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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*

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 13 MARCH 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Gen 15:5-12; Phil 3:17-4:1;  
Lk 9:28-36

**Response:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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**Reflection**

**STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH.** In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

**Feasts of St Patrick & St Joseph**

On Thursday 17 March we celebrate **St Patrick's day**. Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am

**St Joseph's feast day** is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Fr Philip will be celebrating Mass at 9:15am.

**Lenten Resources**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a great Lenten resource called Mercy and Healing Await. [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf)

**Project Compassion**



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Donations can be made online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate/>



**Daily Mass at 9:15am**

During Lent Fr Philip will celebrate Mass every weekday morning at 9:15am.

**MacKillop Pray Group**

MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on **Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the Church.** Everyone is welcome to join.

**Way of the Cross**

All are welcome to join on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross.

**Lenten Penitential Service**

RCIA candidates are invited to join Bishop Anthony and the priests of the Deaneries for these Penitential Services on Friday 18th March at 7pm at St Patrick's Church at East Gosford. Please RSVP to the parish office.

**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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Air Conditioning Donations



Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the cost of the air conditioning. If any parishioners would like to make a donation towards

this cost to help the parish, it would be gratefully received.

Account details:

Warnervale Parish,

BSB 062 784

A/c number 10000 5628

Ref: Air Con

## Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new planned giving envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continual generosity. If you would like to receive envelopes please fill out the form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr Philip or put it on one of the collection plates.

Donations online can be made through our website or by clicking on the link

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/donations>

## Donations for Tonga Drive

On behalf of the Warnervale Rugby Club, thank you to everyone who has donated to the Tonga Drive. Donations will finish on 13th March.

## Broken Bay News

March edition of Broken Bay News is now available. Hard copies are available at the back of the Church, or you can view online at

[https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/bbn\\_mar2022\\_web/2](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/bbn_mar2022_web/2)



## Baptism Information Evening



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7pm** in the church.

Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised. For further information please contact the parish office.

## Social Justice

### Flood Victims and Refugees

We have all been horrified and distressed to watch the recent news reports of the thousands of our fellow Australians who have lost all their worldly possessions in the floods. It could have been apparent to us that their situation is not too different to that of many refugees fleeing war-torn countries, notably Ukraine.

They have all had to flee hurriedly, gathering together whatever they could carry with them, often leaving behind vital documents such as passports, bank documents, other proof of identity papers, and precious photographs. They all had no control over the situation. Some even sadly have lost their lives. Usually they will have to start all over again rebuilding their lives.

Flood victims are blessed in that they are getting some assistance from generous volunteers and governments.

Refugees, on the other hand, are in a strange country with no friends, often no families, and have to suffer the distrust that citizens of the country to which they flee can show towards them. Poland has shown remarkable generosity to refugees from Ukraine.

This can prompt us to remind ourselves of our Scriptural demand to show charity to "strangers who dwell in our land". Regrettably in recent times wealthy industrialised nations including Australia have not been as generous as they could have been to all refugees. Perhaps the war in Ukraine could prompt us as Catholics to ask those seeking election in the next few months what their attitude is to this very challenging problem.

**If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).**

*Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church*



[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpr](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpr)

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$108.00**



Thank you for your continued support!  
**Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 14 March**

9:15am Mass

**Tuesday 15 March**

9:15am Mass

**Wednesday 16 March**

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

**Thursday 17 March**

**St Patrick's Day**

9:15am Mass

Lenten Reflection

**Friday 18 March**

6:30pm—Way of the Cross

**Saturday 19 March**

**St Joseph**

9:15am Mass



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project

If you haven't already, join the conversation!

Share your ideas through a **Pastoral Discernment Submission** for the consideration of Bishop Anthony. Do you have ideas as to how we, as a community, can renew the life of the Church, recognising and appreciating the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon the Central Coast region? All voices are important as we discern the way forward together. There is still time for you to participate. Individuals, as well as community groups, are invited to participate in the consultation process, to respond, reflect and share insights, at the service of shaping an individual response for a Pastoral Discernment Submission. Submissions close 31 March 2022. Visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast/community-resources> to download your copy of the **Individual Reflection Guide**, to learn how you can contribute to the conversation.



**Please remember our sick:** Joshua Caulfield, Janice, Finn McConnon, Cecelia Henry, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Patre Kerney, Hazel Mary Roll, Maria Taype, Patricia Parker, Maria Toronczak, Thomas Antony, Trinidad, Emilio Sr, Alberta, Alfonso, Ian Okon, Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings.

**Mass Intentions:** Angelo & Mary Spiteri, Daminh, Rafael Santos, Mrs. Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte.



## 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

### First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

**God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three year old heifer, a three year old goat, a three year old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms; 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26:1,7-9, 13-14

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
who shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken;  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **R.**

## 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

### Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

From the shining cloud of Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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### Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

**As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.**

Jesus took him with Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses, and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' - HE did not know what he was saying. As he spoke a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.