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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 Second

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 17 MAY 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
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Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Pet 3:15-18;
Jn 14:15-21;

Response:

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to them.

Alleluia!

Reflection

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.



Resumption of Masses & Update on Restrictions

As restrictions to protect us from the coronavirus are slowing being eased, changes are happening in our diocese and parish:

The church is now open for private prayer and religious gatherings, with some restrictions.

Masses can be celebrated, with a limit of 10 parishioners who must register prior to the Mass.

Reconciliation can be celebrated inside the church.

Baptisms can have ten people, plus the priest.

Weddings can have ten people, plus the bride and groom and the priest.

Funerals can have 20 people inside and 30 people outside, plus the funeral directors and priest.

Mass times are 9.15am Monday to Friday and 8am and 9am on Sunday. The church will be open for private prayer from 10 am to 6pm Monday to Friday; and Sunday. Reconciliation will be available each day after Mass, at 10am.

To register to attend a Mass, contact the parish office on Wednesday (8:30am - 4pm), Thursday (8.30am - 2pm) and Friday (8.30am - 2.30pm) on 8379 1740 or warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

You can only register for one Mass in this Step One. Step Two will allow for 20 people to attend and we will recommence registrations.

Message from Bishop Anthony

Click [here](#) for Bishop Anthony's letter regarding the gradual lift on coronavirus restrictions and how they apply to Broken Bay

Tap & Go Donations

The Parish is in the process of purchasing a Tap and Go machine. More information to follow.



Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

9.15am Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30am Wed

Communion Service

9.15am Mon, Wed

Reconciliation

By appointment

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 Cafe.

Baptisms

By appointment

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

Thank you for your continue support of the Return and Earn fundraiser.

This week we raised \$62.90.

Please remember containers need to be marked with the 10c refund logo on the label; empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken. If they are crushed or broken the return and earn machine does not recognise them and will not accept them.

With the gates locked there is a bin at the gate of the main carpark for your can and bottles.

Please place glass in the crates.

Cans and bottles must state 10c refund! THANK YOU!



New Life through Baptism

This week we welcomed Scarlett, Ryan, Levi and Cressida to our parish community through baptism.



Connected in Christ

Click [here](#) for this resource from the Diocese for this Sunday and [here](#) to download other relevant resources.

Thank you

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued to contribute to the parish through bank transfers and credit cards. Donations can be made **directly** to the parish bank account.

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

A/C: 2138 8001

Ref: your surname

Please send an email to warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with your details if you require a tax receipt.

Thank you for your support.

MacKillop Online

We now have a mail-out to all the parishioners who have given us their email address. This is a way *we gather as a community of believers* at this unique time. To be included, please sent your address to warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Office

As health regulations are starting to ease parishioners are able to drop into the parish office for any parish matters from Wednesdays to Fridays. Please ensure you maintain the 1.5 metre distancing requirement

Rosary Month

The month of May is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady and during this month the prayer of the rosary is encouraged.



Social Justice and Laudato Si

As you may know, this Sunday falls in Laudato Si Week from 16th to 24th May which marks the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si, the letter from Pope Francis on Care for our Common Home. During this week please pray the following prayer for our environment.

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them. You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that each one needs.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of heart.

In doing so may we work together in addressing this global pandemic, being courageous in making changes for the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected in lifting up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church

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THIS WEEK

Monday—Friday 9:15am Mass

10am—6pm Private Prayer

Sunday 8:00am & 9:00am Mass

11:30am Baptism

10am—6pm Private Prayer

Coronavirus Response Update

Public Masses with a limit of 10 people. **You must register to attend.**

Church is open for private prayer - from 10am till 6pm every day with a limit of ten people in the church. **Each time you enter the church you are required to sign in and out.** The church will be closed if a baptism, funeral etc is being celebrated.

Reconciliation after Mass at 10am in the church or by appointment with the priest.

Baptisms may be celebrated, with up to 10 people present.

Funerals may be celebrated, with 20 mourners indoors and 30 people outside.

Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated individually, by appointment with the priest

Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Bring those who have died to yourself, cure those who are sick and heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Amen



Please remember our sick: Jim Swanson, Anne Bonnici, Mary Anne Larkin, Bill McGuinness, Ursula Paul, Tony Larnach-Jones.

Deceased: Deacon Jim Caulfield (first anniversary), Beryl Bennett (resident of Loreto Gardens), Emilia Corpuz (mother of Deacon Roberto), Noel Gray, Graham Lesha, Pat Clarke, Bev Aliprandi, Marge Hanlon, Fr Pat McAuliffe, Paulette Gardiner, Patricia Howe, Daniel Whelan, Gerard McCulloch, Ken Smith, Joe Younis, Chris Andrews, Joyce Goodway, John Moore.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second reading

Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave your orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.