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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 EASTER 14TH APRIL 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5;
Lk 24:35-48

Response:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, alleluia!



Reflection

Today's Gospel reminds us of the importance of recognizing Jesus in our midst, just as he revealed himself to his disciples after his resurrection. Just like Cleopas and his companion recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, we too can encounter him in our daily lives, in the simple moments of sharing a meal or spending time together as a family.

As we journey through the Easter season, let us reflect on how Jesus is present with us, guiding us, comforting us, and teaching us to love one another. Let's take time as a family to talk about the ways we've experienced Jesus' presence and how we can continue to grow closer to him.

May we be open to recognizing Jesus in the people we encounter and the moments we share, knowing that he is always with us, walking alongside us on our journey of faith. Let's pray for the grace to see him more clearly and to follow him more faithfully each day.

Thank you!



I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to some parishioners for their recent contributions to our church community.

Martin and Michael Manickum, your efforts in installing the new powerpoint for the tap and go terminal have greatly enhanced our facilities. We are grateful for your hard work and expertise.

Vince Mulheron, thank you for taking the time to remove the bollard near the driveway. Your action has significantly improved safety for those who need to drive to the back of the church, particularly those with mobility challenges.

Thank you for your dedication and for going above and beyond to make our church a better place for everyone.

School Holidays - 15 to 26 April

During the school holidays, access to the church will be through the top gate. Please note that the site will be locked promptly at 4:00pm on most afternoons. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We kindly ask for your vigilance during this time. If you notice any security concerns, please contact the parish mobile at 0498 026 713 or Knightguard Protection Group at 1300 655 009 Thank you for your co-operation.

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 & Sat
9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 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 Sat/ 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at The Ary (Ziva),
Main Rd, Toukley

Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
8am at Warnies Caf .

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
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.

'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 Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic. Parent information session **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm**. Classes commence **Sunday 26th May** for 4 weeks. **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Salesian Thought

When your heart is wandering and distracted, bring it back gently and quietly to its point, restore it tenderly to its Master's side.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, V 13)

New Tap n Go Terminals

We are thrilled to announce that the Parish has recently upgraded its donation system with the installation of two new tap and go terminals.

With the introduction of these smart terminals, parishioners now have the freedom to choose the amount they wish to donate. Options include \$5, \$10, \$20, or an alternative amount of your choice.

- **Simply select your preferred donation amount on the terminal (\$5, \$10, \$20 or other, you will need to type in an amount then press donate) then**
- **tap your card to complete the transaction.**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners for your unwavering financial support, which enables us to continue serving our community with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to the Parish.

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 **April on 4th and 18th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back as soon as possible and give the boxes and envelopes to Fr Philip or hand to parish office during office hours.

Baptism Information Night



Baptism is a most wonderful sacrament, marking the beginning of a new kind of relationship between God and your child. It is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation and through baptism we enter into the life of Christ and the Christian faith community; and, as such, have a right to the love and help of the faith community to live out our baptismal calling.

Parents are required to attend an information session prior to baptism. There must be at least one Catholic parent and one Catholic Godparent, who is over the age of 16 and fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 16th April at 7pm** in the Church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to register your attendance.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 15 April

Tuesday 16 April

Wednesday 17 April

Thursday 18 April

Friday 19 April

Saturday 20 April

Sunday 21 April

World day of Prayer for Vocations

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$90.70

Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.



Please remember:

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates



Thank you for your continued support!

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

Please remember our sick: Christine Nemes, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Jack Gill, Vince Mulheron snr, Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters, Antonio Delotora, Mons Peter Butkus, Adam Laukaitis, Angelja Laukaitis, Anne Bonnici, Maria, Jaison Antony.

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8 April 2024

Letter to the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Broken Bay

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In February 2023 I committed the Diocese to an innovative annual *Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework*. This framework seeks to increase awareness of our own personal and collective ongoing responsibility as a Church community to be vigilant in safeguarding. This is a commitment marked by consistency and constancy.

After consultation and discernment, I have decided that the theme for Safeguarding Awareness for 2024 is **The Voice of the Vulnerable** with a particular focus on **Domestic Family Violence**. Our approach to this theme is one of **advocacy**.

Domestic Family Violence (DFV) often occurs behind the closed doors of the family home, a place which should be reflective of communion in God's self-sacrificing love. Recent statistics show that 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 8 men, have experienced some form of violence since the age of 15.

The outcome is that relationships become disfigured to the detriment of the entire family. We cannot remain silent in the face of this difficult reality. Our faith acknowledges the dignity of every human person and teaches us that being open to self-sacrificing love brings about a renewal of relationships. We must be intentional in teaching and mirroring to our children and young people safe, respectful, and life-giving relationships.

In our advocacy of this year's theme, I commend to you our Diocesan resource, 'A Catholic response to Domestic Violence' available at the following [link](#). A calendar of events to support the theme across our Parishes, the Chancery, CatholicCare, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay is also currently being developed and implemented.

I also encourage your engagement in the further aspects of our Diocesan Framework, including our annual Liturgy of Lament (22 October) and national and international markers such as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (15 June), National Child Protection Week (1-7 September) and International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December).

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May the light of Easter which never fades, open wide those doors which have become closed and reconfigure our relationships to one another through the sacrificial love of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, Oh God of Justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

Second Reading

St John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,

to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them. 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in the name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord