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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*

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 27 MARCH 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3; 11-32

Response:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Prayer for the Holy Father to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, you are the holy Mother of God and our tender Mother. Look upon the distress in which the Church and the whole of humanity are living because of the spread of materialism and the persecution of the Church.

In Fatima, you warned against these errors, as you spoke about the errors of Russia. You are the Mediatrix of all graces. Implore your Divine Son to grant this special grace for the Pope: that he might consecrate Russia to your Immaculate Heart, so that Russia will be converted, a period of peace will be granted to the world, and your Immaculate Heart will triumph, through an authentic renewal of the Church in the splendour of the purity of the Catholic Faith, of the sacredness of Divine worship and of the holiness of the Christian life.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary and our sweet Mother, turn your merciful eyes to us and graciously hear this our trusting prayer. Amen.

Preparing the Church for Easter Saturday 9 April at 10:30

If you can spare an hour to help clean the Church and prepare the palms, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your secateurs).

Palms for Palm Sunday—10 April



If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday, we would like the palms delivered to the Church by 10:30am on Saturday 9th April.

We need long and small palms. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you will be bringing palms, so we have some idea of what we need.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world. The next prayer meeting is Thursday 31st March at 7 pm. At Bill & Dianne's home,

56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Ph 0413 454 547. All Welcome.

Easter Liturgy Times

2nd Rite of Reconciliation 6 April:
at 6.30pm

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm

Good Friday:

Way of the Cross 10:00

Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Please note that there are no morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Good Friday and no 5pm Mass Holy Saturday.



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 - Sat 9.15am

Wed 7.30am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 8am to 9am

RCIA/Faith Renewal

Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
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.

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 12 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment.

During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration.

Please contact the parish office before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.

Social Justice

A Farewell

Very sadly we announce that our Social Justice Committee has now been dissolved.

Regrettably illness and other factors have brought about a severe reduction in our membership numbers which has meant that we are no longer able to function effectively as a committee.

We thank Father Philip, and Father Vince before him, for giving us the opportunity to share some thoughts on social justice issues from the perspective of Catholic social teaching. I am personally grateful for all the hard work of our current and former members over the time that we have been together as a committee.

We also thank you, Parishioners of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish Warnervale for reading our contributions.

Chris Firmstone
Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



THIS WEEK

Monday 28 March

9:15am Mass

Tuesday 29 March

9:15am Mass

Wednesday 30 March

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

Thursday 31 March

9:15am Mass

Lenten Reflection

Friday 1 April

9:15am Mass

6:30pm—Way of the Cross

Saturday 2 April

9:15am Mass



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Way of the Cross

All are welcome to join on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross

Mackillop Pray Group

MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Daily Mass at 9:15am

During Lent Fr Philip will celebrate Mass every Monday to Saturday at 9:15am.

Lenten Resources

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a great Lenten resource called Mercy and Healing Await. www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf

Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes will remain available at the back of the church throughout Lent. Donations can be made online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate/>

Cleaning Roster

Due to a shortage of cleaners, we are starting a roster for anyone who wishes to volunteer on a one off or on a more regular basis. The roster will commence on 25th March to 29th July. If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday, please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Notice from Bishop Anthony

Advertisement is currently being circulated for a "Latin Mass" on the Central Coast at Kariong Hall each Sunday at 11am. **It is important** for us to know that this is not a Roman Catholic celebration of the Eucharist.

The development is unknown to Bishop Anthony and it does not have his approval. The Faithful should be strongly advised not to attend as, in so doing, they would be participating in an invalid and illicit celebration of Mass. Bishop Anthony does provide for a Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite which is celebrated each Sunday at 4.30pm at St Benedict's church, Arcadia.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$69.40



Thank you for your continued support! **Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

Vinnies Flood Appeals

In response to the devastating floods impacting across NSW the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery.

Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>



Please remember our sick: Joshua Caulfield, Janice, Finn McConnon, Cecelia Henry, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson.

Deceased/Anniversary: Paul & Agnes De Battista, Bridgie King, Michael Wong, Reginald Hamilton, Jennifer Scarrabelotti, Patre Kerney, Hazel Mary Roll, Maria Taype, Patricia Parker, Maria Toronczak.

Mass Intentions: Angelo & Mary Spiteri, Daminh, Rafael Santos, Mrs. Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos.



4th Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and that appeal that we made in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your Son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant” and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property—he and his women— you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” ‘

The Gospel of the Lord.