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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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 OCTOBER 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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

Response:
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Alleluia Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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.

Holidays

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

St Mary of the Cross

The 10th 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.

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 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



Catholicism

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.



Position Vacant

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/positions-vacant

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

Reconciled in
one body to God
through the

**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.