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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

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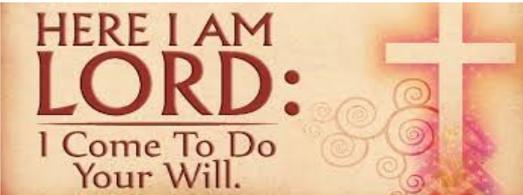
Readings: 1Sam 3:3-10, 19;
1Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Response:
Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

Alleluia Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and
grace.

Alleluia!



Reflection

CALLED BY NAME. It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognise the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life.' Here I am Lord, I have heard you calling in the night.

CWF Appeal Next Weekend



Your generous donation will support five Catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Broken Bay Diocese. The Charitable Works Fund appeal is 100% tax deductible. All monies collected next weekend will go to the appeal.

Donations can be made online at:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund

or by direct debit:

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
BSB: 062-784, A/C: 2138 8001.
Add your name and CWF as reference.

Welcome back Fr Philip

Fr Philip has returned to our parish and we wish to give him the usual MacKillop parish welcome. May Christ's light shine upon you and our parish as we move together into 2021.



*God of Love,
We thank you for Fr Philip's ministry.
You are with us in every transition and change.*

*As we enter into this new era with excitement and hope,
we recall your deep compassion, presence,
and abounding love.
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.
We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.
We ask this in your Holy Name.*

From Fr Philip

Hi everyone. Happy New Year to one and all. It was a surprise to hear from Bishop Anthony asking me to return to Warnervale parish. Having experienced ministering in this parish in 2019, I didn't have to ponder too long and I'm glad to be back. I look forward to working and praying with this loving community.

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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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

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May the Lord give us Grace to live in full Fellowship with our brothers & sisters of other religions, Praying for each other, Open to all.



Visit www.aidtochurch.org to learn more about how your donations can help.

Social Justice

Asylum-seekers during COVID

Just before Christmas a letter was sent by Catholic Religious Aust., to the PM and the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, and Multicultural Affairs urging the Australian Government to show mercy to asylum-seekers. The letter stated that as a result of Covid-19 many Australians had experienced restrictions and were deprived of their liberty.

"In Australia and on islands off-shore, there are other people who continue to live with total restrictions on their liberty and whose incarceration is indefinite, with no end in sight.

They are not criminals, they only wanted a better life for themselves and their families. It is time for the Government to release the asylum-seekers and refugees who have been incarcerated for years. There is no purpose to their imprisonment. They are suffering needlessly. Now is the time to give them some mercy.

As advocates for social justice we support this request and suggest that it warrants the support of all Catholics. **You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the Mackillop Church, Warnervale.**



Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

The Holy Rosary

Leading up to Christmas and New Year we have been through the **Joyful Mysteries** of the Rosary.

Last weekend we celebrated the first **Luminous Mysteries** with the Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River:

*The Spirit descended like a dove on Him.
And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved and with you I am well pleased.'*

Fruit of the Mystery: Openness to the Holy Spirit - Bishop Anthony reflects on this in part 2 of his pastoral letter.



This is who we are: One Journey With Many Roads

In a family, different members contribute in different ways to a common way of life. Similarly, in the Catholic Church, members contribute differently through their chosen vocations. A vocation, in the Catholic sense, is more than a job or function, it is a calling from God, a way of living, with specific relationships and responsibilities. This week we look at :

Couples

For many Catholics, the vocation of married life is the way they give expression to their life of faith. Through their commitment to their spouse and children, the couple show what it means to love one another with the unconditional love that Jesus Christ offers us. Their life of union is so profound that the Church holds up marriage as a sign to all its members of the unity to which they are called. It is our love inspired by Jesus Christ that makes us who we are.

Return and Earn

We raised \$87.20 this week.

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund.

Please place glass in the crates provided

Thank you for your support!



THIS WEEK

Monday 18 January
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Tuesday 19 January
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Wednesday 20 January
7:30am Mass Fr Philip
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Thursday 21 January
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Friday 22 January
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Saturday 23 January
4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

Sunday 24 January
8am Mass Fr Philip
10am Mass Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

Vox Populi - Voice of the People

The first Vox Populi message of 2021 comes from Peter Rodrigues. Peter is a parishioner at St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills. Peter and his wife Marilyn both work for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. To read this message click [here](#)

Coronavirus restrictions

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **100**.

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.

Sign in sheets for Mass are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

Online Mass is available at the Cathedral from the below link:
[Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am](#)

Please remember our sick: Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Deceased: Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother), Mike McQueen, Oliver McKenzie, Rocky Thomas, Margaret Pattison, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Tess Hardman, Sue Lauder, Geoff Hannon, Dorothy McGinlay and family, Mary Mahoney.

Mass Intentions: Ruben Nunez, Dulca Gica, Richard Charleston, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Samuel 3:3-10, 10

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went to lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me, 'He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord

and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

R

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I.

R

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart

R

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord .

R

Second reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord of the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Lord of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, thee is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi—which means Teacher—'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ—and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.