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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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C , 2 DECEMBER 2018

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Jer 33:14-16; 1  
Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Response:**  
To you, O Lord, I life my soul

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and  
grant us your salvation

**Alleluia!**

**Advent** is a time of preparation, of remembering. It reminds us of who God is and who we are meant to be. We can understand Advent by reflecting on experiences of waiting, hope, promise and love in our lives. The readings for the next four Sundays are full of hope, dreams and promises. They suggest that salvation is not just about our ultimate dwelling with God in heaven, but also about our relationship with Jesus and his intervention in our lives in the here and now.

The symbolism of the **Advent wreath** is beautiful. The wreath is made of evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of our soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. On our Advent-ure towards Christmas, these symbols help us to remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this weekend



Vinnies in the Parish is requesting your support this Christmas season. Tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned ham, fruit cakes, Christmas pudding, puddings, jellies, long life custard and cream, cordials, pasta and pasta sauces. Please do not donate toys, but donations of gift cards and cash are greatly appreciated.



### Welcome

We welcome Sam French to the Parish. Sam has completed his third year in the seminary in his preparation for the priesthood for Broken Bay. He is here to learn more about the realty of parish life. Please make him welcome.

### Christmas Timetable

#### Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tues 18th Dec 7pm at The Entrance.

Wed 19th Dec 6pm at Wyong.  
7pm at Toukley.

Thur 20th Dec 7pm at Warnervale.

**First Rite of Reconciliation** is celebrated on Saturdays from 4 - 4.30pm.

#### Warnervale Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve** – 5pm Children’s Mass in the hall; 8pm Youth Mass; 12pm Midnight Mass

**Masses Christmas Day** – 8am Mass; 10am Mass. NO EVENING Mass.

### Communion from the Chalice

The Church encourages us to receive communion under both kind. We offer the option of receiving from the chalice at most Masses and more people are doing this, which is good. To give us more space, the Liturgy Committee has asked that we move the ministers distributing the precious blood away from the sanctuary.

From this weekend. Ministers, please go to the spot with a masking tape cross on the carpet. Please be attentive while we get used to these new arrangements.

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Weekday Mass

9.15am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
7.30am Wed

### Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

### Family Mass

Every Sunday @ 10am  
Includes children’s liturgy

### Youth Mass

Every Sunday @ 5pm

### Edge Youth Group

Fourth Sunday of the month.  
After Mass: 6pm - 7.15pm.  
For Yrs. 6,7&8. \$2 for dinner.

### Seniors Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the month  
at 9.15am.

### Men’s Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month at  
Warnies Café.

### Baptisms

Most Sundays @ 11.30am  
Attendance at Information  
Evening is required

### 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.

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**PPC:** Leanne Hyland, Ann Jackson, Antony Joseph, Michael McCarthy, Bill Mifsud, Paul Moir, Maureen Mulheron and Christine Owen.

## SENIORS NEWS

### **THANK YOU**

The committee would like to thank all the seniors and parishioners for your support over the last 12 months. We have had some very successful events.

We especially thank Ann & Anthony Murphy for opening their home to us for our annual Melbourne Cup event. Also MacKillop College for our two day retreat at the school library.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and Peaceful 2019. See you in February 2019.

*Rita, Judy, Colleen, Marie F, Marie W, Jan and Anne R.*

### **Mass for Expectant Mothers, their Families and Friends**

The Diocese is celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Unborn Children with a Special Blessing for expectant mothers on Wednesday 12th December at 7:30pm at Holy Name Parish, 35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga

For further details phone 83791630 or [steven.buhagiar@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:steven.buhagiar@bbcatholic.org.au)

### **Congratulations**

To Fr John Frauenfelder who celebrates 50 years of priesthood this week.

### **Thank you to our Volunteers**

This Sunday 2 Dec, after 10am Mass, the PPC is hosting a thank you morning tea for all our dedicated volunteers.

*Thank you!*

### **Mass for Adam Zammit**

Mass at 9.15am this Tuesday, 4 December, will be offered for Adam who died recently. All are welcome to attend.

### **Advent Program**

The program 'Saviour' from the Wollongong Diocese is a series of daily reflections for the whole of Advent that can also be done as a group.

Sam French will be running a group for the three Fridays in Advent (7, 14, 21 December) from 10:30am to 11:30am in the church. All welcome.

### **Protect the miracle of motherhood this Christmas**

Buy a Global Gift and help vulnerable mothers before, during and after giving birth. Order online at [caritas.org.au/globalgifts](http://caritas.org.au/globalgifts) or call Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413.

### **Plant Stall**

Last month we raised \$240 for the Parish. Thanks to everyone who has helped. More plants will be on sale next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Return & Earn** This week we raised \$46.00. Thank you!

### **December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on December 8. Many people believe that the feast celebrates Jesus' conception, but in fact it celebrates the fact that Mary was, from the very first moment of her existence (her conception) without sin, and chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.

### **St Ambrose Celebration**

**6th December**  
**St Mary's Church, Toukley.**

Fr Ken and the Ordinariate Community invite you to celebrate their Patron Saint at Mass on Thursday 6 December.

The Mass begins at 7.45 am and will be followed by morning tea.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday 3 December**  
9:15am Mass Fr Ken

**Tuesday 4 December**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Wednesday 5 December**  
7.10 am Morning Prayer  
7:30am Mass Fr Vince  
9.15am Communion Service Joan

**Thursday 6 December**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince  
After Mass - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday 7 December**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Next Weekend 8/9 December**  
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince  
Sat 5pm Mass Fr Vince  
8:00am Mass Fr Carmelo  
10.00am Family Mass Fr Vince  
5pm Youth Mass Fr Vince

### **Social Justice**

#### **Bring Together Christmas Gifts and Social Justice**

We have the opportunity to show compassion to those in need and discover the true meaning of Christmas. *Caritas Global Gifts* can be purchased from as little as \$10 and come with a card for a friend or family member. Take a look at the link and decide if this is for you. <http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

or

Look at the *Act for Peace* web page. It is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which commits international aid and development organisations to good standards of governance, transparency, accountability and effectiveness.

<https://gifts.actforpeace.org.au/>

Christ entered His world to model Love. We are asked to follow Him. Love, and serving all Humankind.

*Margaret Hagan*  
*Social Justice*  
*Committee.*

[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)



Catholic Social Justice

**Please remember our sick:** Guy Nucifora, Elton Gort, Natalie Blood, Pat Crook, Garnet Standing, Dick McCulloch, Alan Lucas, Jan Allen, Stephen Sweeney, Koby Thomas, Bourke, Virginia Cross, Sandra O'Connor, Trinidad Leal.

**Recently Deceased:** Clint Donaldson, Sid Manns, Adam Zammit, Charlie Gatt, Scott Baker, Rose Flack, Kay Richardson, George Richardson, Stanley Redden, Marge & Geoff Daniels, Phil Waldon, Athol Kemp, Carmel Borg, Domonic Galea, John Mason.

**Mass Intentions:** Christopher Dormer, John Dormer, Emma Campbell, Guy Breuer, Harry Grech, Frank Casson, Angelo, Mary, Louis and Peter Speteri, Mary and Nicholas Gatt, Victor and Joan, Ben Hawdon, Phillip Gatt, Peter Walsh, Kathleen Nolan, Eileen Thorpe, Coralie Rasmussen.

