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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

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13 SEPTEMBER 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

### Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

### Alleluia Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

### Alleluia!

### Holy Land Collection Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, it could not take place because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to this weekend to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on 14 September. All cash given at the collection at the door of the church while leaving will go to this collection. Thank you.

### First Holy Communion

Will be celebrated for those in Year 4 or older who have made their Reconciliation:

**Enrolment forms** are available now

through the College and the Parish Office or at the back of the church. For more details regarding preparing for First Communion see the back of this bulletin



### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you for your donations last week. Donations can still be made online or by direct debit



St Mary of the Cross  
MacKillop Parish

BSB: 062-784, A/C: 2138 8001.

Add your name and CWF as reference.

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund)

### Bishop Anthony Randazzo

will be celebrating the 10am Mass next Sunday. This will be the Bishop's first visit to the parish. We want to make him welcome but can only have 100 people at the Mass, so bookings will be essential. Special sheets will be available after the 10am Mass this weekend, so regulars to that Mass can book in first and others can book in at any time after that. Please make the Bishop welcome.



This week Bishop Anthony is on retreat. Please keep him in your prayers as he reassures you of his promise to pray for you and for your community of the Church of Broken Bay

### Child Protection Sunday 2020

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.



### 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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## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$60.50. 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! THANK YOU!**

## Coronavirus restrictions

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **100**.

**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.

We are all encouraged to **wear a mask** when visiting the church.

**Sign in sheets for Mass** are in the two folders in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass you are attending.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure the date and time are also recorded.



Special guest : Fr Rob Galea

Date: Friday 18 September 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/events/361345181560667>

## Australia & Oceania Divine Mercy Chaplet

For this prayer initiative all are invited join in prayer at 3pm on Sunday 13 September in your own time zone for particular intentions. Please visit <https://www.worldchaplet.org/en/index.html> for further details.

## Social Justice

### Mental Health for Older People

This year's Social Justice Statement next turns to our older people, quoting a study in 2006 which said that, "Older Australians have the best mental health across the lifespan. This study was done before the Global Financial Crisis, the prolonged drought, the recent bushfire crisis, and the current pandemic which have all impacted adversely on our older Australians.

The document says that "For those in declining health with few social supports, however, the experience of social isolation can cause depression and exacerbate pre-existing mental health problems. Major changes increase distress – grief for deceased spouses and friends, limited finances, losing independence and moving into residential aged care".

A quotation from Beyond Blue: "Depression was like being in a black hole and not being able to climb out. A feeling of hopelessness. Unable to do anything, unable to drive, unable to think clearly. A terrible feeling of being alone which was different from being lonely".

It concludes, "People aged over 75 receive some of the lowest levels of mental health care. Because depression is regarded as common among frail-aged people in aged care, it may be seen as 'normal' and individuals and their carers are less likely to identify and treat the illness"

**Next Meeting Tues 15/9 at 2:30pm.**



Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church

[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## The Sacraments

The final sessions for this course will be held on Monday 14 September 2020 at 10am and again at 7pm in the church.

This final session is on Marriage and Holy Orders.

Please bring a pencil and paper as time will be available at the end for questions and discussion.

You are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions contact Terry Pate on 0408 973 316.

Thank you Terry (and Pat) for presenting this course We hope all attendees enjoyed 'The Sacraments.'

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 14 September**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Tuesday 15 September**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
9:15am Mass Communion Service

**Wednesday 16 September**  
**St Cornelius & St Cyprian**  
7:30am Mass Fr Vince  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Thursday 17 September**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Friday 18 September**  
9.15am Mass Fr Vince

**Saturday 19 September**  
4pm Reconciliation Fr Carmelo  
5pm Mass Fr Carmelo

**Sunday 20 September**  
8am Mass Fr Vince  
10am Mass Bishop Anthony  
11:30am Baptism Fr Vince  
5pm Mass Fr Vince  
7pm Syro-Malabar Fr Bineesh

Preparing for First  
HOLY COMMUNION



**Classes for MacKillop students in Year 4** will begin in Term 4, with Sr Ji Ji teaching special classes.

**Classes for students older than Year 4 or attending other schools** will be run by Sr Ji Ji after Sunday 10am Mass on 25 October and 1 November. Much of the preparation may have to be done at home, with parents using the booklet you will receive when the enrolment form is lodged with the parish..

First Communion will be celebrated at **special Masses** at 2pm on Saturday Nov 7th and Sunday Nov 8th; and then at 2pm on the following weekend, Saturday Nov 14th and Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

There will need to be a limit of guests for each child (possibly four people). Those who want to have more guests will need to arrange a weekday Mass (9.15am Monday to Friday; also 7.30am on Wednesday) with Fr Vince.

Any questions please contact the parish office 8379 1740 or email

**Please remember our sick:** John Ledger, Marites Lawry, Terry Hardman, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker, Anna Savia, Helen Elliot, Peter Dormer, Sheila Lyons, Charlie Radford, Ray Slucher, Jim Swanson.

**Deceased:** Joel Dark, Maureen Casey (Fr Vince's Mum), Margot Beckett, Fred Butterfield, Darrell Travis, Dorothy McGinlay (Karen's mother), Graham Moulder, Brian Shanks, Mary Kelly, Anne Bonnici.

**Mass Intentions:** Leo & Dominic Galea, Carmel Borg, Leah & Jessica Carroll, Tricia, Kylie, Amelia & Rebecca, Joan Firmstone, Ruben Nunez, Dulce Gica, George Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh.



# Readings at Mass

## First reading

**Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 102:1-4, 9-12**

**R** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life for the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
Nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

## Second reading

**Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

## Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jn 13:34**

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

## Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother, if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet, 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. 'Pay what you owe me,' he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, 'Give me time and I will pay you.' But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.