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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 SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 APRIL 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Pet 1:3-9;
Jn 20:19-31

Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Alleluia alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Divine Mercy

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy and remember the request from the writings of St Faustina:

“At three o’clock, implore my Divine mercy, especially for sinners;

This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world.... In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the souls that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion”.



My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself

wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Anzac Day

This Saturday, 25 April, we remember and honour the courage and sacrifice of all our service men and women, many of whom never returned home from war.

They shall grow not old,

as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them

nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun

and in the morning

We shall remember them. Lest we forget



MacKillop Online

We have begun 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. If you would like to be included, please send your address to

warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

The [Divine Mercy Novena](#) finishes with the 3pm prayers today.

Reflection I AM SENDING YOU.

When we gather for Mass each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. We cannot gather for Mass, but we are not supposed to stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to be the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion. Let us make sure we are being this in this time of pandemic.

Act of Spiritual Communion

When we cannot receive the Eucharist we way to do this is to spend some time in prayer, reflecting on the Mass readings and then reciting this prayer written by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

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

With the gates locked there is be a bin at the gates of the main carpark for your cans and bottles. Thanks to those who are still bringing the R&E cans and bottles to the church.

Please place glass in the crates provided.



Cans and bottles must state 10c refund!

Parish Income

Since we are no longer having a second collection each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances.

You can contribute directly to the parish account:

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

A/C: 2138 8001

Add your surname & envelope number as reference e.g., Env 21

Contact the Parish Office if you would like a receipt. Thanks to those who have contributed already.

You can also have a set amount deducted from your credit card each month. Please contact the Parish office on 8379 1740 to make arrangements.

Thank you Planned Givers

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued to contribute to the parish through bank transfers, credit cards (and envelopes prior to the church being locked). Please keep your envelopes at home if you don't have internet access. Any problems or questions contact the parish office 8379 1740, leave a message if unattended.

Connected in Christ

Please click [this link](#) to go to this week's Pastoral Resource from the Diocese, "Connected in Christ" for Divine Mercy Sun. Each of our resources will be made available on the Diocesan Website and can be found, along with other relevant resources, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>



Social Justice

In Appreciation

It has been a traumatic year for Australia and indeed the world as a whole.

We saw many Australians moving hay and grain to help feed starving stock; and other goods to help country folk. Even more importantly we saw fire fighters, volunteers and others, risking their lives day after day, sometimes for weeks on end, to defend life and property.

We saw Police, Ambulance staff, SES staff, doctors, nurses and other hospital staff and so many others work above and beyond the call of duty day after day. Now many of these people hold crucial roles in dealing with the Coronavirus.

We must also congratulate the politicians for their hard work. We should be grateful for our priests, other clergy and church laity for the risks they take in serving the ill, the endless pressure to comfort, to console, to counsel and to keep Christ at the forefront of our minds, and the minds of those who suffer.

May God bless them all!



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

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelope can be kept until we have Mass again or donated directly to Caritas at <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/>



Farewell

We held three funerals this week to celebrate of the lives of Christina (Chris) Andrews (from Loretto Gardens), Joyce Goodway (mother of Michael) and John Richard Moore.

May they rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

Baptisms, Reconciliation and funerals Please contact Fr Vince to make an appointment on the parish mobile 0498 036 713

Response to Coronavirus

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Reconciliation may be celebrated individually, by appointment with the priest.

Baptisms may be celebrated, by appointment with the priest, with only the person to be baptised, parents and godparents to be present.

Funerals may be celebrated, with only ten mourners present.

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

Baptism Information

The Baptism Information evening normally held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the church will not be held until further notice. If you wish to get started on preparing at home call the parish office on 8379 1740.

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. Heal those who have the Coronavirus. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Amen



Please remember our sick: Noel Gray, Beryl O'Leary, Mrs. Thomas, Bill McGuinness, Koby Thomas Bourke, Shelly Gray, Arthus Baulkin, Peter Brennan, Maureen Mulheron, Charles Gillies, Percy Deguara, Ursula Paul.

Deceased: Joe Younis, Chris Andrews, Joyce Goodway, John Moore, Janette Milroy, Martina Madut, Leslie Cross, Joyce Brown, Gaye Northbridge, Mark Grundy, Jennifer Scarrabelotti, Christopher Dormer, Graham Joel, Beverley Coleman, Fr John Barry, Patricia Burns, Margaret Towlers, Johnene Giacomelli, Patricia Channell, George Pantos, Stef Junicic, Fr Denis Callahan.

Mass Intentions: Adam, Thomas, Carmen & Rosemay Flowers, Elena Cajigas, Anya Manuel, Cara Elizabeth De Guzman, Frank Feliciotto, Leah & Jess Carroll, Peter Walsh, Mary & Angelo & Luis Spiteri.



Readings at Mass

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19 April 2020

First reading

Acts 2:42-47

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,

but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory

in the tents of the just.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

You did not see Christ, yet you love him

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation**John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20:19-31****Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.