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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
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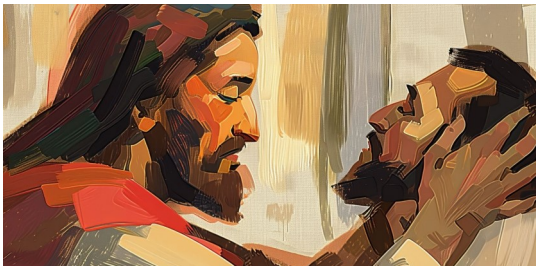
Readings: Is 35:4-7;
James 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Response:
Praise the Lord, my soul!

Alleluia, alleluia!



Reflection

He makes the deaf hear!’ Image the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sound of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend’s voice. Man of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

Prayer



Lord, open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your healing. Help us to treat everyone with the love and respect they deserve. Guide us to live out our faith in all that we do. Amen.

Bible Study Group

Join us this Wednesday, September 11th, at 9:30am for an enriching Bible Study led by Robert Madafiglio, after the 8:45am Mass.

Starlight Cinemas

Join us for a fun-filled evening at MacKillop Catholic College’s Community Starlight Cinema event on Saturday, 21st September! Bring your friends and family to enjoy the animated hit *League of Super Pets* under the stars. Choose from a variety of food trucks or pack your own picnic for a cozy movie night. Don’t miss out—grab your tickets today at www.trybooking.com/events!

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

MACKILLOP PRESENTS:

STARLIGHT CINEMA

Join us for a night under the stars watching

LEAGUE OF SUPER PETS

TICKETS \$10 each
\$35 FAMILY PASS (up to 6)

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GATES OPEN 5PM
MOVIE STARTS 6.30PM

VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCKS
OR BRING YOUR PICNIC BASKET

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOOL OVAL
91 SPARKS ROAD, WOONGARRAH

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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

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

Catechist News



We are recruiting for CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS TO WORK IN GOD'S VINEYARD

Our catechists are everyday ordinary people from all walks of life who gifts an hour or more each week to the Catholic children who attend the public schools. The children learn of God's love for them and stories of the Bible and our faith. The catechists prepare and present lessons from the Walking With Jesus programme, to the children.

Below is a story from Lorette, who has been a catechist for 17 years.

"I became a catechist a long time ago when I was tapped on the shoulder by the Parish Priest and I said YES as my mother was a catechist and if she could do it so could I. Here I am 17 years later and still going and I love it. The children have been learning that God loves them and is always there for them and they are friends of Jesus. I get plenty of support and I'm not alone. Teaching scripture is my way of giving back. The children will love you. Please give it a go.

Catechists and assistants needed for 2025. For more information please call Kerrie Dederda, 0402815633. Email kerrie.dederda@bbcatholic.org.au

Salesian Thought

Generous devotion does not wish to have companions in all that it does, but only in its aim, which is the glory of God and the advancement of our neighbor in divine love.

(Spiritual Conferences, 1)

Rosary Prayer Group



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

Please note the following schedule for our upcoming prayer meetings:

September: Meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th, Thursdays, at 7:00pm

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.



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.

Central Coast Santa Maria and Parish Christmas Lunch



Central Coast Santa Maria Committee and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at Toukley Golf Club, from 12.00 noon on Sunday, 8th December 2024.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee, Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or 4393 9998 or Connie on 4396 3704 or The Entrance Rita 0411 894 387.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 9 September

St Peter Claver

Tuesday 10 September

Wednesday 11 September

Thursday 12 September

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday 13 September

St John Chrysostom

Saturday 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$54.50



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: Georgia Harten, Finn McConnon, Abigail Aquilos, Jacquie Thomas, Lara Young, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann.

Anniversaries: Victor Gatt, Ken White, Terence McBride OCDS, Joan Firmstone, Francina, Sunan Maria Cokrosontono, Huw Edwards, Bartolome Santos, Araluen Mary Kelly, Dorothy McGinlay, Charlie Xuereb.

Recently Deceased: Judy Bergen, Leonard Carlos, Raymond White, Thomas Kolencheri.



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CHRIST OUR LIGHT



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First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for the water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers; it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who loved him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.