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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 17 MARCH 2024, YEAR B

Readings: Jer 31:31-34;
Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

Response:

Create a clean heart in me,
O God.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus

Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 27 March at 6.30pm

Holy Thursday (28 March): 7.30pm

Good Friday (29 March)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (30 March): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (31 March)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



Palms & Working Bee Holy Week



If any parishioners have palms to donate towards Palm Sunday we will be having a working bee and preparing the church on **Saturday 23 March from**

10am. We would like the palms delivered to the church by 10am on the Saturday. We need long and small palms.



If you can spare an hour to help please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your secateurs and gloves).

Good Friday—Way of the Cross

On Good Friday (29th March) at 10am

we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church (weather permitting). We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

Church Banners

We're excited to enhance our church's ambiance with new banners that will uplift our worship experience and reflect the spirit of our community. To bring this vision to life, we kindly ask for your support through monetary donations. The total cost of the 12 banners is \$5,192, which is \$433 each banner.

Donations can be made via cash in an envelope, and handed to Fr Philip or directly to our account (Account name: St Mary MacKillop Parish, BSB: 062-784, Account # 10000 5628, Ref, Surname & Banners).

Thank you to the parishioners who have already generously donated to the banners.



Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Sunday Mass

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

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Mon—Communion Service
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 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 Sat/ 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
8am at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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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.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Planned Giving Envelopes

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continual generosity and support towards our parish community.

We would like to inform you that the new planned giving envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the Church. Kindly pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience.

Please be aware that there have been some changes in the envelope numbers. This adjustment was necessary due to parishioners transitioning to online donations, prompting us to re-organise the envelope numbering to maintain consecutive sequences.

If you wish to receive envelopes, please take a moment to fill out the form located at the back of the Church. You may then submit it to Fr. Philip directly or place it in one of the collection plates during Mass.

For those who prefer to donate online, we encourage you to visit our website, (www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/donations) where you can conveniently make your contributions.

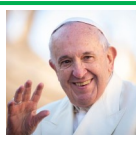


The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the back of the Church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for MARCH

For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.


Chrism Mass 2024

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

Baptism Information Night



Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 19th March at 7pm** in the church.

Please contact the parish office to register your attendance.

Salesian Thought

If the ecstasy of love be more beautiful than good, more bright than warm, more speculative than affective, it is deserving of suspicion.

Treatise on the Love of God, Book 7, Chapter 6

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

The prayer meetings for **March on 21, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 18 March
St Patrick

Tuesday 19 March
St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 20 March

Thursday 21 March


Friday 22 March

Saturday 23 March
Collect of St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Sunday 24 March

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$42.00



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

Please remember:

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Thank you for your continued support!

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Please remember our sick: Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Beryl Moloney, Susan Charleston, John Paul, Joseph Job, Josephine Galea, Letecia Gica, Ruben Nuiez, Frank Feliciotto, Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Thomas Antony, Leo Galea

Recently Deceased: Rita Borg, Modesto Romonz Castro, Steve McCallum, Gilbert Fischer.



Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke the covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks., No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive—it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest—it is the Lord who speaks—since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joys of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.'

But these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.