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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

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11TH FEBRUARY 2024, YEAR B**

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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

Response:

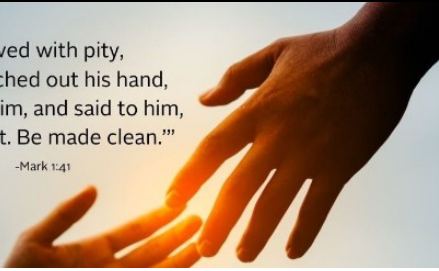
I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with joy of salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

"Moved with pity,
he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
'I do will it. Be made clean.'"
-Mark 1:41



Sacramental Program Dates 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in year 4 and above will run over 6 weeks. Parent information and enrolment meeting is on **Tuesday 13th February at 7pm**. Classes commence on **Sunday 18th February at 10am** and continue for 6 weeks.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on **26th March from 3pm to 5pm**.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated with a special Mass on 7th April at 11:45am.

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic. Parent information session **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm**. Classes commence **Sunday 26th May** for 4 weeks. **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June at 10am.

If you would like to assist in helping prepare (teaching or assisting) the children for the sacrament please contact the parish office for more information.

Reflection

JESUS TOUCHED HIM. Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples (Mt 10:8). In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even of solidarity) with a social outcast.

Ash Wednesday—14 February

On Wednesday 14th February we will have **mass at 9:15am and 7pm**. There will be **NO mass** at 8:45am on this day.

Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross. This will commence on Friday 16th February in the Church.

Lenten Reflection

Lenten Reflection will commence on Wednesday 21st February and continue every Wednesday during Lent at 9:30am, after 8:45am Mass. Everyone is welcome

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

Ministry Rosters

The new Ministry Rosters for March to May 2024 are available at the back of the Church.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 **February on 15th & 29th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

AMAZING CATECHISTS

TEACHING AND LEARNING THE FAITH TOGETHER



As the Father sent me so I am sending you.
John 20 19-23

Next Sunday the **18th February at the 8am Mass** we celebrate Catechist Sunday.

Catechists are parishioners from all walks of life that teach Special Religious Education (SRE) to Catholic children in our State Schools. The children learn of God's great love for them and stories of the Bible and messages of our Catholic faith. With more volunteer teachers and assistants, we could reach more children across the Parish.

Please join us as we celebrate the work of catechists within our Parish. The catechists would like you to join them for morning tea after the Mass. Further information phone Kerrie Dederda, 0402815633 or email kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

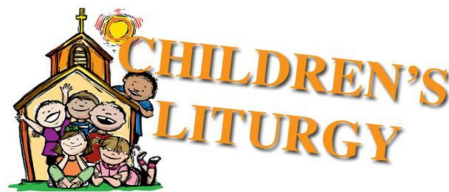


You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes that are available in the Church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, scanning the QR code or by calling 1800 024 413.



Salesian Thought

We must be prepared to see weeds growing in our garden and also have the courage to pull them up.
(Spiritual Conferences, 9)



Children's Liturgy will resume this Sunday (11th February) during 10am Mass.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2024 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please call the parish office for more information.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 12 February
St Julian the Hospitaller

Tuesday 13 February
St Catherine dei Ricci

Wednesday 14 February
Ash Wednesday

Thursday 15 February
St Walfrid

Friday 16 February
St Juliana of Cumae

Saturday 17 February
St Alexis Falconieri

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$47.40

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!

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Please remember our sick: Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Margaret Bowman, Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos.

Anniversaries: Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Thomas Antony, Leo Galea, Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani, Rosalie Crippin, V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O'Keeffe.

Recently Deceased: Oscar Presnilla, Robert Curry, Jill Margaret Bishton (Speight), Elisabeth Laka.





LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to “*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*”. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God’s grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God’s mercy and compassion.

DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. Clergy as pastors of souls, are asked to be particularly vigilant in encouraging the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.

On all other Fridays of Lent the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying with Mary and the Saints, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, or in other ways;

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2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or desserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media, or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community, or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (14 February 2024) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (28 March 2024) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (26 May 2023), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make available to the faithful not only the first form of the Rite of Penance, but also the second form.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. For this purpose, I offer to you the 2024 Diocesan Lenten resource; **Participating in the Mission of Christ**, as prepared by Mission Broken Bay.

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer, contemplation, and adoration. This year in a particular way I invite all the People of God to participate in the **24 Hours for the Lord**. This initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis will be celebrated around the world on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Chatswood Parish will be hosting our Diocesan event from Friday 8 to Saturday 9 March, with the focus being "Walking in a new life".

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay
7 February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Book of Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

We must be prepared to see weeds growing in our garden and also have the courage to pull them up.

(Spiritual Conferences, 9)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone— to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they must be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where anybody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.