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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 Second

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 MAY 2020, YEAR A

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Ancestral home of the  
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**Readings:** Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9;  
Jn 14:1-12

**Response:**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Alleluia alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

**Reflection**

'I AM THE WAY.' In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time - and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.



**Connected in Christ**

Click [here](#) for this resource from the Diocese for this Sunday and [here](#) to download other relevant resources.

**Fifty Days of Easter**

Click [here](#) for this calendar of simple activities to do from home as we walk through Easter to Pentecost. The resource comes from the CSO and very child-friendly.

**Parish Office**

As health regulations are starting to ease parishioners are able to drop into the parish office for any parish matters Wednesdays to Fridays. Please ensure you maintain the 1.5 metre distancing requirement.

**Charitable Works Appeal**

**Thank you**

Thank you to parishioners who have supported our appeal. Donations can be still be made, see the back of the bulletin for details.



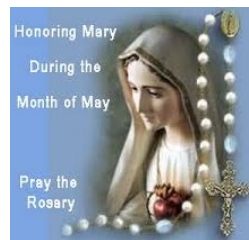
**Vocations Message from Bishop Anthony**

*My particular prayer intention this week is for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, because in our community of the Church, this week is dedicated to the discernment of vocations. I invite you to join me in prayer for this intention because we have a need for generous people to serve the community of the Church.*

Click [here](#) for the full message.

**Rosary Month**

The month of May is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady and during this month the prayer of the rosary is offer up to Mary. It is especially suited to this time of coronavirus and we are encouraged us to pray it in our homes. Click [here](#) to learn how to pray the rosary or go to <https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/>



**Sunday Mass**

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

**Weekday Mass**

9.15am Tues, Thurs, Fri  
7.30am Wed

**Communion Service**

9.15am Mon, Wed

**Reconciliation**

By appointment

**Family Mass**

~~Every Sunday @ 10am~~  
Includes children's liturgy

**Anointing Mass**

Third Saturday of the month  
at 9.15am.

**Men's Breakfast**

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Cafe.

**Baptisms**

By appointment

**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

With the gates locked there is be a bin at the gates of the main carpark for your cans and bottles. Thanks to all who are still bringing their cans and bottles. \$94.50 was raised last week. Please place glass in the crates.



Cans and bottles must state 10c refund! THANK YOU!

## Farewell

During the week we celebrated funerals for Noel David Gray and Grahame Lesha. Grahame attended 8am Sunday Mass and always sat in the front pew on the left. Please pray for them and their families.

## Social Justice

### The Impact of COVID 19 on Refugees

Leonie Dyer manages the Empowered to Work (ETW) employment program at Jesuit Refugee Service. Leonie assists people seeking asylum to become job-ready and identifies pathways to sustainable employment in the community. The program was established in 2017 and has assisted over 600 people overcome barriers to employment.

Since COVID 19 these were the first jobs to go and people's hard-won employments and livelihoods have unravelled. There is a sense of helplessness as jobs fall away. These clients are ineligible for JobKeeper or JobSeeker help.

It will be difficult for these individuals to bounce back after restrictions are eased. Some people have worked for years to gain work rights, learn English, study and train to achieve their jobs. There is no safety net for people seeking asylum and this will precipitate homelessness and destitution.

Let us pray to God in thanks for the many blessings we have in the MacKillop Parish and pray for the services and groups that are working for and serving these people on the frontline, ensuring that they have some relief in the absence of Federal Government action.

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church



[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## Pentecost Pilgrimage



You are invited to join Catholics around the world to take part in the Global Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage. The videos will focus on Sunday readings and the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and the world.

With time to reflect in small groups, using the Zoom platform, it provides an opportunity to engage with one another as a faith community.

Speakers will include Biblical Scholar Dr Mary Healy and Dr Ralph Martin. [Click here to find more details and to register online](#)

## Charitable Works Fund

Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the parish bank account.

### Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

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### Ref: your surname then CWF

Please send an email to [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au) with your details to obtain a tax receipt.

Alternatively you can go to this link <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf> Please mention Warnervale Parish.

**Cheques** can be posted to the Parish Office PO Box 4367, Lake Haven 2263 or you can drop **cash** donations into the office from Wednesdays to Fridays.

Thank you for your support.

## Vinnies Community Linkers

The Access and Inclusion Team with the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW can work along side people who are feeling isolated

We can help people:

Make new friends, learn new skills, access support services and much more.

For referrals or more info, you can contact us on: [capacitybuildingprojects@vinnies.org.au](mailto:capacitybuildingprojects@vinnies.org.au) or Ph: (02) 8622 0456, or me at my work email on: [jo-anne.chivers@vinnies.org.au](mailto:jo-anne.chivers@vinnies.org.au)



## MacKillop Online

We now have a mail-out to all the parishioners who have given us their email address. This is a way we gather as a community of believers at this unique time. To be included, please sent your address to [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## THIS WEEK

**Baptisms, Reconciliation and funerals** Please contact Fr Vince to make an appointment on the parish mobile 0498 036 713

## Response to Coronavirus

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

**Reconciliation** may be celebrated individually, by appointment with the priest.

**Baptisms** may be celebrated, by appointment with the priest, with only the person to be baptised, parents and godparents to be present.

**Funerals** may be celebrated, with only ten mourners present.

**Anointing of the Sick** may be celebrated individually, by appointment with the priest.

## Thank you Planned Givers

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued to contribute to the parish through bank transfers and credit cards. Please keep your envelopes at home till we are able to gather again for Mass or drop them into the parish office. Any problems or questions contact the parish office on 8379 1740.

## Coronavirus Prayer

*Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Bring those who have died to yourself, cure those who are sick and heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Amen*



**Please remember our sick:** Anne Bonnici, Bill McGuinness, Ursula Paul.

**Deceased:** Noel Gray, Graham Lesha, Pat Clarke, Bev Aliprandi, Marge Hanlon, Fr Pat McAuliffe, Paulette Gardiner, Patricia Howe, Daniel Whelan, Francis (Paddy) Martin (from Opal Glenmere Nursing Home), Gerard McCulloch, Geoff van Eden (from Loreto Gardens Nursing Home), Fr Ray Farrell, Irene Adams, Ken Smith, Joe Younis, Chris Andrews, Joyce Goodway, John Moore.

**Mass Intentions:** Elena, Victa, Cajigas, and Anya Manuel.



# Readings at Mass

## First reading

**Acts 6:1-7**

### **They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.'

The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19**

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
And all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
And fills the earth with his love. R

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
On those who hope in his love,  
To rescue their souls from death,  
To keep them alive in famine. R

**Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-12**

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.