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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5TH MAY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Response:

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Reflection

In this week's Gospel of John, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the commandment of love: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." As we reflect on Gospel, let us ask ourselves: How can we more fully embrace the commandment of love in our lives? How can we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, shaping us into the image of Christ? May this Sunday be a time of renewal and recommitment to living as disciples of the risen Lord, loving one another as he has loved us.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay



This weekend (4th & 5th May) and next weekend (11th & 12th May) the parish will be having our 1st appeal for Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB). The Appeal supports two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding. They are:

- The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – around 711 volunteer catechists taking the Gospel to approximately 12,000 public school children across our

Diocese. CCD provides a large range of online resources for the students plus newsletters, training, and workshops for the volunteers. and

- Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program – Chaplains and care practitioners visit more than 3,000 individual hospital patients each year from seven hospitals in our Diocese.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports:

- St Lucy's School and St Edmond's College – serving students with disabilities, and
- The Ephpheta Centre – which provides support and advocacy for the deaf community.

Your support and generosity are vitally important. It has made a huge difference in the past to many people. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Envelopes are available at the end of the pews or at the back of the Church. Envelopes can be placed on any collection plate or placed in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are starting the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation, intended for baptised Catholic children in year 3 and above. A **parent information session** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14th, at 7 pm in the Church**. Classes will begin on Sunday, May 26th, and run for four weeks. The **Confirmation ceremony** will take place on Saturday, June 29th.

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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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

Annual May Mass Count

During the month of May we will count the number of people attending Saturday and Sunday Masses. This has been done throughout the Diocese for a number of years and provides us with important information for allocation of resources and planning for the future.

Bible Study Group

Join us for a Bible Study group led by Robert Madafiglio every Wednesday following the 8:45am Mass. The session will commence on **Wednesday 15th May** in the meeting room of the Church. This session will delve into the teachings of **John Stott on the Beatitudes** and will continue for 8 weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or via email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Rosary Prayer Group



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

The prayer meetings for **May on 9th and 23rd, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Salesian Thought

We must help one another as much as we can, and leave the rest to God.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, I, 8)

We are Recruiting for CATECHISTS & HELPERS



YES, YOU CAN BE A CATECHIST OR A HELPER!

Our catechists are everyday ordinary people from all walks of life who teach to our Catholic children in the State Schools. The children learn of God's love for them and stories of the Bible and our faith.

With more volunteers we could reach more children across our Parish.

Below is a story from Jason, a new catechist who started with us late last year.

Jason was asked the following:

Why did I become a catechist?

I became a catechist to give back to Jesus and the community to also give children an opportunity to know Jesus, and that Jesus will be there for them for the rest of their lives.

Why do I continue?

I continue to be a catechist as I get great joy in seeing the children so willing to learn about Jesus and knowing how important it is for them.

As a catechist I have grown and learnt a lot about the scriptures in a more deep and meaningful way, bringing me closer to Jesus.

Jesus, said "bring the little children to me". Will you be the one who answers YES and brings the children to him.

We will be available at the back of the Church after Mass to talk to you. Or please contact Kerrie Deder, Catechist Coordinator 0402 815 633; or kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 6 May
St Dominic Savio
Tuesday 7 May
St Rose Venerini
Wednesday 8 May
Thursday 9 May
Friday 10 May
St John de Avila
Saturday 11 May
Sunday 12 May
The ascension of the Lord

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$107.40

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



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Anniversaries: Grahame Lesha, Pedro & Perfecta Macapagal, Trinidad Leal & Bartolome Santos, Edward Swift, Maria, Hans Hendry, Elizabeth Walker, Jack Gill, Vince Mulheron snr, Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters.

Recently Deceased: Phylis Austin, Pat Mcleod, Helen Cohen, Paul Arkley, Rev Angelo Bartolo, Rita Borg, Modesto Romonz Castro, Steve McCallum.



Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some day.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Sing a new song to the lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

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Second Reading

First Letter of St John 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,

Let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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and my father will love them and we will come to them.

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Gospel

John 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for us friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you asked him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord