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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C 1 DECEMBER 2019

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings:

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Our Advent - Preparing the Way

Advent is our time to prepare, to realise once again and in a renewed way, that 'God is with us'. As Australians, we know that the Southern Cross, in a way belongs to us here in this "Great South Land". The long, bright December days are a powerful reminder that Jesus has brought abundant light into our lives.



Our Advent banner refers to the Southern Cross, prompted by a number of biblical images. The saints are called to shine like the stars of the night. (Daniel 2:3). It was a star that guided the Magi to the Christ child. The Gospel of John describes the coming of the Christ as the coming of a light that leaves no room at all for darkness. In Revelations 22:16, Christ is described as the morning star.

Our Southern Cross Advent banner reflects the symbol of light. One star of the constellation will be added each week, the fifth star added on Christmas Eve. These stars will first be placed in front of each candle of the candle of the Advent wreath. In the season of advent, let us wait in hope an expectation.

Feast of St Ambrose

The Ordinariate Parish of St Ambrose will celebrate the feast of their patron on Thursday 5 December with Mass at 7:45am at St Mary's Church Toukley. Refreshments in the parish centre after Mass. All Parishioners welcome! *Fr Ken*

Welcome back Fr Vince

Fr Vince will be back in the parish this weekend, (with his two new knees). Welcome home Vince!

St Vincent de Paul Appeal This weekend

Donations for Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be gratefully received. Envelopes will be made available for cash donations - non perishable foods for hampers will continue to be collected over the next 2 weeks, so can still be brought next week.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated in preparation for Christmas on:

Tues 17 Dec 6pm at Toukley

Wed 18 Dec 6pm at Wyong

Thu 19 Dec 7pm at Warnervale

Fri 20 Dec 6pm at The Entrance

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:30pm

Christmas Mass times on page 2.

Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee and decorating the Church in preparation for Christmas. The cleaning bee will be held on Saturday 14th December from 10am

Men's Breakfast December

Breakfast to be on the 3rd Saturday 21 December - not the 4th (28 Dec).

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday @ 10am
Includes children's liturgy

Youth Mass

Every Sunday @ 5pm

Seniors Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the month
at 9.15am.

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

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.

Devotions

Divine Mercy before Mass at
9am; Rosary after Mass.

Exposition Of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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Return and Earn

This week we raised \$74.10

Bags are available near the grassed area or under the table in the church foyer. Take a bag home for those unwanted drink cans, plastic/glass bottles, poppers

♻️ Thank you for ♻️ & flavoured milk cartons. THANK YOU! **RECYCLING** Must state 10c refund!

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux

The relics will visit the following parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

- 5 March: St Ives Parish
- 6 March: The Lakes Parish
- 7 March: Hornsby Cathedral
- 8 March: Gosford Parish
- 9 March: The Entrance Parish

Find out more about this significant event by visiting: catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-therese-of-lisieux

Filipino Chaplaincy Launch of "Simbang Gabi"

The Filipino Chaplaincy of our Diocese will hold a Mass to Launch this Filipino tradition on 14 December at 7:00pm at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. See the Flyer on the notice board and The BB News.

Walk the Camino!

Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages 2020. Small group led by an experienced guide. Phone Sr Veronica Rosier OP (0451 387 906) for more details. www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

Plenary Council

How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church This month's theme is "Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal" please take a handout from the table at the back of the church to reflect on this theme. A box will be at the back of the church for you to share your views on **what action we can take** to become more *Inclusive Participatory and Synodal*.

BROKEN BAY NEWS
New edition available

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 5pm
(In the Hall)
Youth Mass 8pm
NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day

Mass 8am
Mass 10am
NO EVENING MASS



Nativities & Gifts in the Piety Stall

We have a nice selection of Christmas gifts in the Piety Stall. If there is a coloured sticker next to the price there will be a box for the item under the table. If unattended talk to Fr Philip or Fr Vince.

Thank you Alf

Alf has worked tirelessly to transfer the wiring and outlets for the sound system from in front of the emergency exit to the other side of the church. This will also assist the musicians with access to the computer. Thanks Alf for another year of your technical expertise and support.

Toddler's Bible

Seeking a parishioner who enquired about a toddler's Bible. We now have two available in the piety stall. Please see Fr Philip or anyone attending the stall after Mass.

SENIORS NEWS

Thursday 5 December
Final 2019 Lunch at Doylo 12 midday

Monday 9 December
Christmas Party (sorry no seats left!)

Saturday 21 December
Healing Mass 9:15am - No Morning tea

New Seniors Committee needed

Moving into 2020 we need new volunteers (including a group leader) to start off the year in February. The regular outings are welcoming, fun social occasions enjoyed by all. **If you are interested in helping keep things rolling put your name on the list in the foyer.**

THIS WEEK

Monday 2 December
9:15am Mass

Tuesday 3 December
St Francis Xavier
9:15am Mass

Wednesday 4 December
7:30am Mass
9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 5 December
9:15am Mass

Friday 6 December
9.15am Mass
6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

Next Weekend 7/8 Dec
St Ambrose
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

8:00am Mass Fr Philip
10:00am Mass Fr Vince
11:30am Baptisms
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Social Justice

We Would Love You To Join Us!

The Social Justice Group needs new hands and fresh ideas. No special skills are needed, just a desire to improve God's World in a small way.

We meet once a month to plan, we have only one main advocacy for the year and work as a team.

The objective of Social Justice is to create a fairer society in which each individual matters, their rights are recognised and protected, and decisions are made in ways that are fair and honest.

The group are having informal gatherings in December and January. Come and meet the group before you commit.

Leave your name at the office or sign the form at the church entrance.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



Please remember our sick: Evelyne Pavlides, Victor Carreon, Luzviminda San Pedro, Cara De Guzman, Vincent Shea, Koby Bourke, Michael Hunt, Sharon King, Adeline de Silva, Neville Brown, Zenaida Ambait.

Deceased: Raymond Kaifa, Hannah McCool, Anne Snodgrass, Betty Mecelli, Lily Wood, George Portelli, David Roberts, Nancy Kerr, Ellen Murrall, Catazon Cummis, Trevor Woods, Frederick Wilesmith.

Mass Intentions: Reg/Beryl Gible, Alice Kumarasiwie, Andrew Barlow, Gerald Weeratunga, Diana/Alicia Mitchell, Cecil Mansfield, Christi Kunandour, Charlie Gatt, The Gatt & Mercieca families, Frank & Dulce Gica, The Polito & Aloisi families, Joan/John Walter & families, Guillerma/Thomas Quilling, Cesar/Celestina Fanio, Telesford/Soledad Gaoiran, Leah and Jessica Carroll, Peter Walsh, Laurie Bezzina & family, Taylor family, Gingell family, Mary & Robert Lettich, Frances Chappell, Angela Savia-Cotterell, Joseph P, Josef Polzinger.

