea and coffee  
will be provided.*

### Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Join us for a special cleaning and  
decorating day as we prepare our Church  
for the Christmas season! We'd love your  
help on Saturday, 21st December, from  
10:00am. Let's come together as a parish  
community to make our space beautiful  
and festive. Everyone is welcome!

### 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))

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**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

## Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

**Monday 23rd December at 6:30pm.**

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm

## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

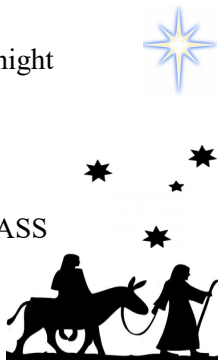
5pm, 8pm, & Midnight

### Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



## Advent Reflection

Join us for an Advent Reflection Group with Fr. Philip! Using the Diocese Advent booklet *A Journey of Hope*, we'll gather every Wednesday after the 8:45am Mass in the church. Everyone is warmly invited to share in this journey of hope and preparation. We look forward to seeing you there! Copies of the Advent booklet are available at the back of the Church or on the Diocese website; [https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/advent\\_booklet\\_2024](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/advent_booklet_2024)

## Become a Catechist

POSITION AVAILABLE  
FOR YEARS 3/4

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS  
TO GOD'S CHILDREN  
WITHIN OUR  
PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

No previous teaching experience  
Required. All training provided.

Please contact Kerrie for  
further info: 0402 815 633 or  
[kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au)

## 31st December Adoration



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.

Come and start the year in the presence of the Lord. All are warmly invited to join!

## St Vincent de Paul Appeal Christmas Appeal 2024



On the weekend starting 14th and 15th December St. Vincent de Paul will launch their 2024 Christmas Appeal. Envelopes will be available at all Masses over the weekend. Donations can also be placed in the Vinnies Box located outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you need a receipt, please ensure your details are clearly recorded on the envelope.

**Beautiful Vinnies Christmas Cards will be available in the breezeway \$7.**

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

**Anniversaries:** Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor, Jason Davis, Peter Conneely, Sheila & Michael, Tina & Noel Kane, Andrew & Jane Fenech, Charlie Gatt, Chelsea Gatt, Thomas Antony, Paul Poycattle, John O'Reilly.

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

## SAINTS DAYS

### Monday 9 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Tuesday 10 December

Our Lady of Loreto

### Wednesday 11 December

### Thursday 12 December

### Friday 13 December

St Lucy

### Saturday 14 December

St John of the Cross

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$61.60



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



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

## Salesian Thought

God does not forsake  
unless forsaken; He never  
takes away His gifts till we  
take away our hearts.

*(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2,  
Chapter 10)*

## Rosary Prayer Group



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

**December:** Prayer meetings will be on Thursday 12th 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.

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# Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

## First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

**Jerusalem—God will show you splendour.**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God give you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: since your sons reassembled from west to east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R**

# Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

## Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

**Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia**

## Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

**All people shall see the salvation of God.**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the land of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

winding ways will be straightened

and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.