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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22ND DECEMBER 2024, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Micah 5:1-4
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Response:

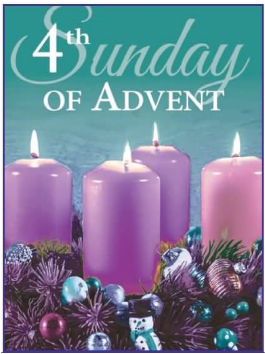
Lord, make us turn to you; Let us see
your face and we shall be saved.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Blessed is she who believed. 'From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from the peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we

rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

Monday 23rd December at 6:30pm.

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm, 8pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



As we reflect on the blessings within our community, we cannot overlook the invaluable contributions of our dedicated volunteers. Their unwavering commitment and selfless service are the pillars that uphold our parish life.

From organising to lending a helping hand, our volunteers embody the spirit of kindness and generosity. Their efforts, whether big or small, resonate deeply within our parish family and make a significant impact.

Your willingness to give your time, talents, and passion for our community is truly admirable. Your dedication is a testament to the strength of our parish.

As we approach this season of gratitude and reflection, let us extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of our volunteers. Your contributions enrich our parish life and create a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Thank you for your selflessness, dedication, and love for our parish. May your kindness and generosity inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

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

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

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Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, 18th December 2024, to Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

You may leave a message on the parish answering machine at **8379 1740**, and someone will return your call.

Alternatively, you can email the parish office and I will respond upon my return.

For emergencies, please contact Fr. Philip directly on the parish mobile at **0423 279 263**.

31st December Adoration & New Years Mass



Celebrate the New Year with us!

On 31st December, Fr. Philip will lead us in a beautiful evening of prayer, beginning with Adoration from 11:00pm to Midnight, followed by a special Midnight Mass to welcome 2025 with the solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Come and start the year in the presence of the Lord. All are warmly invited to join!

Salesian Thought

God does not forsake unless forsaken; He never takes away His gifts till we take away our hearts.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2, Chapter 10)



The Children's Liturgy team would like to thank all the children and families who participated this year in Children's Liturgy.

Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2025.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Catechist News

THANK YOU TO Fr Philip, Kim, our Parish Secretary, and the CCD staff for all their help to myself and our catechists.

CATECHIST AND ASSISTANTS:

A big thank you to our wonderful and dedicated team of catechists and their assistants who bring God's love and Good News to the children in our schools

WHAT A YEAR:

We held our Christmas assemblies at Warnervale and Woongarrah PS and were joined by all the children from the other SRE classes. The assemblies were wonderful and the children really enjoyed them, I thank our team of catechists and assistants for their help in dressing up the children and getting them on and off the stage.

A big thank you to Ellen for making us an angel outfit which looked lovely.

Five new volunteers.

All classes covered with a teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rocío, Jason, Nadine and Matthew who completed the CCD Ministry Induction course.

Fr Philip Presented Kerrie with her Five-year Certificate of Service:

End of year celebration and Christmas Lunch:

We all got together for our end of year Christmas lunch at The Beachcomber. What a good time we all had enjoying each others company, and meeting our new volunteers.

On behalf of all our catechists and assistants I wish you many Christmas blessings and a happy New Year. Kerrie, Catechists Coordinator on 0402 815 633.

Unto Us a Child is Born



SAINTS DAYS

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 December

The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday 26 December

St Stephen

Friday 27 December

St John

Saturday 28 December

The Holy Innocents

Return and Earn



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: Allan Clark, Finn McConnon, Charity M. Macapagal, Frances Glanz, Ruby Huerto, John Draper, Lisa Jackson, John Burgess, Abigail Aquilos.

Anniversaries: Victor Gatt, Nicholas Gatt, Michael McQueen (Snr), Mike McQueen, Alwyn O'Connor, Sandra O'Connor, Jason Davis, Peter Conneely, Sheila & Michael, Tina & Noel Kane, Andrew & Jane Fenech.

Recently Deceased: Marie Beal, Robert Walker, Fr Michael O'Toole, Laurence Dummett (known as Wal), Ray Butterfield.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth give birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be one the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

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Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,

prepare a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;

then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,

‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will for me be done.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

The Gospel of the Lord.