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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 12TH MAY 2024, YEAR B

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

Response:

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a blare of trumpets for the Lord

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



As we celebrate Mother's Day, we pray for the guidance of Mary, Mother of all believers. Let us reflect on the way we have related to our mothers (living and deceased) and to all the special woman in our lives.

We acknowledge and pray for all the mothers and special women of our Parish. We pray that throughout the world, all woman will be treated with dignity and respect, and that everywhere motherhood and family life will be valued and protected.

Happy Mother's Day



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.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay



This weekend (11th & 12th May) we will continue the appeal for the 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) – and
- Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program in our Diocese.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports:

- St Lucy's School and St Edmond's College and
- The Ephpheta Centre.

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.

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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

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

Salesian Thought

Generous devotion does not wish to have companions in all that it does, but only in its aim, which is the glory of God and the advancement of our neighbor in divine love.
(Spiritual Conferences, 1)

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 23rd, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

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.

Reminder



We would like to gently 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, and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

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 Maureen, who has been a catechist for many years.

Maureen was asked the following:

Why did I become a catechist?

I became a catechist many years after hearing we have a duty to spread the Gospel, as missionaries have done before us.

Why do I continue?

I continue to be a catechist after seeing each week that I have made a difference in the children's faith. They have learnt to pray and are asking questions and wanting to know more about Jesus.

How have I grown?

As a catechist I have continued to grow in faith, love of God, and my knowledge of Scripture.

"GO AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS" Mark 16:15

Join us in this rewarding Ministry. Go on give it a go.

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

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 13 May
Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday 14 May
St Matthias

Wednesday 15 May

Thursday 16 May

Friday 17 May

Saturday 18 May
St John I, Pope

Sunday 19 May
Pentecost Sunday

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$17.50

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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Please remember our sick: Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Mary Sammut, Rita Summut, Grahame Lesha, Pedro & Perfecta Macapagal, Trinidad Leal & Bartolome Santos, Edward Swift, Maria, Hans Hendry, Jack Gill, Vince Mulheron snr, Anne Firmstone.

Recently Deceased: Christine Nemes, Shannon Dederer, Phylis Austin, Pat Mcleod, Helen Cohen, Paul Arkley, Rev Angelo Bart.



The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had one and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He has shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who had been taken up from you into heaven, the same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

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Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great his the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hand on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord