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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 9TH MARCH 2025, YEAR C

Readings: Deut 26:4-10;
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

Response:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Reflection

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' temptation in the desert marks a turning point in his life, right after his baptism and before his public ministry. This transition mirrors significant moments in our own lives, like marriage or a new job, when we may doubt our readiness for what lies ahead. Jesus responds to the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture, showing us how to trust God, even in moments of doubt.

Our Lenten practices—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—invite us to trust God in small ways, preparing us to trust Him in all things. As a family, reflect on how trust is built in small matters, like children taking responsibility for tasks, which leads to greater trust in more important matters.

Read aloud today's Gospel (Luke 4:1-13), and discuss how Jesus showed trust in God. Share times when your family has trusted God, and write a prayer together using the letters in the word "TRUST." Pray it together as a family.

Lenten Reflection

Join us for a Lenten Reflection with Fr. Philip, starting Wednesday, March 12th, after the 8:45am Mass. This will be a weekly gathering every Wednesday throughout Lent, and everyone is warmly invited to participate. We look forward to sharing this time of reflection together!

Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 7th March in the Church.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Their stories can be read at www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/toefuataiga-story/

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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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 7:30am
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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Become a Catechist

POSITIONS AVAILABLE THURSDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM AT WOONGARRAH SCHOOL

A combined year 3 and 4 class. This class is being taught by our Regional Director.

A combined year 1 and 2 class. This is a large class and it would be good if we could have an assistant come into that class with our teacher and train up to be a teacher. In that way when you are ready we could ask the school if possible to split the class in two.

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

No previous teaching experience required. All training provided.

Please contact Kerrie Dederer for further information:
0402 815 633 or
kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au



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"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

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Planned Giving Envelopes

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity and support! Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for collection next weekend (15-16 March).

If you would like to receive envelopes, kindly fill out the form at the back of the Church and either give it to Fr. Philip or place it in one of the collection plates.

For those who prefer to donate online, you can do so through our website or by following this link: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/donations>.

Thank you once again for your kindness and dedication!

Rosary Prayer Group

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

Prayer meetings for March will be on Thursday 13th and 27th, 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.

Salesian Thought

The chief exercise of prayer is to speak to God and to hear God speak in the bottom of our heart.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 6, Chapter 1)

Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and guardians participating in Church services of the importance of accompanying children to the toilets before, during, or after Mass. This practice is crucial for the safety of all parishioners, particularly children. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this regard.



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SAINTS DAYS DURING LENT

Monday 17 March

St Patrick, bishop

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord



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Return and Earn

This week we raised: **\$61.00**



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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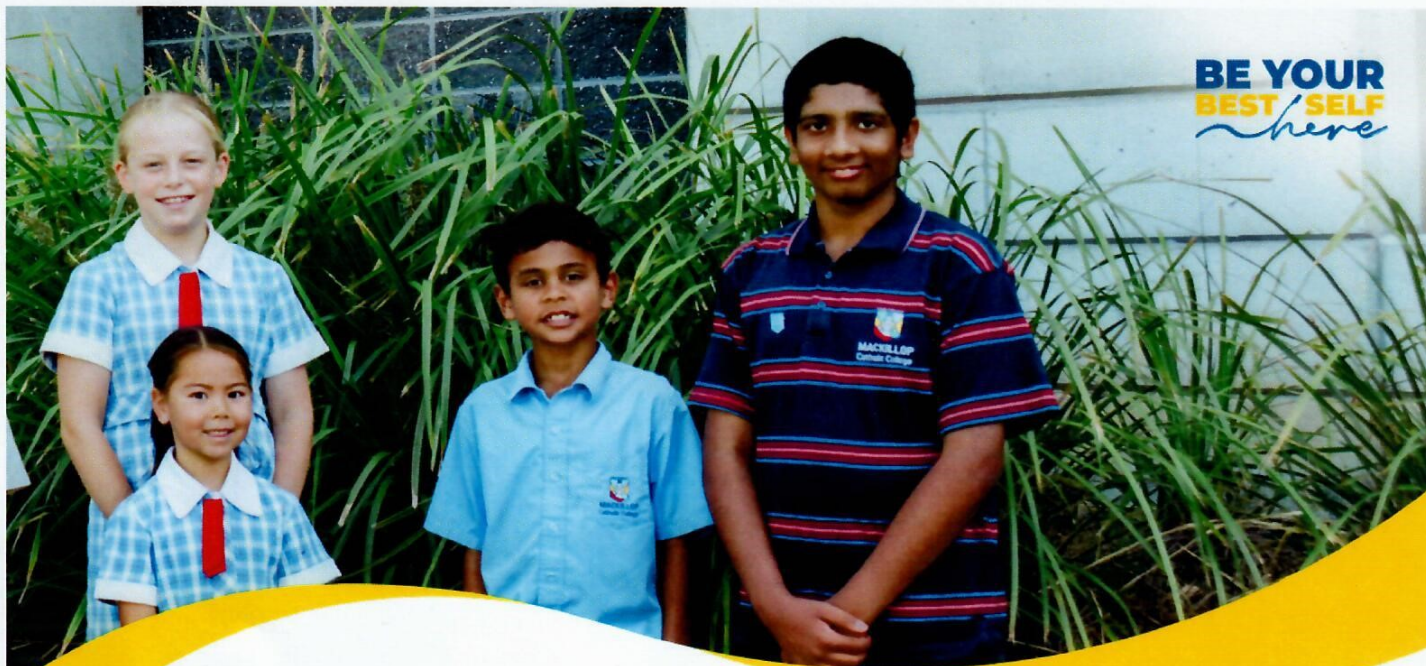
Please remember our sick: Finn McConnon, Judy White, Cecelia Henry, Jacqui, Joset Gatt, Violet Gove, Magdalena Santos, Sheila Marquez, Allan Clark, Charity M. Macapagal.

Anniversaries: Jason Calphy, Magdalena Laka, Nina Gatt, Magdalena Santos, Erma Abucq, Modesto Ramon, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Mark Weiss, Victoria M, Clive Levido, V.C Mani, Pelesala Tuaimau.

Recently Deceased: Chinnammr Joseph, Anne Devlin, Helen Griffin-Foley, Denis Holm, Eric Rogers, Philomena Pamel.



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OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 March 2025

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MacKillop Catholic College warmly invites you to our 2025 Open Days on March 12 and 13. Join us to experience the vibrant spirit of our College through open classrooms, student-led tours, and engaging performances. Our Principals will share important enrolment information, while teachers will showcase curriculum highlights and activities at the College Expo.

Additionally, on March 13, families interested in Kindergarten for 2026 can participate in specially tailored activities and information regarding Kindergarten at MCC. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!



Tanya Appleby College Principal

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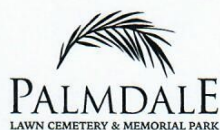


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The Palmdale Group will host ANZAC Day Ceremonies at both Palmdale and Greenway on 25th April, paying respect to the memory of our service men and women.

Services and Wreath laying ceremonies will be held at both Palmdale and Greenway.

Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park

57 Palmdale Rd, Palmdale.
Commencing at 9am,
the service will be held adjacent
to the Defence Force Memorial.

Palmdale ph: **4362 1203**

Greenway Chapel & Memorial Gardens

460 Avoca Drv, Green Point.
Commencing at 11am,
the service will be held adjacent
to the Defence Force Memorial.

Greenway ph: **4369 2013**

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LEST WE FORGET

First Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading

Book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R**

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(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 6, Chapter 1)*

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.