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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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2 JANUARY 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3; 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Response:

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Reflection

We begin a new year... and as we do, the Church invites us to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the feast of Manifestation. The Good News that was quietly proclaimed in a cave on the hillside of Bethlehem is now revealed to the world in the persons of three astrologers - the three kings or wise men from the East.

This feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of the Incarnation to the whole universe. It embraces the fuller dimensions of the role of the Word-made-flesh: His coming to bring the nations together in peace, His coming to reveal the Father, His coming to change almost miraculously the quality of life for all people.

Epiphany, then, surrounds the birth of Jesus with signs and symbols of His mission to be the universal Messiah: the star, the wise men and the gifts laid at His feet - frankincense to acknowledge Him as God, myrrh to pay tribute to his humanity, and gold to acclaim him as king.

Each day of this New Year will give us an opportunity to celebrate life, to share love, to enkindle hope. It will provide new occasions for service to others, for compassion and understanding, for listening and learning.

Each day will bring a challenge to each of us - to take what we have experienced, what we have been given... and to consciously work to complete His mission: to re-create the face of the earth into a world where all human life is always defended, where the poor and outcast are made welcome, where those held bound by sickness, disease or hatred are set free, and where all can come to know God's all-embracing love.

Thank you

Our Christmas celebrations were filled with joyful spirit. Thank you to everyone who made this holy occasion so special. We thank all who cleaned and prepared the church so beautifully; servers and readers; musicians; those who prepared the data projections; COVID marshalls.

Parish Office

The office will not have regular hours between Christmas and New Year. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Philip can be reached on the parish mobile (0423 279 263).

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

Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:
Share with somebody how the parish has welcomed you into the church community.

Baptism Information Evening



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 January 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord
8am—Mass Fr Carmelo

Monday 3rd January

Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 5th January
No 7:30am Mass

Thursday 6th January

Friday 7th January

Saturday 8th January

Sunday 9th January
The Baptism of the Lord

We Stand United with Lebanon Caritas Australia - Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Fuel and food prices in Lebanon have skyrocketed since 2019, leaving the population struggling to pay for basic essentials like groceries, electricity, healthcare and education.

Give now to help Lebanese families with healthcare, education support and cash grants.

We stand United with Lebanon and are accepting donations now. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

All donations made through Caritas Australia are tax deductible.



School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

Summer Nights, Youth Retreat –

12-15 January 2022

Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. In the picturesque grounds enjoy an outdoor event including friends, fellowship, prayer & worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community.

Dates: 12 – 15 January 2022

Ages: 16-35

Further details:

www.summerschool.org.au/summernights

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

Farewell Mass for Alf Beer

The anointing Mass of 15 January will also be a farewell and thank you to Alf and Margaret who are moving to Kincumber. Alf has donated much of his time to the maintenance of the church. All welcome for a cuppa after Mass

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 been made.

Return and Earn



If you have recycling from your Christmas/New Years celebrations 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.



Coronavirus restrictions from 27 December

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

Face masks are mandatory 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: Chris Cleary, 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,

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



The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and king of your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

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Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit of his holy apostles and prophets and unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea', they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them to exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.