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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10 MARCH 2024, YEAR B

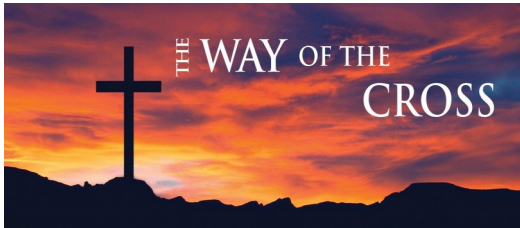
Diocese of Broken Bay
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Readings: 2Chron 36:14-16, 19-23;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Response:

Let my tongue be silenced,
if I ever forget you!

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



Way of the Cross

All welcome to join us for the last 2 Fridays left in lent for the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm.

Palms & Working Bee Holy Week

If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday we will be having a working bee and 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 can spare an hour to help please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your secateurs).

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.

Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday, 27 March at 6.30pm

Holy Thursday (28 March): 7.30pm

Good Friday (29 March)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (30 March): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (31 March)
8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

Church Banners

We're excited to enhance our church's ambiance with new banners that will uplift our worship experience and reflect the spirit of our community. To bring this vision to life, we kindly ask for your support through monetary donations. The total cost of the 12 banners is \$5,192.

Donations can be made via cash in an envelope, and handed to Fr Philip or directly to our account (Account name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, BSB: 062-784, Account # 10000 5628, Ref, Surname & Banners).

Thank you to the parishioners who have already generously donated to the banners.

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

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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.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

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



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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.



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

Catechist News 2024

From our recent advertisements we have had three people sign on and also one parishioner who has offered to help not by being in the classroom but by any way they can. If at any time you need information about teaching SRE, we are only too happy to talk to you or to meet over coffee.

Jason took his first class last Wednesday and Rocio after completing her safeguarding course came to the classroom as a wonderful much needed helper. Congratulations to both of them. Nadine will start next Wednesday.

Classes in need of a teacher

- Wednesdays, we need a Catechist Y4 at Warnervale PS at 12:20pm to 12:50pm.
- Thursdays, we need a Catechist for combined Y3/Y4 at Woongarra PS at 12:00pm to 12:30pm

We look forward to hearing from you. Contact Kerrie Dederer by email kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au or phone on 0402815633.

Salesian Thought

The chief exercise of prayer is to speak to God and to hear God speak in the bottom of our heart.
(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 6, Chapter 1)

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 21, 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 11 March
St Constantine

Tuesday 12 March
St Maximilian

Wednesday 13 March
Anniversary of election of Pope Francis

Thursday 14 March
St Matilda

Friday 15 March
St Louise de Marillac

Saturday 16 March
St Abban

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$41.90



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.

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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: Joseph Job, Josephine Galea, Letecia Gica, Ruben Nuiiez, Frank Feliciotto, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Thomas Antony, Leo Galea, Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani.

Recently Deceased: Steve McCallum, Gilbert Fischer, Shirley Moon, Nina Gatt, John Zugajev.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading

Book of Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom; 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion:
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps

R.

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's song.'

R.

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

R.

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

R.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Second Reading

St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ—it is through grace that you have been saved—and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he was meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.