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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 9TH FEBRUARY 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Response:

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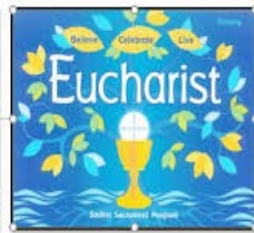
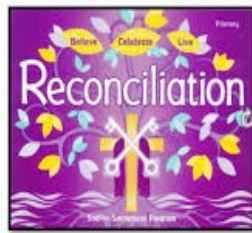
Reflection



In today's Gospel (Luke 5:1-11), we witness Jesus calling Simon Peter to a new mission—to become a fisher of people. Peter's boldness, leadership, and deep, personal relationship with Jesus made him a natural choice to guide others in faith. Though impulsive at times, Peter was willing to listen and follow Jesus, even when it challenged his understanding.

As a family, take time to reflect on Peter's character. Would you want him as a friend? Do you see him as a good leader? Why or why not? Just as Peter's response to Jesus inspired others to follow, we too are called to share our faith and lead others to Christ. Discuss the role of leadership in the Church today, especially the pope as Peter's successor. In what ways can we, in our daily lives, help "catch people" for God's kingdom? Let us pray for the leaders of our Church, that they may guide with wisdom, humility, and courage, following in Peter's footsteps.

Sacrament 2025



(Year 4 and older)

First Holy Communion: The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, 4th May, at 11:45 am.**

Reconciliation: The Sacrament will take place on **Tuesday, 8th April, between 3pm and 6 pm.**

A parent information night for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 20th February, at 7:00 pm** in the Church, with classes starting on **Sunday, 2nd March, during the 10:00 am Mass** for 6 weeks. Enrolment forms are available at the information night.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and assistants to help prepare children for the sacraments. No experience is needed—all resources and support are provided. If you have a heart for sharing your faith and guiding young hearts closer to God, we'd love to have you join us.

Please contact the parish office to learn more about this rewarding opportunity!

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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

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Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (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) 0412 051 839

Thank you

THANK YOU

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ellen for her generous contribution in painting the baseboard of the altar stairs. Your hard work, time, and dedication to enhancing the beauty of our parish are truly appreciated. Your kindness and generosity reflect the spirit of our faith community, and we are deeply grateful for your efforts in making our worship space even more welcoming and inspiring. Thank you for your commitment and devotion to our parish!

Come and Be a Catechist Answer God's calling with US



Is Jesus calling you to "Come and see" (John 1:39) what it would be like to become a Catechist?

Has your heart been opened to the possibility?

We teach at Warnervale and Woongarrah public schools. If we had a few more volunteers we could take God's love and word to another school near us who I believe has many children enrolled in scripture.

All resources and training are provided to you free of charge.

Please pray for our catechists and their students as they return to classes.

For more information please contact me, Kerrie Deder, 0402815633 or kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au and I'll be only too happy to answer all your questions.

Will you answer Jesus' call?



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Bible Study

Join us Wednesday's after 8:45am Mass for an enriching Bible Study Group led by Robert Madafiglio. We'll be exploring the "Revelation: The Triumph of Christ" with insights from John Stott's work.

Everyone is warmly invited to participate—come and deepen your faith with us! Journey through the Scriptures.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2025

For vocation to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in to priesthood and religious life.

Ordination of Shayne Hyland as Deacon



Shane, his wife Leanne, and family were valued members of our parish for many years before relocating to the Port Macquarie area for work. Shane has been diligently pursuing his training to become a Deacon, and on February 23rd, he will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate during the 5pm Mass at St Agnes Parish, Port Macquarie. All are warmly invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Leanne at leanne_hyland@hotmail.com.

Please keep Shane and his family in your prayers.

Email: admin@centreofcareservices.com.au
Phone: 9188 9448 or 0494 169 308



SAINTS DAYS

Monday 10 February

St Scholastica

Tuesday 11 February

Wednesday 12 February

Thursday 13 February

Friday 14 February

St Cyril & St Methodius

Saturday 15 February



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Return and Earn

This week we raised: \$53.60



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](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish), please "like" our page.

Please remember our sick: Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Allan Clark, Finn McConnon, Charity M. Macapagal, Frances Glanz, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess.

Anniversaries: Mark Weiss, Rosalie Crippin, Victoria M, Clive Levido, V.C Mani, Pelesala Tuaimau, Victor Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Michael McQueen (Snr), Mike McQueen, Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor.

Recently Deceased: Rita Timbrell, Fr. Peter Dresser, Richard Van Doorum, Marie Beal.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Prophet Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways:

'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **R**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.