

Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillo 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 IN ORDINARY TIME **YEAR B, 28 JANUARY 2018**



Diocese of Broken Bay Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

Readings: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Response: If today you hear his voice

harden not your hearts

Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Welcome Father George

Our Parish is known for being very welcoming, so we look forward to getting to know Fr George, extending our friendship and sharing our stories.

The Presentation of the Lord

This Friday 2 February, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus

The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

Communion Services

Vince

Thanks to all those who led, attended and supported the communion services we had in place of weekday Masses throughout January. All the reports I heard were positive - that they were intimate, prayerful, creative and different. It is important that we can pray as a community at times when a priest is not available.

Long Service Leave

I begin LSL on Monday and will return on Monday 30 April. I will be based in the Southern Highlands, resting, exercising, reading, praying, doing some gardening and maintenance in return for my accommodation, visiting family and friends.

I thank Fr George for accepting to be Administrator of the Parish while I am away and I thank you, in anticipation, for the help and support you will give him in this role.

Vince

MacKillop College

MacKillop College resumes school from 29 January. Welcome back!

Parish Phones

The College and Parish now has a new phone system, with everything working. The parish phone number (4393 4501) is the best number to use on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to 4pm and a message can be left at other times. The parish mobile number (0498 036 713) can be used to contact Fr George out-ofhours or in an emergency.

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

13 11 14

Gambling Help

1800 858 858

Alcoholics Anonymous

4323 3890

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

Parish Secretary Kate Clark **Bookkeeper** Johnson Mani

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Messages cannot be left on the parish phone. Apologies. A message can be left on the parish mobile.

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Bill Mifsud, Paul Moir, Maureen Mulheron, Christine Owen.

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: If you would like to be a leader and help with planning contact Joan 0408 165 014.

The Edge Youth Group starting back 25 February

This youth group for years 6, 7 & 8 is held every 4th 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 recommences 18 February Every third Saturday at 9.15am.

Lent Discussion Group

"WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE" Do you believe this? Is Christ "Eastering" in you? Discover more at the Lent Discussion Groups starting on Monday, 19 February. Sign up for either the 10.30 am or 7.30 pm session on the list in the Church foyer.

Parish Administrator

From Monday 29 January The Bishop has appointed Fr George Gorzkowski as Administrator of the Parish whilst Fr Vince is on long service leave. Fr George is currently the assistant priest at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Terrigal.

Alpha Team Training at Terrigal on Friday 16 Feb 2018

For more information on Team Training contact Joan 0408165014 or **RSVP:** faith.formation@dbb.org.au or 9847

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHRIST SAID: I tell you solemnly, in so far as you do this to one of the least of the brothers and sisters of mine, you do it to me. Matthew 25: 40.

In response to Christ's statement we hope you will join us, as this parish, embarks on a fresh new venture of Social Justice.

Please take PEEK at our website and examine the various tabs. We **need** your comments, so respond on the site and let us know your opinion. No computer skills? Brilliant! What a great opportunity to get your family to guide you, read and comment too.

The website: http://

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com highlights the skills of Kerry Brown. Thanks from the parish, Kerry

Catholic Social Justice

Plant Stall - 3rd & 4th of February

Ed and Rita are having the years first monthly stall after 5pm Mass Saturday and then after 8am, 10am on Sunday.

Thank you for the donated plants. If you are bring a plant could you name the plant if possible? As people ask us what they are. Enquiries contact Ed 0427 002 164.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

This Weekend

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

Monday 29 Jan

9:15am Mass Fr Carmelo

Tuesday 30 Jan

9:15am Mass Fr George

Wednesday 31 Jan St John Bosco

7:30am Mass Fr George 9.15am Communion Service Joan

Thursday 1 Feb

9:15am Mass Fr George After Mass - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord

9:15am Mass Fr George 6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Leonse

Saturday 3 Feb

4pm Reconciliation Fr Carmelo 5pm Mass Fr Carmelo

Sunday 4 Feb

8.00am Mass Fr Ken 10.00am Family Mass Fr George 11.30am Baptisms Fr George 5pm Youth Mass Fr George 7pm Syro Mala

Morning Prayer from the Prayer of the Church

Starting on 7 February we will be praying Morning Prayer from the Prayer of the Church in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel immediately after 7.30 am Mass. Written materials will be provided. If anyone is interested, please come along. It's very easy to follow and takes about 10-15 minutes, so you won't be too late for breakfast.

For further information ring me on 0403 500 805. Chris Firmstone.

Please remember our sick: Jeff Charlton, Phyllis Gardner, Fred Snood, Paul Van de Ven, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Diana Liou, 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: Allesandro Borchi, Margaret Comensoli, John McBride, Joyce Roberts, Fr Grove Johnson, Joyce Burton, Hilda Anderson, Thea Welsby, Geoff Hannan, Sonny Olaes, Alice Joseph, Michael McQueen.

Mass Intentions: Rosey Antony, David Pennings, Laka Damanik, Seki Simanjuntak, Consuelo D. Santos, Koby Bourke, Abraham Kunjavara, Emma & Gordon Campbell, David Waters, Alex Moss, Howard Kelly, Dalphine Ring, Dennis Ring, Lex Mann, Jack & Elsie McGinlay, Susan Wagner, Ruby Lane, Dorothy Moore, Peter Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos.