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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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 13 DECEMBER 2020, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 61:1-2, 10-11;
1Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Response:
My soul rejoices in my God.

Alleluia Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



Message from Bishop Anthony

Vox Episcopii - The Voice of the Bishop

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
One hundred and fifty years ago Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We know Saint Joseph primarily through what we read in the Sacred Scriptures. [click here](#) to read the full message

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Vince as the Parish Priest of Terrigal Parish, from 15 January 2021. Fr Philip Thottam MSFS has been appointed to return as Administrator of Warnervale Parish.

Congratulations Fr Ken

Fr Ken celebrates the 55 years since his ordination to the Anglican priesthood on 18 December. Congratulations and thank you Fr Ken for your ministry in our parish. Fr Ken will celebrate the 9.15am Parish Mass on the 18th.

Thank you!

to the parishioners who have replaced the lights at the back of the church, cleaned the windows, dusted and vacuumed the carpet, planted a hedge, cleared the outside of the church and repaired the broken pot plant. And all this before our working bee!

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm, 8pm, 10pm & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS

*All Masses held in the church.
Limit of 200 and masks are recommended.*

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

by writing your name on the relevant Christmas Mass sign in sheets at the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. 8379 1740 or warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Please do not arrive without booking!



Working Bee & COVID Marshals

Thank you to those who have offered to help prepare the church, for our Christmas celebrations. The **working bee** is on Saturday 19 December from 10am till 1pm. Come along if you have an hour or so to spare and bring your cleaning equipment.

We all need to keep social distancing etc. We still could use a few more marshals particularly for 10am Mass on Christmas Day. The list is at the back of the church. We will contact those parishioners who volunteered to be **COVID marshals** and request they arrive 20 minutes early for their Mass. Their job will be to welcome people and inform them of COVID-19 requirements. More next week.

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

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 Café.

Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the
Parish Office for details.

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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Social Justice

Mental Health & Homelessness

People who are homeless experience a much higher incidence of mental ill-health than the general population – some estimate as high as 80 per cent.

Mental health is both a cause and a consequence of homelessness.

The inability to negotiate rental markets or the supported accommodation systems, with a lack of other community support, puts people at a high risk. And being homeless, living in poverty, with all of the uncertainties and fear of harm or violence is a cause of high levels of psychological abuse.

People recovering from a period of an acute mental health crisis especially often lack living skills. They need ongoing support, at assessed levels, to be able to budget, buy food, cook, clean, maintain hygiene, and link to community services. Without such support they are unable to sustain tenancy and become homeless again.

The 'Housing First' model of housing and support has been proven worldwide to be effective in ending street homelessness, including for people with mental illness, also dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse.

It is up to us to insist that our Governments pursue such appropriate support in accordance with the demands of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2pm in the church. Hope to see you there!

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



holistic Social Justice

Share the season's greetings with a social justice twist!

Jesuit Refugee Service Australia invites you to take part in **Christmas cards for Action**. Send a Christmas message to your local MP, family & friends and remind them that women, children, and men seeking asylum will not be so lucky this holiday season. There are 4 cards to choose from. Visit <https://aus.jrs.net/en/take-action/christmas-cards-of-action/>

Jesus Christ, our beginning and end:

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the community of the Church of Broken Bay 2020 – 2021

Booklets and Prayer Cards now available at the back of the church.

BROKEN BAY NEWS

Now available at the back of the church and online at:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/brken_bay_news_december_2020_is_sue_208

Preparing the Way Reconciliation in Advent

We will not have a second rite before Christmas. During Advent Reconciliation is available on **Saturday** from 4 - 4.30pm and on **Tuesday** from 7 - 8pm.



Return and Earn

We raised **\$101.40** this week. *Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund* *Please place glass in the crates, Thank you for your support!*



St Vincent de Paul Thank you

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. \$715.00 from collections at last weekend's Masses was donated to this Appeal. If you would still like to donate there will be envelopes available at the back of the Church. Donations can be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Christmas cards and Columbian calendars are now available at the back of the church.

Seasons Greetings



THIS WEEK

Monday 14 December
St John of the Cross
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Tuesday 15 December
9:15am Communion Service
7pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

Wednesday 16 December
7:30am Mass Fr Vince
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Thursday 17 December
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 18 December
9.15am Mass Fr Ken

Saturday 19 December
4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Sunday 20 December
8am Mass Fr Ken
10am Mass Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince
7pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Binneesh

DECEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our first breakfast since COVID will be held on Saturday 19 December at 8am. With numbers limited to 10 by Warnies, please advise Des if you wish to attend 0406 719 213.

Thank you.



Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **200**.

All other restrictions continue for hygiene and social distancing. Please **use hand sanitiser** and **keep 1.5 metres apart** when entering and leaving the church, when queuing for communion and when chatting before and after Mass.

Masks are encouraged but essential if singing,

Sign in sheets for Mass are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

Online Mass is available at the Cathedral from the below link:

Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am

Please remember our sick: Margaret Pattison, Rocky Thomas, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, June Dawson, David O'Connell, Mary Monaghan, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Amelia Wenn, John Ledger, Terry Hardman.

Deceased: Sue Lauder, Mary Mahoney, Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Dean Cowell, Peter Larkin, Charlie Gatt, Gerard Paul, Yvonne Turner, Christine Cleary, Marie Newham, Tess Lawry, Judy Powell..

Mass Intentions: George & Helen Pantazopoutos, Gina Kambouraki,, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Clarmunt, Linda Bond, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin Pantaleon, Temotea Ambair, Elma Capacite.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of nations.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

R My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel his servant
remembering his mercy. **R**

Second reading

St Paul 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything—hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia !

Isa 61:1

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God, His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?', he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.'

So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptizing if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptised with water; but there stands among you—unknown to you—the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened to Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.