



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 ADVENT
11 DECEMBER 2022, YEAR A**

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Is 35:1-6, 10;
James 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

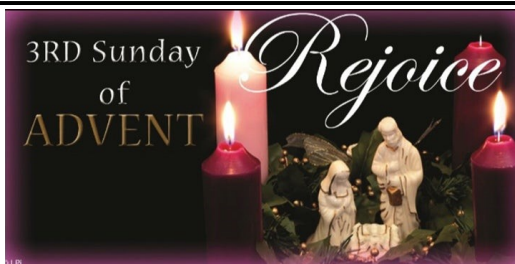
Response:

Lord, come and save us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!



Today we light the third candle. The candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

God of eternal joy,

You are ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your people: The earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming, and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove any sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy which his coming will bring. For he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am Mass. 9:15am mass will continue until 15th February 2023, then Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am, which will be a Mass for MacKillop Catholic College high school students and parishioner and Adoration will be from 7:30am to 8:30am.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on: **Thursday 22 December at 6pm.**

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

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 5pm (In the hall)

Youth Mass 8pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



Catechist Thank you

The parish community of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop would like to give Kerrie, Maureen, Michael, Paul, Khiara and Lorette a big Thank you for their dedication to teaching the children in our local Government schools this year. Without these wonderful volunteers our children in our government schools will miss out on valuable lessons.

"for every lesson you've prepared the love of God has been shared"



Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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 - Sat 9.15am

Wed 7.30am—College Mass

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 8am to 9am

RCIA/Faith Renewal

~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm

1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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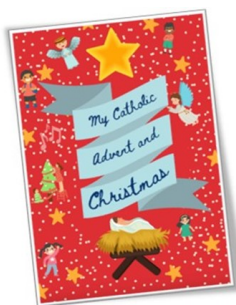
Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

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

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

Stories and Activities for Advent and Christmas



At a recent celebration of SRE (scripture in public schools), held at NSW Parliament House, Kristy Komadina who works at CCD Broken Bay was recognised

for her outstanding work in producing this wonderful resource for families to use over Advent and Christmas.

The booklet is full of craft, baking, liturgies, prayers and music that can be used over the whole season. In a special way you can use the activities in this booklet to bring more Christ into Christmas this year. Please check it out: [Advent and Christmas Gift from CCD](#) or visit issuu.com/my_catholic_advent_and_christmas_2022_ccress.

We would love it if you could share this with your family and friends so that everyone can use this resource. IT'S FREE!

The Gifts of Christmas - Reflections for Advent



Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. Last Sunday, we saw the lighting of the first Advent candle, which symbolises Hope. This candle is also known as the Prophecy candle and represents the anticipation of the coming of Jesus. How are you preparing during this season of Advent? Our new Diocesan resource is available for reflection during Advent. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/advent-2022>

Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas



Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee and decorating of the Church in preparation for Christmas. This will be held on **Saturday 17th December from 10:30am to approximately 12:30pm**. Please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you are able to come along.

The year of St. Francis de Sales

God does not forsake unless forsaken;
He never takes away His gifts till we
take away our hearts. (*Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2, Chapter 10*)

Thank you for Flood Victims in Forbes NSW



Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, we are able to send a large number of blankets to Sister Kathleen. So that the blankets can be sent quickly, this weekend is the last chance to donate them for collection by a carrier. Fr Ken.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not for Profit Organisations
We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 12 December
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday 13 December
St Lucy

Wednesday 14 December
St John of the Cross

Thursday 15 December

Friday 16 December

Saturday 17 December
Our Lady of Loreto

Return and Earn



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken.

Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

This year we are only able to accept monetary donations or gift vouchers to help the needy in our community. There will be envelopes available at Masses over the next few weeks. Donations can also be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you require a receipt ensure your details are recorded on the envelope.

Beautiful Vinnies Christmas Cards will be available in the breezeway \$8

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 5628

Thank you for your generous contribution



Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Peter Larkin, Martina & Piet Lammers, Michael Conneely, Joseph & Mariamma, Uthup, Ettup, Mariam, Mathew, Varghese, Cherias, Mary Varkky, Charlie & Chelsea Gatt.

Recently Deceased: Kay Hillyer, Salmen Damanik, Terrence Mills, Vincent K.



Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

Second Reading

St James 5:7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgment yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring the Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.