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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

EASTER SUNDAY

12 APRIL 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4;
Jn 20:1-9

Alleluia alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord..

Response:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad.

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen Alleluia

A Happy & Holy Easter

As we cannot come to the Lord's table we invite the Lord to our table this Easter. Let us rejoice in all God has given us in Christ.

The new paschal candle is now in place.



From Fr Vince

Happy Easter! Jesus is the Risen Lord, victorious over death and glorious, even in a world weighed down under the coronavirus pandemic!

We celebrated the Holy Week ceremonies in the church with myself, readers and a server. We were very aware of the rest of the parish not being present and you were in our prayers. I hope that you were able to remember Holy Week and will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at home with your family.

The Readings for Easter Masses and a brief Reflection from me are available as pages 3 and 4 of the bulletin.

In the last two weeks we have begun 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. If you would like to be included, please sent your address to warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

We Journey Together

is Bishop Anthony Randazzo's [Easter Message](#) for the people of the diocese. He wants us to *be creative in celebrating Easter this year and encourages us to invite Jesus to our dining table where we share in the communion of our lives.*

Easter Week at Home

Without being able to attend church during this Holy Week we are re-discovering the domestic church.

[Archbishop Peter Comensoli](#) referred to families *suddenly finding ways of praying together ... buying candles and setting up a quiet place for prayer inside their homes* which he described as *seed-planting moments and ... a time of fruitfulness.*

The [Easter Week at Home](#) is week two of a resource which helps parents to share their faith with their children, but it can also be a shared with grandchildren, a spouse, a friend or done on you own.

Resources

The diocese has provided us with [numerous resources](#) These include "[An Experience of Holy Week and Easter at Home](#)" and [Connected in Christ - Easter Sunday](#)

At this time of year some parishioners do the [Divine Mercy Novena](#) which finishes next Sunday.

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 This week we raised \$34.30

Thanks to those who are still bringing the cans and bottles to the church, even when not coming to Mass. Please place glass in the crates provided.



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

Ordination to the priesthood

Deacon PAUL TRAN VAN DUONG from the Salvatorians has been ministering at St Patrick's, East Gosford and is unable to travel home to Vietnam where he was due to be ordained.

Bishop Anthony will ordain him to the priesthood on Thursday 16 April 2020 at 4pm. The Mass will be livestreamed. Along with his family in Vietnam, and his community in Manila, we are invited to participate in the Mass online. from the Diocesan website.

Parish Income

Since we are no longer having a second collection each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances.

You can contribute directly to the parish account:

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

A/C: 2138 8001

Add your surname & envelope number as reference

Contact the Parish Office if you would like a receipt. Thanks to those who have contributed already.

You can also have a set amount deducted from your credit card each month. Please contact the Parish office on 8379 1740 to make arrangements.

Cardinal George Pell

With the quashing of Cardinal Pell's convictions during the week, please keep in your prayers everyone who is affected: the complainant and those close to him; all survivors of child sexual abuse; the Cardinal himself; and the whole Church.

Whatever opinion we hold, we must always keep in mind the gospel call to compassion, truth, forgiveness, healing and wholeness.

Social Justice

Our Economy

The enormous changes to the world economy wrought by the pandemic crisis can give us a chance to reassess the world economic situation and its social justice implications for us as Catholics.

For the past thirty years, approximately, we have accepted the economic philosophy of neoliberalism. We are now able to see, during this period of economic pause, that there is enormous inequality in the developed world. This is an issue that has been addressed by the Australian Bishops in a Social Justice Statement a few years ago. It has also been examined by thinkers including Piketty in France.

Until the Covid-19 pandemic intervened Pope Francis had planned to bring together a gathering of young economists, entrepreneurs, and change-makers who can work out a plan to create a more just and inclusive economy that will serve people rather than narrow self-interest. Hopefully this meeting can still go ahead after the crisis.

We, as Catholics in Australia, can play our part by holding our political leaders to account to ensure that, in reducing the large national debt, the poor and disadvantaged will not be suffering more by an even lower income.



Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelope can be kept until we have Mass again or donated directly to Caritas at <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/>



Farewell and Welcome

We held three funerals in recent weeks to celebrate of the lives of Leslie Cross, Janet Milroy and Leslie Cooper.

We also baptised Isaac Heath Bardsley and welcomed him into our community.



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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter (19 April) is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Devotions on this day come from the writings of St Faustina.
[Divine Mercy Novena](#)



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. Heal those who have the Coronavirus. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Amen



Please remember our sick: Noel Gray, Beryl O'Leary, Mrs. Thomas, Bill McGuinness, Koby Thomas Bourke, Shelly Gray, Arthus Baulkin, Peter Brennan, Maureen Mulheron, Charles Gillies, Percy Deguara, Ursula Paul.

Deceased: Joe Younis, Janette Milroy, Martina Madut, Leslie Cross, Joyce Brown, Gaye Northbridge, Mark Grundy, Jennifer Scarrabelotti, Christopher Dormer, Graham Joel, Beverley Coleman, Fr John Barry, Patricia Burns, Margaret Towlers, Johnene Giacomelli, Patricia Channell, George Pantos, Stef Junicic, Fr Denis Callahan.

Mass Intentions: Adam, Thomas, Carmen & Rosemay Flowers, Elena Cajigas, Anya Manuel, Cara Elizabeth De Guzman, Frank Feliciotto, Leah & Jess Carroll, Peter Walsh, Mary & Angelo & Luis Spiteri.



Readings at Mass for Easter

Sunday 12 April 2020

First reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Easter Reflection from Fr Vince

Recently I saw a sign, "I didn't intend to give up this much for Lent". I think most of us understand the sentiments immediately. This Lent started like most others but who could have foreseen the deprivations we have taken on in recent weeks. The forty days of Lent are over, Jesus is risen and is victorious over death; but the distancing and isolation and the real threats of the coronavirus continue. How do we hold the two together?

The resurrection happened early in the morning on the first Easter Sunday, but the disciples continued to be afraid, locking themselves in a room, leaving the city, or going to the tomb to grieve. The gospel accounts of the resurrection are not about immediate celebration and rejoicing. They tell us how disciples *slowly* came to the realisation that Jesus was alive. They are all stories of emerging life from death, hope from despair, coming slowly and sometimes reluctantly to faith. At the ascension some were still hesitant to believe. Only at Pentecost was their faith strong enough to finally leave the upper room.

Read some of the resurrection stories yourself - they are at the end of each of the gospels - and let these accounts of the disciples coming to faith feed our hope that Jesus is the Risen Lord, victorious over death and glorious, even in a world weighed down under the coronavirus pandemic.

Fr Vince