



Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 3 MARCH 2024, YEAR B

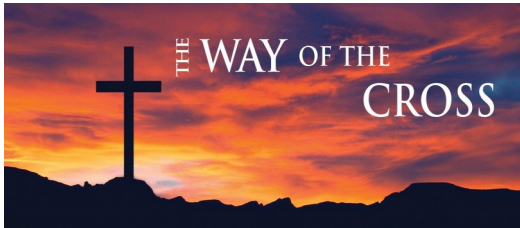
Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25;
Jn 2:13-25

Response:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross.

Palms needed for Palm Sunday



If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday we will be preparing the church on Saturday 23 March from 10am. We would like the palms delivered to the church by 10am on the Saturday. We need long and small palms.

If you have palms and need help to cut or deliver them let call the office 8379 1740. Please leave a message if unattended.

Good Friday—Way of the Cross

On Good Friday (29th March) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church (weather permitting). We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message



“Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom” is the theme of Pope Francis' Message for Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

The Holy Father's Message is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." (Ex 20:1-17) The Lenten exodus helps us to free ourselves from slavery. God sustains our hope-through an ecclesial, communitarian, and personal journey of conversion - to lead us to the land He wants to give us.

For Pope Francis' Lenten Message [Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2024 - Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development](#)

Easter Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am

Passion of the Lord

at 3pm

Holy Saturday:

7.30pm (NO 5pm Vigil)

Easter Sunday: 8am,

10am & 5pm



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 Wallarah Bay Club

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)

Secretary: Kim McCarthy

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Church: Cnr Minnesota & Sparks Rd, Woongarrah

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Telephone: 8379 1740

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Office email: warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

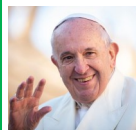
"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the back of the Church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Happy Birthday to Fr Philip's for 7th March!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for MARCH

For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm

Chrism Mass 2024

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

Salesian Thought

Prayer must be loved, but it must be loved for the love of God.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, III, 44)

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

The prayer meetings for **March on 14th & 28, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 4 March
St Casimir

Tuesday 5 March

Wednesday 6 March

Thursday 7 March
St Perpetua
St Felicity

Friday 8 March
St John of God

Saturday 9 March
St Frances of Rome

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$60.50



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.



Thank you for your continued support!

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish), please "like" our page.

CREIGHTONS FUNERAL SERVICE
100% Locally owned and operated

PRE-PAID FUNERALS AVAILABLE	Book an appointment at one of our offices or in the comfort of your own home with our mobile representatives.
LOCK IN THE PRICE TODAY!	Office Locations: 376 The Entrance Road, Erina Heights
DOCUMENT YOUR WISHES	14 Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi 2 Viewpoint Drive, Toukley 41 Palmdale Road, Palmdale 460 Avoca Drive, Green Point 1083 Pacific Hwy (cnr Telegraph Rd), Pymble

1300 130 955 creightonsfuneralservice.com.au

Please remember our sick: Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Letecia Gica, Ruben Nuiez, Frank Feliciotto, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Thomas Antony, Leo Galea, Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani, V.C Mani, David Pennings.

Recently Deceased: Gilbert Fischer, Shirley Moon, John Zugajev, Oscar Presnilla, Robert Curry.



Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading

Book of Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.