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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 14 MARCH 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Response:

Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you!

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

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Palms needed for Palm Sunday

If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday, we would like the palms delivered to the church by 10am on Saturday 27 March. We need long and small palms.

Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you will be bringing palms so we have some idea what we need. **If you have palms and need help to cut or deliver them please call the office 8379 1740.** Please leave a message if unattended.



Preparing the Church for Easter Saturday 27 March 9am

If you can spare an hour to help to clean the church and prepare the palms. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church. (please bring your secateurs). Thank you.

Baptism Information Evening

Baptism preparation evening this Tuesday 16 March at 7pm in the church.



Easter Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross 10:30-11:30am
Seven last words of Jesus 12-1pm
Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Please note that there are no morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Good Friday and no 5pm Mass Holy Saturday.



Holy Week Committee

If you would like to assist on the Holy Week committee please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Fr Philip would like to have a planning meeting after 9:15am Mass Wednesday 24th with the committee.



Feasts of St Patrick & St Joseph

Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th March



Pope Francis' Lenten Message

Copies of the Pope's Lenten Message are available at the back of the church.

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 at 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.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the church

Weddings

By appointment

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff for more information.

Devotions

Divine Mercy before Mass a Rosary after weekday Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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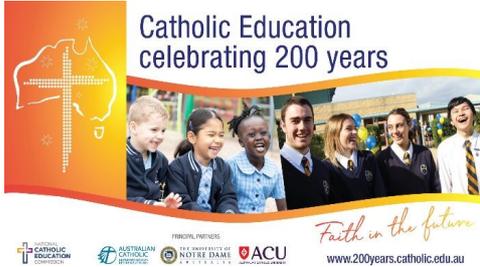
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Consultation for Women

Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on 27 March. The event invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. The event is being organised by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Find more information at www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen



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Social Justice

Why Work Matters

Employment provides people with income, meaning, and purpose so it is not surprising that it is associated with better mental health and wellbeing.

Employment is also socially and economically important to families.

The economic stress of unemployment and insecure work puts stress on the health and wellbeing families. This can lead to lower self-esteem on the parents' stress can and does harm the children. Extended periods of unemployment can lead to intergenerational damage, making it harder for children to emerge from a cycle of entrenched disadvantage.

Children from wealthy families do have greater access to education and related opportunities than those from jobless families.

Are you interested in Social Justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 27 April 7:00pm in the Mackillop Catholic Church, Warnervale. NB: New time

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Lenten Program All Welcome

6:30pm every Friday in Lent, in the church, along with Stations of the Cross.

Reconciliation

Our parish will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Thursday 25 March at 6:30pm in the church.



New Broken Bay News
AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

The Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

As we are still effected by the restrictions of COVID19, preparation will be done at home and at school see details below.



MacKillop students in Year 3. *Enrolment will be done at school.* Classes will begin in March with Sr JiJi at school.

Students older than Year 3 or attending other schools. *Enroll at the information evening.* Much of the preparation will be done at home, with parents using the booklet you will receive when the enrolment form is lodged with the parish. Then there will be an overview lesson held on Sunday 18 April at 11am (after 10am Mass) so we can ensure the children are prepared. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 2 May at 12noon and 2:30pm.

Please ensure you circle your preferred time when returning enrolment forms. *Each child will only be able to have their sponsor and 3 family members present on the day.* This may change so please check with this bulletin and our Facebook page.

There will be a practice on Sunday 25 April at 11am (after 10am Mass). It is most important to attend the practice.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$50.30



*Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and **must display 10c refund logo for scanning.** Please place glass in the crates provided.*

Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK

Monday 15 March

9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 16 March

9:15am Mass

Wednesday 17 March St Patrick's Day

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

Thursday 18 March

9:15am Mass

Friday 19 March Feast of St Joseph

9:15am Mass

6:30pm Way of the Cross & Lenten Program

Saturday 20 March

4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

Sunday 21 March Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Mass

10am Mass

5pm Mass

Relight the Baptism Candle

Has your child has been baptised since the start of Advent - (29th November 2020)



If so, Fr Philip would like to invite you to bring the child and relight their Baptism candle from the new Pascal Candle at 10am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **264**.

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 not mandatory.

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: Kaysen Jill, Tracey Mulheron, Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased/Anniversary: Jennifer Scarrabelotti, Frank Feliciotto, Joseph Jobe, Leah & Jessica Carroll, Ruben Nunez, Dulce Gica, Joseph Tabone, Pauline & Ryan Ureta, Blino Sakr, Fr Stephen Swift, Thomas Antony, Cathryn Sharkey, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons.

Mass Intentions: Andrew Hood, Rocco, Domenic, Marco & Benjamin Pasqale, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Ambait, Elma & Juan Capacite, Pantaleon, Timotea, Hermigildo & Romualda Giba, Kerry Mackey.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,
Remembering Zion: on the poplars that grew there
We hung our hopes **R**

For it was there that they asked us
Our captors for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zions's songs.' **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord
On alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem,
Let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
If I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem
Above all my joys! **R**

Second reading

Eph 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.