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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  
7TH SEPTEMBER 2025, YEAR C**

**Readings:** Wis 9:13-18 ;  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33  
**Response:**  
In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant,  
And teach me your law.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



## HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

to all fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, foster fathers and spiritual fathers. God's blessings upon you in your life as a father.

*God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, foster fathers and spiritual fathers. Bless our young fathers as they embrace their vocation. Give them courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith with a joy in their sacrifice.*

*Bless our older fathers, step-fathers and grandfathers with wisdom and gentle strength to guide those in their care.*

*We remember our own father whether here on earth or in heaven and thank him for giving us life.*

*We lift up all fathers who are lost or suffering that they may know the compassion of God who walks with them.*

*We ask your blessing for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*May you also bless and sustain our priests, our spiritual fathers.*

*For the gift of Fatherhood – loving God we thank you!*

*Amen.*

## Upcoming Parish Event

**SAVE THE DATE**

We are pleased to announce that our Parish Dinner will be held on **Saturday, 22 November**, following the 5:00pm Mass, in the school hall. Tickets are **\$25 per adult, \$15 for children aged 6–10, and free for children under 6.** Further details about the menu and ticket sales will be shared in the coming weeks. **Please mark the date in your calendars— We look forward to celebrating together!**

## Parish Consultation —Relocation of the Tabernacle

In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and Liturgy Committee, all parishioners are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday, 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints.**

The day will begin with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00–9:00am**, followed by **Holy Mass at 9:15am**. After Mass, we will gather for **morning tea**.

Following this, **Fr Philip will offer a presentation and consultation with parishioners regarding the proposed relocation of the tabernacle**, in the spirit of the ongoing Synodal process.

We encourage every member of our parish community to take part in this important time of prayer, fellowship, and discernment.

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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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Philip Thottam MSFS (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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### 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

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

## Salesian Thought

*Be no less brave for being a Christian, and no less Christian for being brave; and for this we must be very good Christians.*

(Letters to Persons in the World, IV, 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 for the month of **September** will be on **Thursday 4th and 18th** 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. Everyone is welcome to come.

## Memorial Wall

The Parish Pastoral Council is progressing with plans to establish a **Memorial Wall** along the retaining wall beside the Church driveway. Each plaque (size 16cm by 10.5cm) will include: Name of the deceased, Date of birth and place, Date of death, Resting place, Donated by.

A registration sheet is available at the back of the Church for parishioners wishing to register their interest and indicate the number of plaques required. The cost is a one-off fee of **\$100 per plaque**, payable by bank transfer or cash. Further details regarding payment will be provided soon.



## Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invite you to their Christmas lunch

**Location:** Toukley Golf Club,

**Time:** 12.00 noon to 4:00pm

**When:** Sunday, 7th December 2025

**Menu:** 2 course lunch prepared and served at your table which will include: baked ham, turkey, pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin, mixed vegetables, and a bread roll. Gluten Free options available, please let the committee know when booking. **Desert:** Christmas pudding with custard or apple pie with ice-cream. Drinks to purchase at the bar at your own expense.

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios.

**Tickets:** \$45 per person. Book and pay by 22nd November 2025.

For tickets and information please phone a member of the committee,

- Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020
- Rita 0448 74 2591
- Charlie & Connie on 4396 3704
- Rita Meilak 0411 894 387 (The Entrance)

## Pilgrimage Opportunity with Fr Carmelo

Next year, Fr Carmelo is planning to visit Malta, his country of birth and the parish where his priestly vocation was first nurtured, as well as several Marian shrines across Europe. He will be accompanied by a female friend and is seeking either another woman or a couple to join them and complete the travel group. The pilgrimage is expected to last approximately five weeks. For further information or to express your interest, please contact Fr Carmelo on **0480 559 410**.

## SAINTS DAYS

### Monday 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Tuesday 9 September

St Peter Claver

### Wednesday 10 September

### Thursday 11 September

### Friday 12 September

### Saturday 13 September

St John Chrysostom



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## Return and Earn

**This week we raised: \$53.30**



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fund-raising 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;
- ♦ No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- ♦ 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.



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**Please remember our sick:** Ivan Dzido, Bill McGuinness, Barry Bateson, Ken Grigg, Olivia Curtis, Chiara Wallace, Jo O'Loughlin, Pili Menardo Leal, Cecelia Henry, Joset Gatt, Sheila Marquez.

**Anniversaries:** Joan Firmstone, Victor Gatt, Joyce Nord, T.D Varghese, Darrell Travers, Terence McBride OCDS, Dorothy McGinlay, Gladys De Lange, Thomas Kavanattu, Stanley Nolan, Aleykutty Joseph.

**Recently Deceased:** Magdalena Santos, Shannon Murray, William (Billy) Hardman, Praveen Thomas, Eliamma Chacko, Ronald (Royce) Wright, Emmanuel Francis, Tonci Kalebic, Adam Death.



# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## First Reading

Book of Wisdom 9:13-18

### Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

‘What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens.

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught, what please you, and saved, by wisdom.’

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

### In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust  
and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’

To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

**R**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning, it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fads.

**R**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever.  
Show pity to your servants.

**R**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

**R**

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to Philemon 9-10, 12-17

**Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Luke 14:25-33**

**All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.