

# Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillo

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus, to grow as his disciples, using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

### **PALM SUNDAY**

### PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B 25 MARCH 2018



Diocese of Broken Bay Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1 - 15:47

#### Response:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

# Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory?

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Next Week: Sunday of the Resurrection: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

#### **Palm Sunday**

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.



All the Masses this weekend will begin outside the church with a reading of the Palm Sunday story, blessing of the palms and a procession into the Church.

#### **Lenten Reflection**

INTRODUCING THE CAST OF

#### THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

I AM THE ROMAN CENTURION. I nailed your hands to the cross which would be your deathbed. In your vulnerability I mocked you and degraded you.

I AM one who stands among people who are degraded and humiliated. When the vulnerable are exploited and their dignity denied, I am there ready to aid the oppressors.

I AM hoping that at the last my eyes will be opened to see the truth, and that I will see you in your kingdom.

# I AM THE ROMAN CENTURION A series for Lent by Fr Ken

#### Saturday 9:15am Mass

For the month of April, Fr George will celebrate Mass each Saturday. The third Saturday being Seniors anointing Mass.

#### **Easter Liturgy Times**

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Good Friday:

- Stations of the Cross 11am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday: 7.30pm Easter Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm



**First Spiritual Exercises Retreat** 

22 April – 20 May 2018 This retreat is for; Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles. It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine. Find the brochure at the back of the church. For more details contact Joan 0408165 014

#### **Holy Land Collection**

On Good Friday envelopes will be on the pews for the Holy Land Collection. If you wish to donate by credit card pens will be available at the back of the church.

#### **Daylight Savings**

Turn your clocks forward on Saturday night 31 April.

#### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

#### **Weekday Mass**

9.15am Mon, Tues 7.30am Wed 9.15am Thurs, Fri

#### Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

#### **Family Mass**

Every Sunday @ 10am

#### **Youth Mass**

Every Sunday @ 5pm

#### **Baptisms**

Most Sundays @ 11.30am Attendance at Information Evening is required

#### Weddings

By Appointment

## Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff for more information.

#### St Vincent de Paul

4356 6700 1300 Vinnies

#### CatholicCare Counselling 4324 6403

Domestic Violence

**Gambling Help** 

1800 858 858

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 

4323 3890

Priest George Gorzkowski (Adm) Vince Casey (PP) Pastoral Associate Joan Pavitt CCD Coordinator Gayle Caulfield

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PPC: Leanne Hyland, Ann Jackson, Antony Joseph, Michael McCarthy, Bill Mifsud, Paul Moir, Maureen Mulheron, Christine Owen.

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

#### IN THE PARISH

**RCIA** If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic or know someone who may be, contact Kate at the Parish Office to join us in the preparations for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Every Sunday with 10am Mass



#### Weekdays - 9:15am Mass

Divine Mercy before Mass 9am and Rosary after Mass

#### The Edge Youth Group this Sunday 25 March

This youth group for years 6, 7 & 8 is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, after Sunday Mass from 6pm to 7.15pm in the Church. The cost for dinner is \$2.

**Seniors Healing/Anointing Mass** Every third Saturday at 9.15am.

#### **Lent Discussion Group with Fr Ken**

Every Monday in Lent 10.30 am or 7.30 pm sessions. All welcome!

#### **Confirmation 2018**

The preparation classes will continue at 10am Mass on this Sunday. Then the final class will be on **6 May with a rehearsal**. The sacrament will be celebrated on May 12

Men's Breakfast Every fourth Saturday. Join us at Warnies Café



#### **Finance Committee**

We are seeking another person for our finance committee. If you feel this is something that you could make a valuable contribution to please email an expression of interest to either Fr Vince vince.casey@dbb.org.au or Ann Jackson ann.jackson@dbb.catholic.edu.au

#### **Planned Giving Envelopes**

Please pick up your envelopes from the Church foyer.

#### SENIORS NEWS

Thanks for a fun day all those who attended the barefoot bowls.

Details of April outings next week and as usual:

Transport available, ring Marie 43972935

God's Blessings, Ria♥

#### **NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Growing Older and Wiser. The study looks at different people from both the New and Old Testament. The group will commence on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 11.30am the first Wednesday after Easter and will go for 9 weeks. If you would like to attend please put your name down on the sheet at the back of the church or contact Joan 0408165014.

#### **Working with Children Renewals**

An email will be sent 3 months before the expiry of Working with Children Checks. Please ensure you email details are up to date. No need to reapply, take the email and Proof of Identity to Service NSW

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/

#### **YEAR OF YOUTH**

Open new horizons for spreading Joy. **World Youth Day Panama 2019** 22-27 Jan 2019. Bookings open April,

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### This Weekend

Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation Fr Carmelo Sat 5pm Mass Fr Carmelo 8.00am Mass Fr George 10.00am Family Mass Fr Ken 11:30am Baptisms Fr George 5pm Youth Mass Fr George

#### Monday 26 Mar

9:15am Mass Fr George

#### **Tuesday 27 Mar**

9:15am Mass Fr George

#### Wednesday 28 Mar

7:10am Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass Fr George 9.15am Communion Service Joan

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM Thursday 29 Mar

9:15am Mass Fr George After Mass - Eucharistic Adoration 7:30pm Mass of the Lords Last Supper Fr George & Fr Carmelo

#### **Good Friday**

11am Stations of the Cross 3pm The Lord's Passion Fr Ken

#### **Holy Saturday**

No Reconciliation 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass Fr George 7:30pm Syro Malabar Mass in hall Fr Leons

#### **Easter Sunday**

8.00am Mass Fr Ken 10.00am Family Mass & Baptism Fr Carmelo 5pm Youth Mass Fr George

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

#### Do You Know?

Do you know anyone couch surfing, unable to afford rent, needing a refuge from violence? Do you know how many people are homeless in our area? Do you know what refuges are available in our locality?

These are the questions the Social Justice Group are researching. We will keep you informed.

www.marymackillopsocialjustice. wordpress.com

**Please remember our sick**: Louis Johnson, Alan Hardcastle, Jeff Charlton, Phyllis Gardner, Fred Snood, Paul Van de Ven, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Tracey Kelly, Dorothy McGinlay, Darcy Cameron, Sr Marea Ross, Barbara White, Daniel Butler, Shane Pratt, Doreen Goonan, Garnet Standing, Scott Baker, Maria Broessels, Manual Dumlao, Carmen Dumlao, S.R. Potter, Beth Gan, Koby Bourke, Tony Demich.



**Recently Deceased:** Fr Peter McGrath CP, Dorothy Burns, John Hiep, Allesandro Borchi, Margaret Comensoli, John McBride, Joyce Roberts, Fr Grove Johnson, Joyce Burton, Hilda Anderson, Thea Welsby, Geoff Hannan.

Mass Intentions: Dallas Monseuere, Carmen Aragon Indolos, Victor Moir, Mary, Angelo and Louis Spiteri, Rosey Antony, David Pennings, Laka Damanik, Seki Simanjuntak, Consuelo D. Santos, Koby Bourke, Abraham Kunjavara. Campbell, David Waters, Alex Moss, Howard Kelly, Dalphine Ring, Dennis Ring, Lex Mann, Jack & Elsie McGinlay.