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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 19 DECEMBER 2021, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-44

Response:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Blessed is she who believed. 'From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from the peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

Reconciliation

Fr Philip will be available for Reconciliation from **5pm to 7pm 21, 22, and 23 December.**

All welcome.

7:30am Wednesday Mass

From Wednesday 22nd December 2021 until Wednesday 26th January 2022 (inclusive) there will be no 7:30am Mass. Mass at 7:30am will resume on 2nd February 2022.

New Church Signs

A big Thank you to Cameron from Aussie Signs and Michael from Archangel Design for the new church signs. They look fabulous.

2022 Bible Diary

We have 50 copies of The Joy of the Gospel in the breezeway. \$15 each.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm (Hall), 8pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



Advent 1:23

Preparing for Christmas

With Christmas not far off, now is the time to lean into our prayers and invitation for our guests. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in the lead up to Christmas as you invite your guests, and that they may receive the invitation with an openness to God's movement in their hearts.

Thank you for sharing the God News of Jesus with your loved ones, neighbours and colleagues in this way. We look forward with joy to welcoming our guests at Christmas!

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



Warnervale Conference members sincerely thank parishioners for their generous donations to this years Christmas Appeal. **The amount raised to date is \$1,300.**



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 - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

Anointing Mass

Third 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

RCIA/Faith Renewal

Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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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.

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

Social Justice

Further programs available from Catholic Care in Our Diocese

Our **Domestic Violence Response Enhancement (DVRE)** team provide after-hours crisis support to women and children who have left, or are wanting to leave, a violent relationship.

This team, located at our *Family Centre in Waitara* is available 365 evenings a year for assistance which can include emergency accommodation, practical items, safety planning and access to specialist domestic violence, visa and immigration services.

Call (02) 9488 2400 (business hours) or 9488 2588 (after hours and weekends)

Our **Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service** is run out of our Naremburn Family Centre. It provides women and their children with information on how to get protection from the court.

This service covers the Upper and Lower North Shore of Sydney and the Northern Beaches.

Call (02) 8425 8700

www.catholiccareddb.org.au

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



Catholic Social Justice

Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:
Invite a friend or family member to attend Church with you.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December



For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Position Vacant

The Diocese are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General

The position is Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm). Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, serves the People of God in the northern regions of Sydney, North Shore, Northern Beaches and NSW Central Coast.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close **Wednesday 22 December 2021**. Contact to be made with candidates and interviews mid-January 2022.

Baptism Information Evening

This **Tuesday 21 December** at 7pm in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

Tribunal of the Catholic church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au



Working with Children Renewals

Working with Children Check clearances extended in September are coming up for renewal. Renew early to avoid delays over the holiday season. <https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21 December
St Peter Canisius

Friday 24 December
Christmas Eve

Saturday 25th December
The Nativity of the Lord

New Life In Christ Reflection

Parishioners are invited to join Shayne for "New Life in Christ" - **Advent prayer, reflection and discussion at 10:15am each Tuesday.** All welcome to attend.

Tap N Go



Thank you to all our parishioners utilising the tap n go device near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Just a reminder that you need to place your credit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has

Return and Earn



This week we raised: **\$107.50**

Thank you to all who continually donate their cans and bottles.

A reminder to keep your empty cans, plastic and glass bottles and juice boxes that have the 10c refund logo to donate to this parish fundraiser.

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

Please place glass the crates. Cans and Bottles must have the 10c refund logo on.



These 100ml to 2L drink containers ARE ELIGIBLE for a 10c refund:
• Glass • Plastic • Aluminium
• Steel • Liquid Paperboard (cartons)
Containers must be empty, uncrushed & have the original label attached.

Coronavirus restrictions from 15 December

All public Masses have been reinstated. There are no density limits within the church.

Face masks are no longer mandatory but are strongly encouraged, particularly when social distancing is not possible.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church Please continue to use hand sanitiser.

Please remember our sick: Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Trinidad, Alberta, Genina, Clive & Family, Alex Robinson, Sue Lauder, Michael McQueen, Michael McQueen (Snr), Peter Larkin, Alice Kumarasinho, Diana & Alida Mitchell, Drew Barlow, Reg & Beryl Gribble, Bob Pulle, George Tennakoon, Cecil & Ethel Milchell, Sunil Parera, Corear Family.

Mass Intentions: Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

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Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;

Then I said,

Just as I was commanded in the scroll of books, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He will abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

May set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

The Gospel of the Lord.