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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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 21 FEBRUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Gen 9:8-15 ;
1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Response:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.



Reflection

DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS. The spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC collaborates with the Parish Priest to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of everyone in the Parish and meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

We have three vacancies on the Council. If you could fill one of these positions, please nominate yourself and write a brief paragraph describing what you have done in this or other parishes and give or email this to the parish office or Fr Philip by Sunday 7th March, who will share them with the Executive of the PPC.



Lenten Program

Every Friday in Lent, Warnervale parish will be joining in the Diocesan Lenten Program **Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega**. We will include Stations of the Cross. From Friday 26 February the program will be held at 6:30pm –7:30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to make their Lent a special and holy time. **Please put your name on the list at the back of the church** if you are attending and bring your booklet with you.

You are also welcome to do this program at home with family and friends. See online resource in PDF format at www.bbcatholic.org.au/lentenprogram

We now have a Facebook Page

You can now access parish happenings and updates if you find us on Facebook: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale, so please “like” our page.

Invitation to Readers, Senior & Junior Alter Servers

Fr Philip extends a warm invitation to anyone who would like to become a reader or alter server. Please talk to Fr Philip if you would like to join one or both of these ministries.

Bishop Anthony’s Lenten Message

Please click on this link [Lenten Penance Letter](#) issued by Bishop Anthony Randazzo for Lent 2021. Copies are available at the back of the church.

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes children’s liturgy

Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the month
at 9.15am

Men’s Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

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

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff
for more information.

Devotions

Divine Mercy before Mass at
9am; Rosary after Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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Project Compassion

This year, Caritas Australia takes the theme of "Be More" for Project Compassion 2021. Donation boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

MacKillop Luncheons

Returning - Every 2nd Thursday of the month, starting 11th March at 12 midday, at the Doylo RSL. Please come along and enjoy the company of fellow MacKillop friends.



Social Justice

A Place to Call Home

A recent study by the UNSW's City Futures Research Centre surveyed 47 leading economists and 40 senior experts from business, government, industry, and academia and found that 84% agreed "Australian governments have paid too little attention to how housing outcomes also affect productivity and growth".

The report went on to say that status quo economic policies had "exacerbated income and wealth inequality". Other points from the study are:

Over-reliance on historically low interest rates for housing, employment, and productivity;

A very good means of combating the issue would be for governments to launch a nationwide social housing building program. This has been ignored by the Federal Government but not the Victorian government.

In his recent book, *Let Us Dream the Path to a Better Future* Pope Francis urges us to build "sustainable, family-friendly housing for all" so that all of us, rich and poor, can live in a place to call home.

Are you interested in Social Justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 27 April 7:00pm in the MacKillop Catholic Church, Warnervale.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

This is who we are: One Journey With Many Roads

Within all vocations, there are countless roles and functions through which a life of service to the Church can be expressed. But the overriding concern is our unity in the Lord, our love for one another as the body of Christ.

In the Catholic Church, members contribute differently. In past weeks we have looked at: couples, priests, bishops and religious. Finally this week: singles and youth.

Singles

Apart from the religious, the Church has many other single people. For some this is by choice. For others, it may be due to circumstances. Sometimes tragic circumstances, such as death of a spouse or divorce, Single Catholics live out their faith through their home life, their work and their various other activities. Single people, including single parents, are a great gift to the Church.

Youth

Nor most we overlook our children and youth who, although not having made a life choice, are considered to be equal members of the body of Christ and who bring irreplaceable qualities and gifts characteristic of their unique stage of life. (sourced from catholicenquiry.com)

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Return and Earn

This week we raised \$140.00

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund/ Please place glass in the crates provided.

Thank you for your support!



THIS WEEK

Monday 22 February The Chair of St Peter

9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 23 February

9:15am Mass

Wednesday 24 February

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

Thursday 25 February

9:15am Mass

Friday 26 February

9:15am Mass

6:30pm Way of the Cross & Lenten Program

Saturday 27 February

4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

Sunday 28 January Second Sunday of Lent

8am Mass

10am Mass

5pm Mass

Parish Registration Forms

If you have not completed a parish registration form please find them available outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We have attached some other forms relating to parish life for your interest. Please place completed forms in the green box provided. Thank you those who have returned them.

Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **264**.

All other restrictions continue for hygiene and social distancing. Please **use hand sanitiser** and **keep 1.5 metres apart** when entering and leaving the church, when queuing for communion and when chatting before and after Mass.

Masks are not mandatory.

Sign in sheets for Mass are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

Online Mass is available at the Cathedral from the below link:

Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am

Please remember our sick: Tracey Mulheron, Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased/Anniversary: Pauline & Ryan Ureta, Blino Sakr, Fr Stephen Swift, Thomas Antony, Cathryn Sharkey, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo.

Mass Intentions: Andrew Hood, Rocco, Domenic, Marco & Benjamin Pasqale, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Ambait, Elma & Juan Capacite, Pantaleon, Timotea, Hermigildo & Romualda Giba, Kerry Mackey, Bernard Okon, Christine Scarlett, Leo Galea, Ruben Nunez, Dulca Girca.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and youthe waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9

R. You ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path of those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Second reading

St Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Lord of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

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Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angles looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News'.

The Gospel of the Lord.