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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

## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 JULY 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Wis 12:13, 16-19;  
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

**Response:**

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

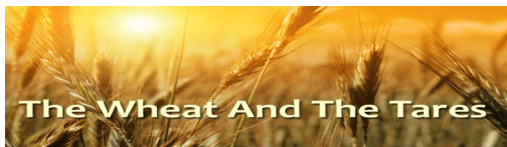
**Alleluia Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

### Reflection

Wheat among the weeds. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.



### Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr Carmelo who this weekend (Saturday) celebrates the 56th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Thank-you for your commitment and especially for your ministry in our parish of many years.

### Message from Bishop Anthony

*Last week I reflected upon how Jesus is the foundation of our mission as a community of the Church, especially in his respect, protection, and care for the children, the vulnerable, and indeed all people. These are a description of our "core values": respect, care, and protection of others. They are always Christ-centred and people oriented.*

Click [here](#) for the full message.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children who have prepared for their first Reconciliation will be celebrating the sacrament in the first rite on **27, 28 and 29 July**, after school/evening. Parents of children at MacKillop College, please contact the class teacher to nominate a time. Parents with children in other schools need to notify the parish office of a time for their child's first Reconciliation.



### CWF Receipts

Receipts for parishioners who have donated to the Charitable Works Fund are available in the breeze-way of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

If you donated to **Planned Giving** these monies help to keep our parish functioning but are not tax deductible. If you would like a **record of giving**, please contact the parish office.



### Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

Bishop Anthony has advised the sacrament of Confirmation will not be celebrated in 2020. More details in the coming weeks.



### Four Sign in Sheets

When signing in for Mass there are four sheets - one in the corner of each table in the foyer. Please keep social distancing.

### 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 Cafe.

### 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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## Return and Earn

We raised **\$12.40** last week. Thank you for your continued support!

**Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

Please place glass in the crates.

 Thank you for  
**RECYCLING** Cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo!

THANK YOU!

## Social Justice

### Social Justice and Housing

Our Scriptures continually remind us that God requires justice and compassion of us rather than empty ritual. Bearing this in mind, it is possible to re-examine our society's attitude to housing. Dr Cristy Clark, a human rights author, says, a home feels comfortable when we have a sense of control over our physical environment. Such feelings are not shared by the **116,427** homeless in Australia.

From statements of our Australian Bishops. **It is a fundamental principle of our Catholic Social Justice teachings that all people in society have a right to adequate housing which means that we should all have an equal right to an affordable, habitable, accessible and culturally appropriate home with essential amenities such as water, sanitation and energy which is reasonably close to essential services, away from environmental hazards, and with security of tenure.** Surely the right to such safety is more important than the right of landlords or banks to extract excessive profit?

The current medical and economic crisis is an opportunity for all Governments to invest substantially in social housing which has been neglected for decades. This would stimulate the economy.

Other measures such as tax reform to reduce the high taxation benefits on private home ownership, reducing the incentive for investors, especially foreign investors, and greater protection for tenants could also be implemented.

Next Mackillop Social Justice Committee Meeting Tuesday 21 July 2020 2.30pm in the school meeting rooms. All welcome.



Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)



## MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE

Have you heard of the Memory Innovations Centre?

Programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Cooking, exercise, dance, art and mind exercise programs available.

Visit us for a free trial session in Waitara or **join our online programs** – open to all in the Diocese! Call Jessica on (02) 9481 2659 or visit [www.catholiccareddb.org.au/mic](http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/mic)

## Catholic Engaged Encounter

Weekends held in August, December, February and May at St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills.

See website for dates and registration: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

### Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



## Feast of Santa Maria 2020

The committee for the feast of Santa Maria have unfortunately had to cancel this year's feast due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If all has been resumed with no restrictions the committee are looking at holding the feast on **15th August 2021.**



## Tap n Go

The machine has been installed outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Donations are set at \$5.00. All you need to do is place your credit or debit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has been made to the parish account. All donations go towards the ongoing costs of our parish. There is no receipt and donations are not tax deductible. **Thank you to the 23 people who donated last weekend.** Your donation is greatly appreciated.



## THIS WEEK

**Monday 20 July**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Tuesday 21 July**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Wednesday 22 July**  
**St Mary Magdalene**  
7:30am Mass Fr Vince  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Thursday 23 July**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Friday 24 July**  
9.15am Communion Service

**Saturday 25 July**  
4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince  
5pm Mass Fr Vince

**Sunday 26 July**  
8am Mass Fr Ken  
10am Mass Fr Vince  
11:30am Baptism  
5pm Mass Fr Vince

## Coronavirus Restrictions

We are now able to have **138 people in the church** for Mass. .

**We need to record our name and contact details when we come into the church.** Do not put two names on one line as this record sheet is also our way of counting the numbers attending.

- **Physical distancing** and **personal hygiene requirements** must be met.

- If anyone is unwell or vulnerable, please **stay at home.**

- Download the **COVID-19 app.**

- **Thank you** to everyone for complying so well to these restrictions and keeping us all safe!

## Be There for Me -CCD Recruitment Campaign

In a few weeks, most Catechists will return to classes in public schools, sharing the Gospel message of love, service and hope. Some are unable to return at this time, so parishes are looking for relief catechists to fill in.

Click [here](#) to see a short recruitment video as part of the campaign: *Be There For Me.*



**Please remember our sick:** Charlie Radford, Therese Ann Hardman, Ray Slewcher, Jimmy Casey, Helen Elliot, Peter Dormer, Joanne McSherry, Gaie Stansberry, David Caire, Brian Cusack, Helen Kennedy (sister of Fr Carmelo), Stacey Pollach, Jim Swanson.

**Deceased:** Maureen Hassan, Lorina Gomez, John Dormer, Allan Dent, Anne Bonnici (parishioner and resident of Glenmere), Bernard Okon (Kate Clark's brother), Nolene Smith (Bishop David Walker's sister), Sean Hardiman, George Stansberry, Jeffrey Wallters, Dorothy Tinkler, Ruben Nunez, Mary Hickey, Frank Walsh.

**Mass Intentions:** Leah and Jessica Carroll, Bryon & James & Alexander Sedicol, Rodney Medina.



# Readings at Mass

**First reading**

**Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

## **You will grant repentance after sin**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16**

**R.** Lord you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and  
attend to the sound of my voice **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
And glorify you name, O Lord,  
For you are great and do marvelous deeds. **R.**

But you , God of mercy and compassion,  
Slow to anger, O Lord,  
Abounding in love and truth,  
Turn and take pity on me **R.**

**The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!****Mt11:25**

Blessed are you, Father,  
 Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
 to mere children  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel****Matthew 13:1-23****Let them both grow till the harvest**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

He put another parable before them: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

The Gospel of the Lord.