



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*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18 DECEMBER 2022, YEAR A**

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Is 7:10-14;

Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24

Response:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son; his
name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!



The fourth candle of Advent is called the **"Angel Candle"** and symbolizes **peace**. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14).

Reflection

Family Connection

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another. Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God. Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am Mass. 9:15am mass will continue until 15th February 2023, then Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am, which will be a Mass for MacKillop Catholic College high school students and parishioner and Adoration will be from 7:30am to 8:30am.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:
Thursday 22 December at 6pm.

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:30pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 5pm (In the hall)

Youth Mass 8pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee and decorating of the Church in preparation for Christmas on **Saturday 17th December from 10:30am to approximately 12:30pm.**

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 - Sat 9.15am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 8am to 9am

RCIA/Faith Renewal

~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syrio-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm

1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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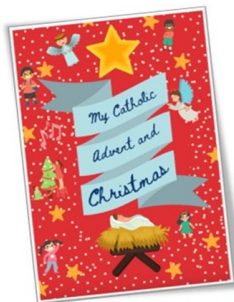
Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

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

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

Stories and Activities for Advent and Christmas



At a recent celebration of SRE (scripture in public schools), held at NSW Parliament House, Kristy Komadina who works at CCD Broken Bay was recognised

for her outstanding work in producing this wonderful resource for families to use over Advent and Christmas.

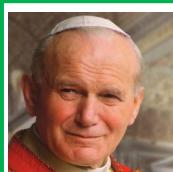
The booklet is full of craft, baking, liturgies, prayers and music that can be used over the whole season. In a special way you can use the activities in this booklet to bring more Christ into Christmas this year. Please check it out: [Advent and Christmas Gift from CCD](#) or visit [issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/my_catholic_advent_and_christmas_2022_ccress](https://www.issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/my_catholic_advent_and_christmas_2022_ccress).

We would love it if you could share this with your family and friends so that everyone can use this resource. IT'S FREE!

The year of St. Francis de Sales

Everyone argues in favour of the virtue which he practices easily and exaggerates the difficulties of the virtues which are contrary to it.

(Letters to Persons in Religion, II, 25)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not for Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

CatholicCare Broken Bay



It's true! CatholicCare is here to help and offers a range of services for people in need including emergency relief, financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling supports including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more.

We have a flyer specifically for parishes here <https://tinyurl.com/bd54c5mb>. Call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au for more information.

Catholic Mission Appeal—Thank you

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. On behalf of Catholic Mission, thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to the appeal. The generosity has provided support to families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia. This Centre will provide nutritious milk for families in most need, to help reverse and prevent health problems like malnutrition.

Total amount raised: \$410.85



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 19 December

Tuesday 20 December

Wednesday 21 December
St Peter Canisius

Thursday 22 December

Friday 23 December
St John of Kanty

Saturday 24 December

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$163.10

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will break from this week until the end of January 2023. Children's Liturgy is held with 10am Mass every Sunday and we would like to take this opportunity to Thank Cath Kyle and the team for bringing the Word of God to the children every week.

Baptism Information Evening



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 20th December at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised. If you would like more information please contact the parish office during office hours.

Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Sandra O'Connor, Charlie Gatt, Chelsea Gatt, Sue Lauder, Frank Costa, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, Connie Clarmunt, Helen & George Pantos, Peter Larkin.

Recently Deceased: Kay Hillyer, Salmen Damanik, Terrence Mills, Vincent K.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’

Then Isaiah said: ‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, an name which means “God-is-with-us”.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in the holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.