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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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 15 AUGUST 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Readings: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6,10
1Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

Response:

The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

Today is the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.



For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory. Amen.

Reduced Office Hours

The parish office will only operate two days each week Tuesday and Friday. Leave a message and we will return your call for anything urgent please call the parish mobile 0498 036 713.

New Account Details

Since we are no longer having collections each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances. If you wish to assist, you can contribute directly to the parish account:

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

A/C: 100005628

Add your surname and if you have an envelope include the number **as reference** e.g., Smith 21. Otherwise you can write 'donation' or surname CWF.

You can also have a set amount deducted from your credit card each month. Please contact the Parish office on 8379 1740 to make arrangements.

MacKillop Facebook Page

It has come to our attention that there is a fake/misleading Facebook page open under the name of 'St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Church Warnervale. Please ensure you are connecting to our official page at *St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale*. To view our live streaming Sunday masses and to keep informed about what is happening in our Parish.

<https://www.facebook.com/MacKillopParishWarnervale>



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale

Send Message

Sunday Mass
Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass
Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass
Tues - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

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~~

Devotions
Rosary after weekday Mass

Parish Luncheon
2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast
Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

**Thinking of becoming
a Catholic?**
Please contact Parish staff
for more information.

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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) 0412 051 839

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Social Justice

Social Justice Statement 2021

As previously noted, we now have a new Social Justice Statement, *The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor*. We shall publish excerpts from the document in coming weeks.

In the Foreword to the Statement Archbishop Mark Coleridge said that Pope Francis has reminded us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enables God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world. He says, when faced with crises such as the pandemic, the ecological crisis, the economic crisis, hunger, and threats to peace and security we are either overwhelmed by information or bogged down in disagreements about details. The Statement is an attempt to discern the signs of the times and, with the influence of the Holy Spirit, to recognise how God is calling us to respond, bringing the light of the Gospel to bear as we seek to respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth.

In the document the Bishops draw on Scripture, the theological tradition, Catholic social justice teachings, the wisdom of the world, including insights from our First Nations peoples to dialogue with human experience. They hope that the Statement will inspire comprehensive and effective responses from our Catholic community and all who want to care for our common home in this time of great need.

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
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Charitable Works Fund (CWF) name change to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

ANNOUNCEMENT Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to Pastoral Works Broken Bay from July 2021.

The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the six Pastoral priorities for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities. Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay. My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus.

*Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,
Bishop of Broken Bay*

August/September Appeal

At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at your parish website or www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open. Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay



THIS WEEK

Monday 16 August
St Stephen of Hungary
9:15am Mass

Tuesday 17 August
9:15am Mass

Wednesday 18 August
7:30am Mass
9:15am Mass

Thursday 19 August
St John Eudes
9:15am Mass

Friday 20 August
St Bernard
9:15am Mass

Saturday 21 August
St Pius X
4pm Reconciliation
5pm Mass

Sunday 22 August
8am Mass
9:15am Livestreaming Mass
10am Mass
5pm Mass

Baptism Information Evening First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Preparation for Sacraments have all been postponed. Once the lockdown has ended we will post relevant dates and information.

Please check this bulletin and our Facebook page.



Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:
Tell a friend or family member that you are glad to have your faith in difficult times.

Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been suspended until 28 August. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted during the Stay at Home Order.

The **Church is closed** to the public and is not available for private prayer.

Baptism have been postponed until further noticed.

Weddings are not permitted to take place.

Funerals maybe celebrated with a limit 10 people including the celebrant.

Please remember our sick: Ken White, Anne Firmstone, Anne Byrne, Con Pantos, David Caire, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Jean Ganly, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Terry Quinnell, Deborah Dickerson, Anthony Attard, George Radacic, Alekuty Joseph, Joseph Buhagier, Therese Ann Hardman, Richard Murphy, Sira Raveane, Maryanne Xuerub.

Mass Intentions: Brandi & Jessica Lozario, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Dulce Gica, Frank Filciotto, Leanne Portman, Maria & Edward, Anna Ison.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading

Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10;

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. Th woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shouts from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ'.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R**

So will the king desire your beauty: he is the lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 15:20-26

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of the Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promised made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches for age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

-according to the promise he made to our ancestors—of his mercy of Abraham and to the descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.