



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, 16TH MAY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

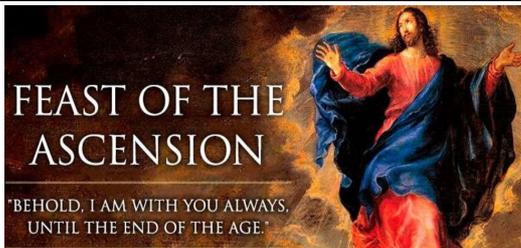
Response:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world

Alleluia!



Reflection Taken up into Heaven. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognize the *signs* of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

Forty Days ago we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and his appearance to his apostles and many other disciples. Not in some spiritual or 'ghostly' sense but in the gloried, human physical sense. When time came for Jesus to ascend to 'the right hand of God', into the spiritual realm of the Trinity Jesus comes to his Father transformed in a perfected human body.

This is not the end of a life's story but the beginning of new life. Pope Francis points out that Jesus is alive in our midst in a new way and his' legacy to us is a new relationship, which is the heart of the joy of the Gospel.

Romans Scripture Study Starting

Join Bob Madafiglio from 19 May each Wednesday at 10am.

When and how did you first come in contact with the power of the gospel? Paul the Jewish convert, not looking forward to martyrdom himself, he shipped off to the relative safety of Rome and told his story: the story of Jesus - in his letters to the Romans.

For more details call Bob 0451 955 223.

CWF Appeal Thank you

Thank you for your generosity to our final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible.



Donations can still be made by:

- *CWF envelope at the back of the church;
- *Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- *Scan the QR code on the noticeboard.

Baptism Information Evening

This Tuesday 18 May at 7pm in the church.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From 16 to 23 May we unite with other Christians to pray that all may be one, as Jesus desires. This year's theme is "Abide in my love and you shall bear fruit" (John 15:5).

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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

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
Rosary after weekday Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

Secretaries: Kate Clark & Kim McCarthy

Church: Cnr Minnesota & Sparks Rd, Woongarrah

Telephone: 8379 1740

Office email: warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Office hours: Wed 8:30am - 4pm, Thurs 8.30am - 2pm, Fri 8.30am - 2.30pm

Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0498 036 713

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

PPC: Michael McCarthy (mad13m@bigpond.com), Antony Joseph (aleetaantony@gmail.com),

Bob Madafiglio (robert.madafiglio@gmail.com), Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au),

Maureen Mulheron (vincemulheron@gmail.com), Christine Owen (christine.owen@dbb.catholic.edu.au),

Glenn d'Cruz (0413 291 129), Khiara Cummings (khiara.cummings7@gmail.com)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May The World of Finance



Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

The Mystery of God Bible Study

Who God Is and Why He Matters

This next session of the course is titled 'The God Who is Love'.

Once again, this session builds on the previous five sessions and takes us forward to the whole aim of trying to understand the mystery of God.

As before, on this coming Monday, there will be a morning session at 10am and a repeat evening session at 7pm, for those unable to attend during the day. I look forward to seeing you there for this final session!

If you have any questions please call me, Terry Pate on 0408 93 316.

First Holy Communion

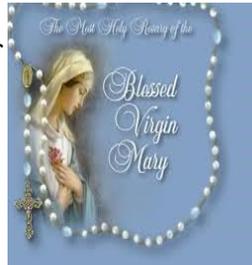
Our parish will celebrate first eucharist on 12 September for all children in year 4 or older. Details of preparation will be available in the coming weeks.

The children **must have had made their first Reconciliation** to be able to make their first Communion. Direct any questions to the parish office 8379 1740.

Prayer Intention Box

There is a prayer intention box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you would like a prayer said for you please write it on a piece of paper and put in the box.

When the rosary is said after weekday Mass your intentions will be included.



Joseph House

Are you a young man seeking to hear God's voice and discover His plan for your life?

Do you know any young men who might benefit from living in Joseph House?

The responsibility of nurturing strong vocations lies with each and every one of us. Bishop Anthony looks to all members of the community of the Church of Broken Bay to be the ambassadors of Joseph House, to inspire young men you may know to consider seriously reflecting on God's call for their life. He looks to each one of us to be partners in the mission of the Church to build a vocational culture, so that our young people might discover the divine purpose of their lives. For more information about Joseph House, a newly established house of discernment for young men. Visit bbcatholic.org.au/josephhouse



Return and Earn

This week we raised \$57.80

*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 17 May
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 18 May
9:15am Mass

Wednesday 19 May
7:30am Mass
9:15am Mass

Thursday 20 May
9:15am Mass

Friday 21 May
9:15am Mass

Saturday 22 May
4pm Reconciliation
5pm Mass

Sunday 23 May
Pentecost Sunday
8am Mass Fr Camello
10am Mass

Diocesan Mass Count Census Card needed

During the month of May we will be counting the number of people attending weekend Masses for the Diocese. **Next week we are asked to gather the 'age range' of people attending Mass.** So next week please take a census card and complete the age range for the number of people in your family at Mass and place in the box provided.

Covid Safe - Check in QR Code Displayed on entry to the church

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 mandatory.

QR Code to scan with smart phones Available on church doors and notice board.

For those without a smart phone **Sign in sheets for Mass** are in the breezeway - the sign in sheet for **visits to the church other than Mass** are on the table at the back of the church.

Social Justice

Laudato Si Year Ends

Please join with us to celebrate Laudato Si' week 2021.

Sowers of Hope webinar, you can register by click on the link <http://bit.ly/sowersofhope>

Don't miss out on Sowers of Hope!

Join us for prayer, scripture, reflection and dialogue to celebrate the end of Laudato Si' Year.

Friday May 21st 5:30-6:30pm

<http://bit.ly/sowersofhope>



Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Please remember our sick: Cara De Guzman, Olga White, Neville White, Kaysen Jill, Tracey Mulheron, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson.

Recently Deceased/Anniversary: Richard Murphy, Fr Kevin Alban o.carm, Frank Walsh, Corazon Carreon, Darrin Gallardo, Joy O'Leary, Belinda Clements, Angela & Adam Laukaitis.

Mass Intentions: Sr Fran Nolan Sgs, Angelija Lankaites, Charity Macapagal, Maria Edwards, Kevin & Dona San Pedro, Edric Alejo, Gavin Lowing, George & Helen Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Marie Dunphy, Sr Josie Mabini OSA, Andrew Hood.

