

Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillo Parish, Warnervale.

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus, to grow as his disciples. using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B, 11TH FEBRUARY 2018



Diocese of Broken Bay Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

Readings: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of

salvation.

Next Week: First Sunday of Lent: Gen 9:8-15; Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people

Alleluia!

Lenten Penance

We begin the season of lent this week with Ash Wednesday. Mass times are available on page 2. Lent is a preparation for Easter, the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. We are reminded of the love that God has shown in sending Jesus to us. Lent is a period in which we focus in a special way on turning our hearts towards God. We need to find ways which are personally meaningful for us, to surrender ourselves to God.

Practices of penance are meant to help us to come to openness to God. The choice of Lenten penance is important. It is not just what we do; it is why we do it, and the effect that is has on our lives. Part of our penance could be to participate in The Light is On campaign. Bishop Peter

The Light is ON for you

Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

Churches of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open on Fridays in Lent, 7pm-8pm for reflection and prayer. Our parish will have Stations of the Cross from 6:30 and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm to 8pm. Also the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Lectio Divina Booklets

Lectio Divina Booklets have arrived and are at the back of the church. The booklets contain the readings for Ash Wednesday, all the Sundays of Lent and the Triduum/Easter Sunday. There is also a section explaining what Lectio Divina is and how to do it. If you can attend any of the Light is ON campaign Friday nights in church these booklets accompany you in your quiet Lenten reflection. Please help yourself to a copy.

Morning Prayer

Thank you to those who joined us for Morning Prayer last Wednesday morning after the 7.30 Mass. Would you please note though, from next Wednesday 14 **February** our starting time will be **7.10**

If anyone has any queries about it please call me on 0403500805. Chris Firmstone

Project Compassion

This year's theme "A Just Future". Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Donation boxes available at the back of the Church for you to take home.

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday @ 10am

Youth Mass

Every Sunday @ 5pm

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.

St Vincent de Paul

4356 6700 1300 Vinnies

CatholicCare Counselling

4324 6403

Domestic Violence

13 11 14

Gambling Help

1800 858 858

Alcoholics Anonymous

4323 3890

Priest George Gorzkowski (Adm) Vince Casey (PP) Pastoral Associate Joan Pavitt **CCD Coordinator** Gayle Caulfield

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Messages cannot be left on the parish phone. Apologies. A message can be left on the parish mobile.

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Leanne Hyland, Ann Jackson, Antony Joseph, Michael McCarthy, PPC:

Bill Mifsud, Paul Moir, Maureen Mulheron, Christine Owen.

IN THE PARISH

New life through Baptism This weekend we welcome Sienna Hassen into our Christian family

RCIA If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic or know someone who may be, contact Kate at the Parish Office to join us in the preparations for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Every Sunday with 10am Mass

The Edge Youth Group starting back 25 February

This youth group for years 6, 7 & 8 is held every 4th Sunday of the month, after Sunday Mass from 6pm to 7.15pm in the Church. The cost for dinner is \$2.

Seniors Healing/Anointing Mass recommences 17 February Every third Saturday at 9.15am.

Lent Discussion Group

"WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE" Do you believe this? Is Christ "Eastering" in you? Discover more at the Lent Discussion Groups starting on Monday, 19 February. Sign up for either the 10.30 am or 7.30 pm session on the list in the Church fover.

Men's Breakfast Every 4th Saturday. Join us at Warnies Café



SOCIAL JUSTICE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. Keep it coming and help us develop.

I suppose you know about the Wallarah 2 coal mine development. The Government says it can "manage" the water pollution.

If you are concerned about the personal effects of coal, on workers, on our own water, on the environment look at an international site ---

http://www.lockthegate.org.au **This legislation could affect all Catholics:** look on the website and press on the link on Right Hand Side beginning: New laws in Australia – and read.

We need to be aware of legislation which may be poorly drafted and have hidden consequences.

We may be too late to intervene in the local area but if we do not register our unhappiness at our own water being polluted no one else will.



It might be good to look back at the 2015 Bishops statement on Refugees also. No matter what you think of Refugees or migration as a policy the condition of these people kept on Manus island is not what Christ would want.

www.marvmackillopsocialiustice.wordpress.com:

Catholic Social Justice

Church Cleaning

If you or a friend or both have some time every second Friday of the month for some vacuuming to replace a parishioner experiencing ill health contact Kate in the parish office. 4393 4501

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

This Weekend

Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr George Sat 5pm Mass Fr George 8.00am Mass Fr George 10.00am Family Mass Fr Ken 11:30am Baptisms Fr George 5pm Youth Mass Fr George

Monday 12 Feb

9:15am Mass Fr Carmelo

Tuesday 13 Feb

9:15am Mass Fr George

Wednesday 14 Feb Ash Wednesday

7:10am Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass Fr George 9.15am Communion Service Joan 7:30pm Mass

Thursday 15 Feb

9:15am Mass Fr George After Mass - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 16 Feb

9:15am Mass Fr George

Saturday 17 Feb

4pm Reconciliation Fr Carmelo 5pm Mass Fr Carmelo

Sunday 18 Feb

8.00am Mass Fr Ken 10.00am Family Mass Fr George 11.30am Baptisms Fr George 5pm Youth Mass Fr George 7pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Leonse

SENIORS NEWS

We hope everyone received their calendar for 2018.

Coming up: 17th Februray - Third Saturday our Healing Mass with Fr. John Frauenfelder, at 9.15am,with a talk at morning tea, and out for lunch afterwards if you would like to join us

As usual transport can be arranged if needed to get to any of our outings

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Transport: Marie Wilde 43972935

Please remember our sick: Alan Hardcastle, Jeff Charlton, Phyllis Gardner, Fred Snood, Paul Van de Ven, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Diana Liou, Tracey Kelly, Dorothy McGinlay, Darcy Cameron, Sr Marea Ross, Barbara White, Daniel Butler, Shane Pratt, Doreen Goonan, Garnet Standing, Scott Baker, Maria Broessels, Manual Dumlao, Carmen Dumlao, S.R. Potter, Beth Gan, Koby Bourke, Tony Demich.



Recently Deceased: Allesandro Borchi, Margaret Comensoli, John McBride, Joyce Roberts, Fr Grove Johnson, Joyce Burton, Hilda Anderson, Thea Welsby, Geoff Hannan, Sonny Olaes, Alice Joseph, Michael McQueen.

Mass Intentions: Rosey Antony, David Pennings, Laka Damanik, Seki Simanjuntak, Consuelo D. Santos, Koby Bourke, Abraham Kunjavara, Emma & Gordon Campbell, David Waters, Alex Moss, Howard Kelly, Dalphine Ring, Dennis Ring, Lex Mann, Jack & Elsie McGinlay, Susan Wagner, Ruby Lane, Dorothy Moore, Peter Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos.