



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 LENT 12TH MARCH 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Response:

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Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5 April at 6.30pm

Palm Sunday (1/2 April): Saturday 5pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am; 10am; 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday (6 April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (7 April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (8 April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (9 April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (8th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



Musicians Wanted

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS - Would you like to be involved in music ministry? We are looking for musicians, particularly pianists and guitarists, who would be interested in using their gifts in the church once per month for Mass. Please contact Khiara on 0460 692 720.



Good Friday—Way of the Cross

On Good Friday (7th April) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church. We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

Thank You

A big thank you to our very generous parishioners—Richard and Bridget Tyzkiewicz, Francesco Costa, Wayne and Cecilia Henry, Maria Macapagal, Cynthia Manickum who donated to the Easter Paschal Candle, Host and Wine. Also a big thank you to an anonymous donor who donated to the church supplies for 2024.

20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations—November 2023



The PPC would like expressions of interest for any parishioners who would be interested in being part of the 20th anniversary planning group. If you are interested please contact the parish office to register your interest. The committee would like to commence meetings after Easter.

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, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

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 9.15am

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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Reconciliation classes continue this Sunday 12th March during 10am Mass, and continuing on 19th and 26th March. **Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on 28th, 29th and 30th March between 3pm and 5pm.** From this week on the times sheet will be available for you to select a time and date for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

IMPORTANT Sacramental Dates

Confirmation—will be celebrated on **Saturday 1st July at 9am and 11am.**

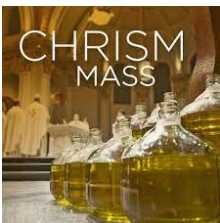
First Holy Communion—year 4 and older will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th September at 12noon**

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 **March will be on Thursday evenings 16th and 30th at 7pm,** in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

Chrism Mass



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend. There is no longer a capped number for attendance following the easing of COVID restrictions.

Catechist Corner

We are looking for Relief Catechists/ Assistants

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP OUT?

We need some additional Catechists to help out when others are sick or maybe on leave. Full training and all material resources are provided. Please contact Kerrie Parish Coordinator – 0402815633 or Kim Parish Secretary for details.

For those who have already said they wish to join us. The next Safeguarding Course is to be held on Tuesday 10am to 12pm via zoom. If you have the forms please fill them out and return to either Kerrie or Kim as soon as possible so we can register you.

CATECHISTS/ASSISTANTS PLEASE NOTE:

The Lenten Reflection Days on the 24th and 31st March have been **CANCELLED.** The next Reflection Day will focus on Pentecost in Term 2. More information forthcoming towards the end of Term 1.

Franciscan Event & Mass



There is a special Franciscan event on **SUNDAY 19th March** at Penrose Park Monastery, 120 Hanging Rock Road, Sutton Forest, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please RSVP by 12th March to leelen.lewis@gmail.com or 0411 800 526.

A Franciscan Friar, Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, from Sydney will be celebrating Mass on Thursday 23rd March at 11:30 am at Our Lady of the Rosary church at The Entrance. This will be the anniversary of the Profession of the Secular Franciscans on the Central Coast.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend these events.

For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please visit the website ofsaustralia.org.au

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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 13 March

Tuesday 14 March

Wednesday 15 March

Thursday 16 March

Friday 17 March

St Patrick

Saturday 18 March

St Cyril of Jerusalem

Anniv. Death of Most Rev Patrick Murphy (2007).

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$45.60



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!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Salesian Thought

One of the most excellent intentions that we can possibly have in all our actions, is to do them because our Lord did them.

(Spiritual Conferences, 18)



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

Anniversaries: Joseph Job, Mary Gatt, Evelyn Magrit, Frank Feliciotto, Josefa Radina Astraia Nonato, Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr.

Recently Deceased: Sr Clare Keating (Ireland), Brian Murphy (Ireland), Kenneth Durley, Kenneth Stephen, Susan Melinz, Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby).



Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt? They said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go.

I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as a Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been give to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man—though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die—but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

Gospel

John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink? - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'if you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her, 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband,' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believer me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come—in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship the spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah—that is, Christ—is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her? Or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do you have something to eat;' but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done, 'so when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.