



Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

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, YEAR A 15 DECEMBER 2019

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings:

Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Response:

Lord come and save us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM

The kingdom of God is the moving force that makes history progress, taking advantage of both gentle and violent changes in human condition. Death and Resurrection are at work among us and all over the world.

It is true that the Church has many human features (in the negative sense) but perhaps we fail to discern the profound riches which the it develops in sincere believers. In the world, they are those who keep the fire of Christ lit, burning, and who create a network of more human relationships and more authentic life around them.

And this in the final analysis, is what prepares the coming of a new world. The sincere actions of the least among believers can be more effective in bringing progress to the world than many noisy meetings.

This leaven of authentic civilization is what, one day, will be placed "on high mountains" or on the lampstand" to enlighten the world. *From Christian Community Bible – Catholic Pastoral Edition*

Cleaning Bee Thank you

Thanks to the parishioners who came on Saturday to clean the church, and to put up the Christmas decorations. A job well done! Special thanks to the parishioner who cleaned all the outside windows (a huge job) prior to Saturday. Thanks Murray & Yvette for coordinating.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 5pm
(In the Hall) Fr Vince

Youth Mass 8pm
Fr Philip

Syro Malabar Mass 10pm
Fr Philip

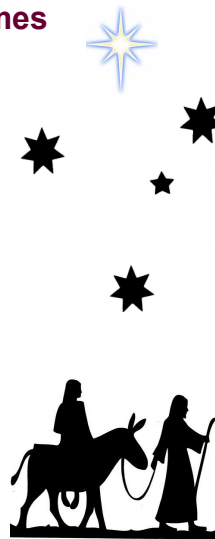
NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day

Mass 8am
Fr Vince

Mass 10am
Fr Philip

NO EVENING MASS



Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

Tues 17 Dec 6pm at Toukley

Wed 18 Dec 6pm at Wyong

Thu 19 Dec 7pm at Warnervale

Fri 20 Dec 6pm at The Entrance

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:30pm

Men's Breakfast December

Breakfast to be on the 3rd (Saturday 21 December) - not the 4th (28 Dec).

Funeral

A funeral to celebrate the life of Constantino (Leo) Galea will held in the parish with Fr Philip on Tuesday 17/12/19 at 10:45am

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

9.15am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30am Wed

Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday @ 10am
Includes children's liturgy

Youth Mass

Every Sunday @ 5pm

Healing Mass

Third Saturday of the month
at 9.15am.

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Baptisms

Most Sundays @ 11.30am
Attendance at Information
Evening is required

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 \$88.80

Bags are available near the grassed area or under the table in the church foyer. Keep the parish in mind with your Christmas and New Years Eve parties

Thank you for **Must state 10c refund!**
RECYCLING Thank you to everyone & Steve for organising.

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents.



St Therese was born in 1873 and felt an early call to religious life. She entered the Carmelite order at the age of 15 after experiencing what she called her 'complete conversion'. Her simple way of living, spiritual writings and commitment to small acts of charity and love made her an immensely popular figure, and her canonisation in St Peter's Basilica in 1925, just 28 years after her death, was attended by over 60,000 people.

Her parents, Louis and Zeile, became the first spouses to be canonised as a couple in 2015. Fr Lucas says the togetherness of the family is an important feature of next year's pilgrimage.

The relics will visit the following parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay:
5 March: St Ives Parish
6 March: The Lakes Parish
7 March: Hornsby Cathedral
8 March: Gosford Parish
9 March: The Entrance Parish

Find our more about this significant event by visiting: catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-there-se-of-

Plenary Council

How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church This month's theme is "Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal" please take a handout from the table at the back of the church to reflect on this theme. A box will be at the back of the church for you to share your views on **what action we can take** to become more *Inclusive Participatory and Synodal*.

Christmas Flyers

We have printed some colourful Christmas flyers with our Mass times. As parishioners, we have the bulletin for this information. The flyers are for families in your neighbourhood. Please take a few and place in letterboxes in your street or in a new area around you. This is a simple way to promote the parish and welcome anyone new to the area.



Nativities & Gifts in the Piety Stall

We have a selection of Christmas gifts in the Piety Stall. If there is a coloured sticker next to the price there will be a box for the item under the table. If unattended talk to Fr Philip or Fr Vince.

Children's Liturgy Helpers

We are seeking people to volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy as a group leader or helper. If you are interested in helping out in any way or would like more information please contact the Parish Office or Cath Kyle on 0419617136 or email catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au



National Biennial Liturgy Conference

Next year's conference will focus on liturgy in the local worshipping community. In the Final Report for the Plenary Council Phase I, the link between prayer, liturgy and renewal was a common theme. Many Catholics highlighted their desire and need for better training and formation as well as greater reflection and emphasis on liturgy and ministry in their local community.

When: Thu 12 to Sat 14 March 2020
Venue: Novotel, Parramatta
Registration: \$370 (Ex GST) before 1 Feb 2020, \$450 (Ex GST) after 1 Feb 20
More information and Program: bit.ly/nlc2020event

THIS WEEK

Monday 16 December
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Tuesday 17 December
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 18 December
7:30am Mass Fr Philip
9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 19 December
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Friday 20 December
9.15am Mass Fr Philip

Saturday 21 December
9.15am Mass Fr Philip

Next Weekend 21/22 Dec
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip
8:00am Mass Fr Philip
10:00am Mass Fr Vince
11:30am Baptisms
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Social Justice

Shepherds, Social Justice and Us!

Shepherds were among the lowest members of society. They were often petty criminals and regarded with contempt. But it was actually the Shepherds who told Mary of the significance of the Christ Child.

What does the symbolism of the shepherds, the lowly being given a place of importance in Christ's birth show us? Does this story illustrate the poor and unruly have value in God's sight? What does this message have for us this Christmas?

God seems to work through unlikely people to change His world for the better. Recognising and caring for the outcast and criminals in our society and working for them to have a fair deal might be part of God's mission for us?



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

Please remember our sick: Steve Rolls, Dr Louis Fourier, Evelyne Pavlides, Victor Carreon, Luzviminda San Pedro, Cara De Guzman, Vincent Shea, Koby Bourke, Michael Hunt, Sharon King, Adeline de Silva, Neville Brown.

Deceased: Colin Randazzo (Father of Bishop Anthony), Helen McKeon (mother of Fr Jim), Mary Mahoney, Brad Wall, Irma Reid, David Gilbert, Barry Howe, Delene Menzies, Kevin May, Kelvin McGuinness, Lorna Hancock, Alberto Go, Mary Mahoney, Alex Robinson, Leo Galea, Raymond Kaifa, Hannah McCool, Anne Snodgrass, Betty Mecelli, Lily Wood.

Mass Intentions: Dorothy Tinker, Peter Walsh, George Pantos, Helen Pantazopoulos, Linda Bond, Conchita Claramunt, Sr Alma Pollard rsj, Reg/Beryl Gible, Alice Kumarasiwie, Andrew Barlow, Gerald Weeratunga, Diana/Alicia Mitchell, Cecil Mansfield, Christi Kunandour, Charlie Gatt, The Gatt & Mercieca families.

