



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 LENT 19TH MARCH 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: 1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Response:

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Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5 April at 6.30pm

Palm Sunday (1/2 April): Saturday 5pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am; 10am; 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday (6 April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (7 April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (8 April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (9 April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (8th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new planned giving envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continual generosity.

Please be aware that due decrease use of the weekly envelopes, we have moved some envelope numbers to condensed the envelope numbers we have.

Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross.

On Good Friday (7th April) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church. We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations—November 2023



The PPC would like expressions of interest for any parishioners who would be interested in being part of the 20th anniversary planning group. If you are interested please contact the parish office to register your interest. The committee would like to commence meetings after Easter.

From next weekend there will be special donation / fundraising envelopes available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

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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


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WARRNEVALE

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**MONTHLY
YOUTH
Mass**

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4th Sunday of every month at 5pm.
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For more information:
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Next Sunday (26th March) is the monthly parish/school Youth Mass at 5pm. After Mass the parish will have a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy, and the youth leaders will run some games to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to come along. If any parishioners would like to volunteer to cook the sausages please contact the parish office.

Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch



Sunday 7th May everyone is welcome to attend the **Mother's Day Lunch** at Halekulani Bowling Club. Door open at 12noon.

Cost is \$40 per person (includes; 2 course lunch, tea, coffee, and live entertainment) tickets to be booked and paid for by 23rd April. Please contact Charlie on 4393 9998 or 0404 194020 or Tony & Rita on 0448 742 591 for more information.

Piety Stall Volunteers



A big Thank you to Greer Whalan for managing the piety stall for many years. Greer has now decided to

step back and we are grateful for all the years of service to this ministry. We are looking for some volunteers to take on the piety stall ministry. If you would like to take on this ministry please see Fr Philip or the parish office for more information.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer meetings for **March will be on Thursday evenings 30th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Women's Breakfast—25 March

The Women of our Parish are invited to get together for a Women's Breakfast at Warnie's Café from 8am to 9:30pm on 4th Saturday of the month, to get together and support each other.

The next one is on Saturday 25th March. For more information or to book, please contact Ellen Mobile 0423 916 014.

Preparing the Church and Palms for Palm Sunday & Easter

If you can spare an hour to help clean the Church and prepare the palms, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your secateurs) on **Saturday 1st April from 10am to approximately 12:30pm**.



If anyone has any parishioners have **palms to donate towards Palm Sunday**, we would like the palms delivered to the Church by Saturday 1st April. We need long and small palms. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church if you will be bringing palms, so we have some idea of what we need.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 20 March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 21 March

Wednesday 22 March

Thursday 23 March

Friday 24 March

Saturday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$96.40



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!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Salesian Thought

Christ was more concerned with St. Peter's repentance and remorse than with his sin.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, VII, 8)



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Anniversaries: Michael Conneely, Brigie King, Alberta Sedicol, Joseph Job, Mary Gatt, Evelyn Magrit, Frank Feliciotto, Josefa Radina Astraia Nonato, Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales.

Recently Deceased: Doreen Winning, Emmett McCourt, Josefina Sedicol, Sr Clare Keating (Ireland), Brian Murphy (Ireland), Kenneth Durley, Kenneth Stephen, Susan Melinz, Paul Vasalo.



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among this sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him', but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart'. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these'. He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep'. Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes'. Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one'. At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light.

That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Gospel

John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?’ ‘Neither he nor his parents sinned,’ Jesus answered ‘he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

‘As long as the days last I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.’

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him’. The man himself said, ‘I am the man’. So they said to him, ‘Then show us how your eyes were opened?’ ‘The man called Jesus’ he answered ‘made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, “Go and wash at Siloam”; so I went, and when I washed I could see.’ They asked, ‘Where is he?’ ‘I don’t know,’ he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It has been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see’. Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this? And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, ‘Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so how is it that he is now able to see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don’t know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.’ His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, ‘He is old enough; ask him.’

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, ‘Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.’ The man answered, ‘I don’t know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.’ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He replied, ‘I have told you once and you wouldn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?’ At this they hurled abuse at him: ‘You can be his disciple,’ they said ‘we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don’t know where he comes from.’ The man replied, ‘Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes and you don’t know where he comes from! We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn’t do a thing’. Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you’. The man said, ‘Lord I believe’, and worshipped him. Jesus said: ‘It is for judgment that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.’

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, ‘We are not blind, surely?’ Jesus replied: ‘Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see”, your guilt remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.