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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*

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 AUGUST 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 56:1, 6-7;  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Response:**  
O God, let all the nations praise you.

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

Jesus preached the good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### Reflection

The Canaanite woman was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.



### Personal Message from Vince

My mum, Maureen Casey, was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer ten days ago. It is restricting her oesophagus, bronchial tubes and putting pressure on her heart. She was admitted to hospital last Monday and began palliative care on Friday. Please pray for her and my family

### Wearing masks

The Premier and Chief medical officer have made a strong recommendation that we wear masks when attending places of worship. Please consider doing this when coming to the church to keep us all safe.

### Feast of the Assumption

Thanks to all parishioners who attended to celebrate Our Lady's feast day. Hopefully next year our usual celebrations with the Santa Maria Festival can return.

### First Communion 2020

First Communion will be celebrated for those in Year 4 or older who have made their first Reconciliation in November this year.

**Enrolment forms** will be available through the College and the Parish Office before the end of Term 3.

**Classes** will begin at MacKillop in Term 4, with Sr Ji Ji teaching special classes to the Year 4 students. She will also run classes on two Sunday mornings in October for students at MacKillop who are not in Year 4 or who attend other schools. These dates and times are yet to be arranged. Much of the preparation may have to be done at home, with parents.

First Communion will be celebrated at **special Masses** at 2pm on Saturday Nov 7th and Sunday Nov 8th; and then at 2pm on the following weekend, Saturday Nov 14th and Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. There will need to be a limit of guests for each child (possibly four people). Those who want to have more guests will need to arrange a weekday Mass (9.15am Monday to Friday; also 7.30am on Wednesday) with Fr Vince.

### Message from Bishop Anthony

Have you ever noticed that some people are incredibly passionate about issues in life? – The list is endless.

To read the full message from the Bishop, please click [here](#)

### 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 @ 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.

### 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

We raised \$69.50 last week. Last financial year we raised \$3,433.80. A big thank you for your continued support!

**Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

Please place glass in the crates.



**Cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo!**

## Social Justice

### The Gaze of Jesus

In Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si*, speaks about the "Gaze of Jesus" in looking in wonder at the beauty of creation. (#97) Pope Francis also says that "the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole". (#99) Francis is imploring us as Christians to think of caring for the poor and protecting the planet as a way to honour Jesus and God's creations. We might reflect on and pray the following prayer:

Dear God,

Please bless the sapphire globe and the diamonds on the water.

Please cleanse the ground and heal the air,

and save them all from us.

Forgive us our trespasses

and make not the earth

trespass on us as we have so trespassed on her.

and heal our broken bond. Amen

(From *Illuminated Prayers* (1997) by Marianne Williamson at pp.48-49)

**Our next meeting is on 15 September at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.**



Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church

[www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service has been **reduced to 100.**

**All other restrictions continue**, as in past weeks.

Please consider **wearing a mask** when visiting the church.

Click [here](#) for the letter from the Vicar General and [here](#) for the latest fact sheet from the Diocese.

## The Sacraments

A course on The Sacraments presented by Bishop Barron will continue on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 10am and again at 7pm in the church. This first of the six sessions is titled 'Introduction and Baptism'.

Please bring a pencil and paper as time will be available at the end for questions and discussion.

You are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions contact Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

### The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families.



## Position Vacant Catechist Coordinator, Lower North Shore Parish

Casual Role: 4 - 10 hours per week

For a position description or more information, please email [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) or call Jackie Hanson (Chancery HR) on 8379 1667. View the full advertisement on the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

## Expression of Interest for FUTURE FOCUSED SCHOOL LEADERS

We are seeking ambitious, inspirational and future-focused leaders to join our Broken Bay system of Catholic schools in 2021.

To express your interest in positions of responsibility including Principal, Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator, please email our recruitment team at [hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or call us on 9847 0596. Alternatively, start right now and apply here.

## Social Justice Statement

The Australian Bishops have released the social Justice Statement for 2020: *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today.* [Click here](#) to view or download.

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 17 Aug

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Tuesday 18 Aug

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Wednesday 19 August

7:30am Mass / Communion Service

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Thursday 20 Aug

#### St Bernard

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Friday 21 August

#### St Pius

9.15am Mass / Communion Service

10am Mass with Yr 4

### Saturday 22 August

#### Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

### Sunday 23 August

8am Mass

10am Mass

11:30am Baptism

5pm Mass

7pm Syro-Malabar Fr Bineesh

## Working with Children

Parishioners who hold WWCC (Working With Child Check) will be receiving a letter from the Parish in the next few weeks informing them of the meaning of the new legislation.

The diocese will then contact you via email and send a link asking you to do some online training - (except for catechists they have their own training). If you are unable to do this online training at home - please call the parish office. We can set you up with a computer in the parish meeting room to complete the training (it is fairly straight forward and user friendly). Please speak with Fr Vince if you have any concerns.

## Liturgy of Lament

### Listening to the Past: Caring for the future

All are invited to gather to pray together in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable.

Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7.00pm

@ Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The liturgy will also be lived streamed at

[www.bbcatholic.org.au](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au)

**Please remember our sick:** Maureen Casey (Fr Vince's Mum), Terry Hardman, Mary Anne Larkin, Bill McGuinness, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker, Anna Savia, Helen Elliot, Peter Dormer, Sheila Lyons, Charlie Radford, Ray Slucher, Jimmy Casey, Jim Swanson.

**Deceased:** Margot Beckett, Fred Butterfield, Darrell Travis, Dorothy McGinlay (Karen's mother), Graham Moulder, Brian Shanks, Mary Kelly, Anne Bonnici, Amanda Perriotte, Don Chapman, Therese Hardman, Paulo, Maureen Hassan, George and Annie Vassallo, Tony and Doris Attard, John Dormer.

**Mass Intentions:** Rosemary and Noel Flowers, Sedicol, Medina, & Nacua families.



# Readings at Mass

## First reading

Is 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and  
let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help **R**.

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R**.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him **R**.

## **Second reading**

## **Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

## **Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Matthew 4:23**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

## **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

## **Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.