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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*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12 DECEMBER 2021, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6
Lk 3:10-18

Response:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Third Sunday in Advent



Rejoice in the Lord! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy from the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

Farewell Mass

On Sunday 12 December at the 10am Mass we will farewell Steve Todd the College Principal.

2022 Bible Diary

We have 50 copies of The Joy of the Gospel in the breezeway. \$15 each.

Advent 1:23

This week, you are encouraged to start offering an invitation for people to come to Christmas Mass. As Christians, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all. What is important here is the invitation rather than the response. Let's find the courage to invite others back home this Christmas. Prayer cards have arrived and are located near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and in the entrance of the church.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm (Hall), 8pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



Reconciliation



Fr Philip will be available for Reconciliation from 5pm to 7pm 21, 22, and 23 December.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance on Tuesday 14 December at 6pm. All welcome.

New Church Signs



A big Thank you to Cameron from Aussie Signs and Michael from Archangel Design for the new church signs. They look fabulous.

Working Bee 18/12 @ 10:30am

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee to prepare the Church for Christmas. Come along if you have an hour to spare please bring your cleaning equipment.

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 - Fri 9.15am

Wed 7.30am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

Anointing Mass

Third 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

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am
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.

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

Social Justice

Safe Homes and the Staying Home Leaving Violence program.

Safe Homes is short-term crisis support for high risk men, women and their children who have experienced domestic violence. This team also runs Caring Dads which works with men who choose to use violence assisting them to recognise the negative impact of their behaviour on their children. This support can be coupled with one-on-one counselling and/or the Caring Dads group sessions. We also have a child trauma specialist onboard.

Staying Home Leaving Violence is a longer-term support program for women and their children wanting to live free from violence in a safe home of their choice. This program offers a therapeutic group both face-to-face or via zoom enabling women to take back control of their lives and regain their sense of self-worth and self-esteem. Support can include safety planning, home safety audits and advocating with housing, Centrelink, police and the courts. We can arrange referrals to key services such as mental health, drug and alcohol, culturally specific services, counselling, family support, Victims' Services applications, the Department of Communities and Justice (formerly FACS) and Housing Start Safely.

Call (02) 4356 2600

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

If you wish to come to our meetings please email **Chris Firmstone** on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Catechist Corner

For all our wonderful
Catechists and Assistants



CATECHIST CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Friday, 17th December at 10.15, the Meeting Room at the back of the Church. Please bring a plate.

For details please contact Kerrie Dederer on 0402815633 or email kerriemdedera@westnet.com.au

Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: **Invite a friend or family member to attend Church with you.**

New Life In Christ Reflection

Parishioners are invited to join Shayne for "New Life in Christ" - **Advent prayer, reflection and discussion at 10:15am each Tuesday.** All welcome to attend.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Filipino Chaplaincy Christmas Novena Masses

Details below for the Simbang Gabi launch. The launch will be at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood on 11 December 2021 (Saturday) at 7:00pm. The main celebrant is Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

love, peace, joy
Christmas
NOVENA MASSES 2021

The Launch Mass → CHATSWOOD
11 DEC | 7 PM
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

Christmas Novena Evening Masses → DEE WHY
15-23 DEC | 7:30 PM
ST KEVIN'S CHURCH
80 DANKS AVE, DEE WHY

Christmas Novena Dawn Masses → CHATSWOOD
16-24 DEC | 5:30 AM
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

The Triduum → WYONG
21, 22, 23 DEC | 7 PM
ST CECILIA'S CHURCH
23 BYRON ST, WYONG

FURTHER ENQUIRIES:
BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO
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DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, THERE WILL BE NO FOLLOWUP AFTER MASS
FB: FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY BROKEN BAY

THIS WEEK

Monday 13 December
St Lucy

Tuesday 14 December
St John of the Cross

Sunday 19 December
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Congratulations



Congratulations to the 72 children who received their First Holy Communion in the parish last weekend.

Please keep these children in your prayers.



Return and Earn

We raised **\$42.40 this week.**

Thank you for your continued support!

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



Please place glass in the crates.

Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been reinstated. The church capacity is 275 people (2sq metre rule) The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until 1 December.

The Church is open to the public for private prayer and masses.

Masks must be worn in the church

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals maybe celebrated and adhere to the 1 person per 2sq meter rule.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church Please continue to **social distance** and use hand sanitiser.

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Please remember our sick: Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Sue Lauder, Peter Larkin, Peter Conneely, Tina Keane, John Gatt, Charlie Gatt, Thresiamma, Thomas, Leo Galea, Walter Davis, Moore & Langley Families, Victor B Carreon, Burnette Vassallo, E Vassallo.

Mass Intentions: Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario, George & Helen Pantazopoulos.



Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, should aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Isa 12:2-6

Cry out with joy and gladness:

for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. R

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. R

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'what must we do?' He answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers ask him in their turn, 'what must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.