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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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10 JANUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Readings: Is 55:1-11; 1Jn 5:1-9
Mk 1:7-11

Response:

You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.

Alleluia Alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and
said: This is the Lamb of God who takes
away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Fr Vince's Farewell and Thank-you

As you know, this is my last week-end in the parish. The move to Terrigal has come as a surprise, but a move was a possibility in May this year when my six-year appointment at Warnervale would have been completed. I am sad to leave and my main emotion is grief as so many friendships and relationships come to an end. Thank-you to everyone with whom I have been involved in my six years here. It has been a joy and a privilege to know and work with you.

As I prepare to leave, I would like to share a few reflections.

- We are known as a welcoming parish and this has been my experience. Thank-you for including me so easily in your community, friendship groups and families. As more people to move into the area please continue to develop this charism. Sometimes it does require an effort to move out of our comfort zone and to say hello to a new person at Mass, but it makes such a difference to them!

- When people ask about my experience here, my first comment is that it has been the most "conflict free" parish I have ever belonged to. There are differences, but the lack of divisions comes from everyone trying to see and understand the other's point of view. Please keep it up. It reflects Jesus teaching to love everyone.

- The relationship between the parish and the college is unique in our diocese and rare in the country. Continue to support and be involved with the school. As priest and parishioners our influence for the good is substantial for the more than 1,600 students and staff and their families who consider MacKillop their spiritual home.

- Finally, this is a community where I have seen the gospel lived, sometimes in difficult, painful, sad or heroic situations. Thank-you for your witness and the encouragement you have given to me in my own spiritual journey.

Please pray for me, as I will for you, as we adapt to the changes of the next few weeks.

Vince



Parish Office

The office will not have regular hours between Christmas and New Year. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Vince or Fr Philip can be reached on the parish mobile (0498 036 713).

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

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 Café.

Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the
Parish Office for details.

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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School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

Return and Earn

We raised \$76.80 this week.

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund.



Please place glass in the crates. Thank you for your support!

Social Justice

Social Justice and Our Christian Vocation

In his recent Pastoral Letter Bishop Anthony did state that the issue of social justice is fundamental to our vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ when he said, "Our vocation is to love one another; to show compassion and mercy to our sisters and brothers, and to aspire to build a world where justice and peace are core values of culture, society, and way of life".

The following prayer, which we use to open our Committee meetings, also expresses this ideal very well. It says:

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the Church. Hope to see you there!

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Marriage Tribunal –Diocese of Broken Bay

The Marriage Tribunal in the Diocese of Broken Bay is a service of the Diocese to assist with the pastoral care of:

- divorced persons seeking to remarry in the Catholic Church;
- divorced and remarried persons seeking to have their marriage recognised in the Catholic Church;
- divorced persons seeking clarification of their standing in the Catholic Church for peace of conscience or for reassurance in developing relationships in the future.

Marriage Tribunal Contact Details

Diocesan Director: Fr Julian Wellspring
JV

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Alda Mendezona

Phone: 9307 8309

Email: tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

Postal address:

Level 7

Polding Centre

133 Liverpool Street

Sydney NSW 2000

THIS WEEK

Monday 11 January
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Tuesday 12 January
9:15am Communion Service

Wednesday 13 January
7:30am Communion Service
9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 14 January
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 15 January
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Saturday 16 January
4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

Sunday 17 January
8am Mass Fr Philip
10am Mass Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

Tap N Go



Thank you to all our parishioners utilising the tap n go device near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Just a reminder that you need to place your credit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has been made.

Coronavirus restrictions

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **100**.

All other restrictions continue for hygiene and social distancing. Please **use hand sanitiser** and **keep 1.5 metres apart** when entering and leaving the church, when queuing for communion and when chatting before and after Mass.

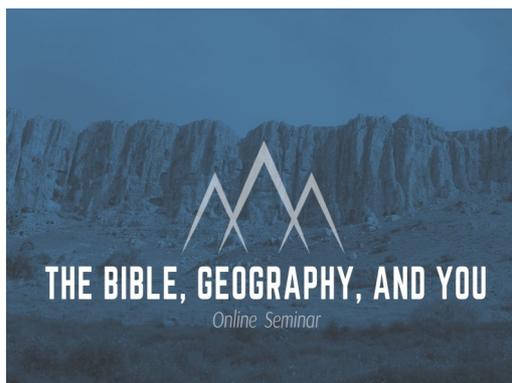
Masks are mandatory.

Sign in sheets for Mass are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

Online Mass is available at the Cathedral from the below link:

[Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am](#)



The JUC will host its first-ever global online seminar in January: "**The bible, Geography, and You.**" All sessions of this two-day online event are free and open to the public!.

Here is what you need to know! **The Bible, Geography and You** will take place over the following two days:

Sunday, January 10 at 11am and

Monday, January 11 at 11am.

Over the course of these two days, you will hear from a lineup of esteemed scholars with lectures focusing on the Bible in its geographical context.

To register please go to; <https://www.juc.edu/bible-geography-and-you/>

Please remember our sick: Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Deceased: John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother), Mike McQueen, Oliver McKenzie, Rocky Thomas, Margaret Pattison, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Tess Hardman, Sue Lauder, Geoff Hannon, Dorothy McGinlay and family, Mary Mahoney, Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford.

Mass Intentions: George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin Pantaleon, Temotea Ambair, Elma Capacite.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Is 55:1-11

Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Isa 12:2-6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **R**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds,
make them know to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R**

Second reading

St John 5:1-9

The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth—so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The Lord of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.