

## CALENDAR / MARCH & APRIL 2025

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| MAR.<br>17<br>Mon | <b>St. Patrick (Bishop)</b><br>HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass                                                                                                                                                               | 31<br>Mon         | HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 18<br>Tues        | HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                              | APR.<br>1<br>Tues | HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 19<br>Wed         | <b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass                                                                             | 2<br>Wed          | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass                                                                                                                                               |
| 20<br>Thurs       | HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass<br>7:30pm Lent Reflections                                                                                                                                                                   | 3<br>Thurs        | HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass<br>7:30pm Lent Reflections                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 21<br>Fri         | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross<br><b>Lent Reflections</b> - After Mass & Stations of the Cross<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition<br>7:00pm Stations of the Cross | 4<br>Fri          | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross<br><b>Lent Reflections</b> - After Mass & Stations of the Cross<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition<br>7:00pm Stations of the Cross           |
| 22<br>Sat         | HOLY SPIRIT: 8:00am Mass & Novena<br>8:30am Reconciliation<br>6:00pm Mass<br>HOLY TRINITY: 5:00pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 6:15pm Mass                                                                                    | 5<br>Sat          | HOLY SPIRIT: 8:00am Mass & Novena<br>8:30am Reconciliation<br>6:00pm Mass<br>HOLY TRINITY: 5:00pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 6:15pm Mass                                                                                              |
| 23<br>Sun         | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br>HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass & Cuppa<br>5:30pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa                                  | 6<br>Sun          | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br>HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass & Cuppa<br>10:00am Baptisms<br>5:30pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa                        |
| 24<br>Mon         | HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7<br>Mon          | HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 25<br>Tues        | <b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b><br>HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Anointing Mass                                                                                                                                | 8<br>Tues         | HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass (CWL)<br>10:00am CWL Meeting                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 26<br>Wed         | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass<br>7:00pm Baptism Preparation                                                                                                       | 9<br>Wed          | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass                                                                                                                                               |
| 27<br>Thurs       | HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass<br>7:30pm Lent Reflections                                                                                                                                                                   | 10<br>Thurs       | HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass<br>7:30pm Lent Reflections                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 28<br>Fri         | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross<br><b>Lent Reflections</b> - After Mass & Stations of the Cross<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition<br>7:00pm Stations of the Cross | 11<br>Fri         | HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross<br><b>Lent Reflections</b> - After Mass & Stations of the Cross<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition<br>7:00pm Stations of the Cross           |
| 29<br>Sat         | HOLY SPIRIT: 8:00am Mass & Novena<br>8:30am Reconciliation<br>6:00pm Mass<br>HOLY TRINITY: 5:00pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 6:15pm Mass                                                                                    | 12<br>Sat         | HOLY SPIRIT: 8:00am Mass & Novena<br>8:30am Reconciliation<br>6:00pm Mass<br>HOLY TRINITY: 5:00pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 6:15pm Mass                                                                                              |
| 30<br>Sun         | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br>HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass & Cuppa<br>5:30pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa                                  | 13<br>Sun         | <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b><br>HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa<br>HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass, Wedding Anniversary Celebrations & Cuppa<br>5:30pm Mass<br>HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa |



## St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish

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### Welcome to St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

#### YEAR C

March 15 & 16, 2025

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation."*

#### USUAL MASS TIMES

##### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY : 9:00am  
MONDAY :  
TUESDAY :  
WEDNESDAY : 8:00am  
THURSDAY :  
FRIDAY : 8:00am  
SATURDAY : 6:15pm

##### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUNDAY : 7:30am  
MONDAY :  
TUESDAY :  
WEDNESDAY : 7:00am  
THURSDAY :  
FRIDAY : 7:00am  
SATURDAY : 5:00pm

##### HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

SUNDAY : 8:30am / 5:30pm  
MONDAY : 9:00am  
TUESDAY : 9:00am  
WEDNESDAY : 5:30pm  
THURSDAY : 7:00am  
FRIDAY : 9:00am  
SATURDAY : 8:00am / 6:00pm

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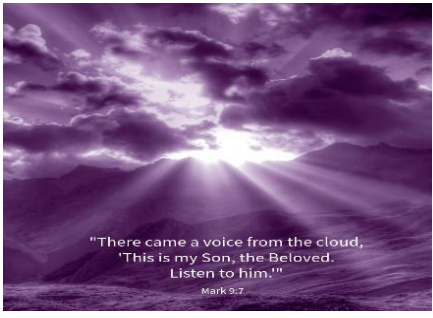
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| Liturgy of the Word – 15 & 16 March, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p><b>FIRST READING:</b><br/>A reading from the book of Genesis<br/><b>Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18</b></p> <p>Taking Abram outside the Lord said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants’ he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.<br/>‘I am the Lord’ he said to him ‘who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.’ ‘My Lord, the Lord’ Abram replied, ‘how am I to know that I shall inherit it?’ He said to him, ‘Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.<br/>Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:<br/>‘To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.’</p> | <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b><br/><b>Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1</b></p> <p><b>(R) The Lord is my light and my salvation.</b></p> <p>The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?<br/>The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? <b>(R.)</b></p> <p>O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.<br/>Of you my heart has spoken: ‘Seek his face.’ <b>(R.)</b></p> <p>It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.<br/>Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. <b>(R.)</b></p> <p>I am sure I shall see the Lord’s Goodness in the land of the living.<br/>Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.<br/>Hope in the Lord! <b>(R.)</b></p> | <p><b>SECOND READING:</b><br/>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians<br/><b>Philippians 3:17 – 4:1</b></p> <p>My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.</p> |

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| <p><b>GOSPEL:</b><br/>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke<br/><b>Luke 9:28-36</b></p> <p>Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’ And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.</p> | <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b><br/><b>Matthew 17:5</b><br/>Glory and praise to you,<br/>Lord Jesus Christ!<br/>From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:<br/>this is my beloved Son,<br/>hear Him.<br/>Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus</p> <div></div> <p><b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</b><br/><b>Matthew 17:5</b><br/>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.</p> |
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| HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ROSTERS - 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat), 6:00pm - Blanche Crisp 0428 736 726</b><br/><b>WELCOMER:</b> Alan Cooke, Paul Hefferan <b>R1:</b> Blanche Crisp <b>R2:</b> Evaan Joseph <b>COM:</b> Florinda Battistel <b>SET-UP:</b> Neil Crisp <b>GIFTS:</b> Robyn Giacomantonio &amp; Volunteer <b>A/SERV:</b> Evaan &amp; Evonne Joseph, David O’Connor <b>COMMUNION:</b> Florinda Battistel, Neil Crisp, Franco Giacomantonio, David O’Connor, Sr. Sesilia Ria, Carmelia Wall, Anne Wiseman <b>COLLECT:</b> Herman Choo, Angelo Coco, Thomas Desa, Celine Kessler, Errol Wiseman <b>MUSIC:</b> Elaine Gunn, Dondon Dulalia, Florinda Battistel, Janelle Carter, Rita Molloy, Germaine Rupp, Pamelah Sales, Ellie Sales, Michaela Tantillo and Donna Parison</p> <p><b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun), 8:30am - Cathy Noye 4773 5493</b><br/><b>WELCOMER:</b> Sandra Fratus, Geraldine Waters <b>R1:</b> Rhemie Barley <b>R2:</b> Cristina Garcia <b>C:</b> Robert Cusumano <b>SET-UP:</b> Cathy Noye <b>GIFTS:</b> Michael &amp; Carmel Purcell <b>A/SERV:</b> Mary &amp; Anna Hill, Unashe Nenguke <b>COMMUNION:</b> Molly Britto, Ruby Guerra de Corkill, Thez Hamilton, Maria Jones, Sr. Maite Konmawi, Angela Lone, Cathy Noye, Brian O’Donoghue, <b>COLLECT:</b> Molly Britto, Rodney Costigan, Ron &amp; Thez Hamilton <b>MUSIC:</b> Elaine Gunn, Dondon Dulalia, Rhemie Barley, Ryan George, Nevah Kadavil, Delia Mendoza, Alga Shibu, Elga Shibu, Fred Taudigani, Francis Teofilo, Leo Torreverde and Donna Parison</p> <p><b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun), 5:30pm - Loida Pioc 0408 070 905</b><br/><b>WELCOMER:</b> Nicole Alonzo, Veronica Brown, Andrea Jacobson <b>R1:</b> Germaine Rupp <b>R2:</b> Colleen Searle <b>C:</b> Divina Ty <b>GIFTS:</b> Jincy Biju &amp; Bernice Mason <b>A/SERV:</b> Volunteers <b>COMMUNION:</b> Joseph Antony, Zoe Brown, Mel Gonzales, Mark Grace, Andrea Jacobson, Helen Perriman, Jose &amp; Loida Pioc, Thomas Thomachan <b>COLLECT:</b> Mina Alonzo, Mel Gonzales, Khuyen Luong, Sheila Odinya, Helen Perriman <b>MUSIC:</b> Mary Cazzulino, John Knight and Donna Parison</p> |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>GROUND MAINTENANCE</b><br/><b>March 2025</b> – Errol &amp; Anne Wiseman<br/><b>GROTTO WATERING &amp; MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS</b><br/><b>March 2025</b> – Selly Kemei</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b><br/><b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Mary Suk, Sherin &amp; Manju Mathew, Thomas &amp; Smitha Thomachan</p>                                          | <p><b>MONEY COUNTING</b><br/><b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Col &amp; Kate Davey, Jill Fulton<br/><b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> – Col &amp; Kate Davey, Meggie &amp; Alexander Jones</p> |
| <p><b>PURIFIERS – 17<sup>th</sup> March ‘25</b><br/>Brian O’Donoghue<br/><b>SERVER ROBES – March ‘25</b><br/>Theresa Joseph<br/><b>ALTAR LINEN – March ‘25</b><br/>Mary Pilla</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>BAPTISMS</b><br/><b>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> March – NO BAPTISMS</b><br/><b>BAPTISM PREP. (26<sup>th</sup> March 2025)</b><br/>Tony &amp; Jenny Reddy</p> | <p><b>CHILDREN’S LITURGY</b><br/><b>16<sup>th</sup> March – (Holy Trinity Church)</b><br/>Taya Bortignon &amp; Volunteer</p>                                                            |

| HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MASS ROSTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MASS ROSTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>March 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat)</b><br/><b>WELCOMERS:</b><br/>Volunteer<br/>Jenny Dominguez<br/><b>READERS:</b><br/>Jim Mackinnon<br/>Janette Power<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTER:</b><br/>Jan Knight<br/><b>COLLECTORS:</b><br/>Cec Dominguez<br/>John Edward McMillan</p> <p><b>March 16<sup>th</sup> (Sun)</b><br/><b>SET-UP</b><br/>Laila Ewart<br/><b>READERS:</b><br/>Carmel Cannon<br/>Joyce Pankhurst<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTER:</b><br/>Gail Gannon<br/><b>COLLECTOR:</b><br/>Henry Galang</p> | <p><b>March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat)</b><br/><b>WELCOMERS:</b><br/>Janette Power<br/>Vicky Winter<br/><b>READERS:</b><br/>Sr. Marion Firth SGS<br/>Jim Mackinnon<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTER:</b><br/>Jenny Dominguez<br/><b>COLLECTORS:</b><br/>Cec Dominguez<br/>Michael Yewdall</p> <p><b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun)</b><br/><b>SET-UP</b><br/>Barbara Kummer<br/><b>READERS:</b><br/>Patricia Dye<br/>Ashley Morgan<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTER:</b><br/>Jill Fulton<br/><b>COLLECTOR:</b><br/>Ray Pavey</p> | <p><b>March 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat)</b><br/><b>WELCOMER:</b><br/>Clare Plant<br/><b>READER:</b><br/>Maureen Mosch<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTER:</b><br/>Lorraine Abel<br/><b>COLLECTOR:</b><br/>Volunteer<br/><b>March 16<sup>th</sup> (Sun)</b><br/><b>WELCOMERS – FRONT DOOR:</b><br/>Justine Lyons<br/><b>WELCOMER – LECTERN:</b><br/>Gisha George<br/><b>ALTAR SERVER:</b><br/>Alphonsa Sino<br/><b>READER:</b><br/>Tom Tarttelin<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTERS:</b><br/>Lorraine Abel<br/>John Ardill<br/>Volunteer<br/><b>COLLECTORS:</b><br/>Paul Christopherson<br/>Stefan Ruzicka</p> | <p><b>March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat)</b><br/><b>WELCOMER:</b><br/>Loris Zanotto<br/><b>READER:</b><br/>Nadia Pereira<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTER:</b><br/>Frank D’Souza<br/><b>COLLECTOR:</b><br/>Frank D’Souza<br/><b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun)</b><br/><b>WELCOMERS – FRONT DOOR:</b><br/>Gyan Russell<br/><b>WELCOMER – LECTERN:</b><br/>Joan Kennedy<br/><b>ALTAR SERVER:</b><br/>Alphonsa Sino<br/><b>READER:</b><br/>Sharon Chelli<br/><b>COMMUNION MINISTERS:</b><br/>Gisha George<br/>Rachel Harrison<br/>Volunteer<br/><b>COLLECTORS:</b><br/>Richard Kennedy<br/>Ryan Laguna</p> |



Next week's Readings:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent –  
Year C  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025  
**Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**  
**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Luke 13:1-9**



**Welcome to the  
Catholic Church!**  
9 March 2025  
**NOAH JACK SARIMAN**

#### CROSSWORD

Our Lord has power over everything



#### Across

- 1: places that protect you from wind and rain  
3: Jesus and the disciples heard God's voice coming from this  
4: great happiness  
5: he appeared with Elijah and spoke to Jesus  
7: to be filled with faith  
9: this man wanted to build three shelters  
10: people we are closest to

#### Down

- 2: all things  
3: things we wear  
5: the high place where Jesus took his disciples to pray  
6: the opposite of brothers  
8: the feeling of being proud

Phil 3:20-4:1  
Ps 147:1, 3-4, 6 and 7 R/(Lk 30-18)  
Lk 9:28-36

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C [NODORSUC\_2024\_CW3.rtf]

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#### TRANSFIGURATION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word TRANSFIGURATION?

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#### The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah.



When Peter, James and John awoke on the mountain, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them in what is known as the Transfiguration. Draw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. You can draw yourself looking on with the disciples.



Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)



Dear Parishioners,

I hope you have all had a blessed week. I am mindful that for some, the past days may not have been easy, and I pray that the days ahead bring you renewed blessings and peace.

Life in our parish continues as usual, though you may have noticed cleaning equipment in our buildings. Cleaning and restoration works are ongoing, and we appreciate your patience as we carry out these necessary improvements.

It is also a time of remembrance and gratitude as we approach a significant milestone—Holy Family Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on 19th March. Our official celebration will take place after Easter. As we prepare for this, we remember and pray for all those who made sacrifices to establish Holy Family Church at Gulliver. May God bless them abundantly.

However, it is also a moment for reflection. It is disappointing to see that we have not always taken proper care of our church buildings. This is something we must take seriously as a community and work towards improving.

We are now entering the second week of Lent, a sacred time of renewal, prayer, and penance. As I have mentioned before, this season offers us an opportunity to draw closer to God. Our parish provides various devotions and practices to assist in this journey—more frequent participation in the Blessed Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession, praying the Stations of the Cross, and joining the Lenten reflections. I encourage you to take part in these spiritual opportunities.

To support our renewal journey—**"Becoming New in Christ"**—over the next four weekends, we will engage in a study program designed to deepen our understanding of the Mass. It is essential that we not only participate in the Eucharistic celebration but also comprehend its significance, knowing what we do during the Mass and why we do it. May the Eucharistic Lord bless each of us abundantly.

**FR. JOSHY**

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:** In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of "24 Hours for the Lord," a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. As with previous editions, the event will take place **on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday, 28 March to Saturday 29 March**. For this edition, within the Jubilee of 2025, particularly dedicated to Hope, the motto chosen by the Holy Father is taken from the words of the Psalmist, "You are my hope" (Ps. 71:5).

The Diocese's 24 Hours for the Lord will be **held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral from 7am – midnight on Friday, 28 March and recommence on Saturday, 29 March from 5am-12 noon**. The 24 hours will be celebrated through various forms of prayer, music, reconciliation and Mass. More information will be available on the diocesan website [www.tsv.catholic.org.au](http://www.tsv.catholic.org.au). Everyone is welcome to attend and join.

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**CHRISM MASS:**

*Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass to be held in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 9 April 2025.* A light supper will be served in Oliver's Cloister after the Mass. Where possible, please car-pool to assist with parking availability.

**ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH TOWNSVILLE**

**Living the Eucharist**



*A Sunday Homily Video Series on Eucharist*

**Understanding the Meaning and Power of the Eucharistic Celebration**

**During Sunday Mass This Lent**

**St Joseph's Feast Day Mass**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH**

**9:00AM**

**SHELTER SHED**

Families and friends are invited to come along and join us in the Shelter Shed

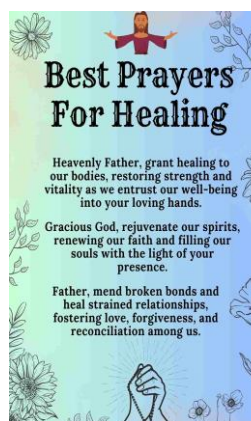


On behalf of the St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, we offer the Nolan & MacKinnon families our sincere condolences as they grieve the loss of **Patricia Stockham, Vincent Michael Nolan & Michael Joseph MacKinnon.** May they rest in peace.



**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for our recently deceased brothers and sisters: **Michael MacKinnon, Patricia Stockham & Vincent Nolan**

We also remember anniversaries of our deceased relatives and friends: **Jim Kessler & Robert Smith**



**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Len Dowd, Mary Scholes, Sue Delahunty-D'Arcy, Colin Barron, Margaret McKenzie, Paz Rostrata, Debbie Armstrong, Marina Robinson, Maureen Hoare, John P., Sam Knight, Terry O'Donnell, Sue Bandaranaike, Gerri Perriman, Marianne Gomez, Chrissie Romeo, Jim Brooks, Raul Tabada Sr., Norma Condon, David Airlie, Emmet Dollisson, Emma Aldridge, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Mylene Sheppard, Ken Brand, Dianna Foreman, Anna, Svetlana, Leonor, Sofia, Xi, Mother Pauline, Jorge, George Fock-Tave, Dorothy Newman, Fr. Bill Bussuttin, Fay Wenck, Fay Nolan, Janet Harris, Carmel Finnegan, Anita Barnes, Veronica Toy, Dianne Kempthore, Christine Burton, Patrick Cusack, Nanett Hauff, Indira Desa, Pathmaseeli Audrey Tobin, Jersey Ford, Kyle Spickler, Carmel West, Chane' Naude, Danilo Garcia, Elizalde Gomez-Abella, Maria Jones, Daniel Montaperto, Maddison Mead, Melanie Willis, Carmel Hughes, Margaret Price, Gwyneth Cutler, Bill Whelan, Julie McIntyre, Ted Randall, Robert Carlous, Manning Philips, Neville Richard, Briana Dunn, Kiersten Dunn, Katarina Richardson, Warwick Bull, Glynnis Jones, Bella and Matilda Dunn, Leicia Pickering, Melanie Saltzer, Barbara Newman, Jacob Marsilio, David Goulding, Angelic Pickering, Stephen Casonati, Jack Kenny, John Fitzgerald, Rosa Maria Santos, Minundi Lisara, Carmen Gross, Bernadette Raabe, Simone Groves, Fiona Mountney, Ethan & Nate James

**PARISH NEWS**

**ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH SENIORS GROUP:** Our next get together will be at **12 noon on Thursday 20th March, 2025 at Kirwan Sports Club, 159 Bamford Lane, Kirwan.** We hope to see you there. **Please contact Lyn on 47 797689** if you can attend or if you would like more information.

**PARISH LIFT ASSISTANCE – HELP A FELLOW PARISHIONER:** As part of our commitment to caring for one another, we are encouraging parishioners to offer a lift to those in our community who are unable to drive. If you are attending Mass and have space in your car, please consider reaching out to a fellow parishioner in need of transportation. If you are able to provide a lift or know of someone who needs assistance getting to Mass, please contact the parish office. Together, we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in our parish life. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Some of you may be aware that a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is available for parishioners to take to their homes for special devotion and prayers. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a few days, please contact the parish office to check its availability.

**LENTEN SEASON PARISH ACTIVITIES:**

**LENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME:**

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH** – Every Thursday during Lent, 7:30pm.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH** – Every Friday during Lent, after the Mass & Stations of the Cross

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH** – Every Friday during Lent, after the 8:00am mass

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH** – Every Friday during Lent, 7:00pm

**PRAYER FOR THE PARISH**

**Heavenly Father,**

**We come with hope-filled hearts, ready to serve as we begin our parish renewal. We seek Your wisdom and guidance.**

**Pour out Your Spirit of unity and love. Help us to see one another as You do, appreciating our diversity and gifts. Strengthen our faith and unite us as one parish. May our actions reflect Your grace, inspiring others to experience Your love.**

**Guide us in prayer and action as we build a welcoming, vibrant community, fully alive in Christ and filled with the zeal for His mission.**

**As we renew our parish, teach us to listen to Your voice and respond to the needs of our community.**

**We entrust this journey to You, trusting in Your unfailing love. May our renewed parish reflect the beauty of Your kingdom.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**



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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**15th and 16th of March 2025**

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