

# 6<sup>aint</sup> 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

# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 October 2020, Year A

Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

#### **Response:**

Give the Lord glory and honour.

#### Reflection

The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practice the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.



#### World Mission Sunday 18/10

"The Church continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time." Pope Francis. On World Mission Day we invite you to undertake support for mission lands through awareness and publicity for the work of Catholic Mission. See website for more details www.catholicmission.org.au.

#### Holidavs

Fr Vince will return from his two weeks leave to celebrate Mass next weekend 24/25 October. Apologies for incorrect dates advised last week.

Alleluia Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

#### St Mary of the Cross

#### The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Is on Saturday 17 October 2020. The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh *Courage*" a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877. Sr Mary Cresp rsj has written a reflection on the theme and life of Mary MacKillop here. A "Courage Hour" will be held on Friday 16 October at 8pm where all can participate online via the Sisters of St Joseph website. Details and resources can be found at https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/

The parish has purchased 10 beautiful

commemorative rosary beads. You can purchase them for the cost price of \$30, proceeds go to aid the church in need. Money can be placed in the box in the wall outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

#### First Communion Classes

Classes for students older than Year 4 or attending other schools will be run by Sr Ji Ji after 10am Mass next Sunday on 25 October and again the following Sunday 1 November.

#### Return and Earn

Last week we raised \$59.90. Thanks for your continued support to our parish fund raiser.

**Diocese of Broken Bay** Ancestral home of the Darkinjung people

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

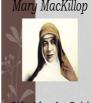
Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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by the Spirit

Mary MacKillop

#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October**



The Laity's Mission in the **Church** We pray that by virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church

#### **Social Justice Communities and Crises**

To Live Life to the Full continues with a discussion on the severe effects of crises on communities, notably in Australia. It says that: "Over the past year Australia has been facing tumultuous upheavals, unprecedented in our lifetimes.

Prolonged drought has hit rural communities, threatening livelihoods, straining local economies and eroding community networks. 'Environment-related' anxieties have led to resignation and loss of hope. Sadly, that loss of hope has seen some take their own lives. Suicide rates in rural and remote communities are 66% higher than in major cities, according to one study. The recent bushfires wiped out entire communities. Lives were lost, communities displaced, homes and businesses were destroyed. The greater frequency and intensity of weather-related disasters amplify the impact climate change is having on mental health.

We now face the COVID-19 pandemic. In our vulnerability we realise that we are not in control. Our daily routines have been disrupted and over a million people have lost their jobs or been stood down. Our workplaces and churches have been closed and we have been forced to isolate ourselves from others". Severe anxiety or depression incapacitates us and can undermine the solidarity of a community. There are many more people suffering from mental ill-health at present. On a positive note reduced economic activity is having a positive effect on the environment with lower greenhouse gas emissions. We are rediscovering the essentials of life and to a degree there is less emphasis on consumerism. We are rediscovering the creativity of love in new ways. There is a hope that our shared experience of anxiety and distress may help remove the stigma surrounding mental ill-health.

#### Our next meeting is on 17 November at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.

Social Justice Committee Warnervale Catholic Church



After this course was enjoyed several years ago, we will be presenting it again. Continuing on Monday 19th October at 7pm and continuing on successive Mondays over the next nine weeks.

The series explores the whole faith in light of the Transcendental Virtues -Truth, Goodness and Beauty. The beauty of the filming makes these very attractive, visible and presents examples from all around the world. Bishop Barron's commentary illustrates the points very well. You will be most welcome to attend any or all sessions.

Any questions, call Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

#### Ordination

Please remember in your prayers Sam French, who spent some time in our parish. He is being ordained as deacon on 22 October his last step towards priesthood for the diocese of Broken Bay.



Administrative Assistant, Toukley -Lake Munmorah Parish (Casual) wishes to employ part-time 25 hrs. (5 days) per week Administrative Assistant to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office. For more information, please see the Diocesan website: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positionsvacant

# 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. We are all encouraged to wear a mask when visiting the church.

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

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure the date and time are also recorded.

#### **THIS WEEK**

Monday 19 October 9:15am Communion service

**Tuesday 20 October** 9:15am Communion Service

Wednesday 21 October 7:30am Communion Service 9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 22 October 9:15am Communion Service

Friday 23 October 9.15am Mass Communion Service

Saturday 24 October 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince 5pm Mass Fr Vince

Sunday 25 October 8am Mass Fr Vince 10am Mass Fr Vince 5pm Mass Fr Vince

#### **First Holy Communion**



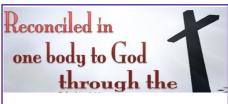
Will be celebrated for those in Year 4 or older who have made their Reconciliation.

**Enrolment** forms are available now through the College and the Parish Office or at the back of the church.

First Communion will be celebrated at special Masses at 2pm on Sat 7/11 and Sun 8/11; and then at 2pm on the following weekend, Sat 14/11 and Sun 15/11

There will need to be a limit of four guests for each child. Those who want to have more guests will need to arrange a weekday or another Sunday Mass. Any questions please contact the parish office 8379 1740 or email

warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au



**Reconciliation is available** at 4pm every Saturday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE YEAR 12 STUDENTS

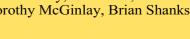
As they commence the HSC exams.

Please remember our sick: Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Amelia Wenn, Mary Swift, John Ledger, Marites Lawry, Terry Hardman, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker, Anna Savia, Helen Elliot.

Deceased: Judy Powell, George Kaifa, Bobby Fardy, Francis Rooney, John Paul, Joel Dark, Maureen Casey, Margot Beckett, Fred Butterfield, Darrell Travis, Dorothy McGinlay, Brian Shanks, Mary Kelly, Anne Bonnici.



Mass Intentions: Leo & Dominic Galea, Carmel Borg, Leah & Jessica Carroll, Tricia, Kylie, Amelia & Rebecca, Joan Firmstone, Ruben Nunez, Dulce Gica, George Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh.



# Readings at Mass

# **First reading**

# Is 45:1, 4-6

# I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing." The word of the Lord.

# **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

# **R** Give the Lord Glory and honour

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; The gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. R

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, Give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. R

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. R

# Second reading

# 1 Thess 1:1-5

# We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Phil 2:15-16

Shine on the world like bright stars; You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

# Gospel

# Matthew 22:15-21

# Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.