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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*

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**20 DECEMBER 2020, YEAR B**

**Diocese of Broken Bay**  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** 2Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Response:**

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**



**Reflection**

A Dwelling place for God. King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar but a womb of the virgin Mary. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the world.

**If Your Plans Change**

If your plans change and you decide to attend a different Christmas Mass. Please notify the parish office so the bookings can be amended.

**Message from Bishop Anthony**

Sunday obligation: Bishop Anthony has rescinded his previous decree and so we now have the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Christmas and Assumption. The aged, those with health conditions or anxious about the risk of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and honour the Lord's Day the best way open to them.

**Thank you!**

to all the parishioners who generously gave up their time on Saturday to help prepare the Church for the Christmas season.



**COVID Marshals**

The roster for those who volunteered to be **COVID marshals** is at the back of the church. There is a sheet with the check list for "things to do" at Christmas Masses also. Please pick one up to take home and become familiar with. **We do require that the Marshals wear a mask** as it will be difficult to social distance at the Masses. Please arrive 20 minutes early to pick up a badge and organize positioning and thank you for your assistance.

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve**

5pm (fully booked), 8pm, 10pm  
& Midnight

**Christmas Day**

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



*All Masses are held in the church. Limit of 200  
and masks are recommended.*

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** by

writing your name on the relevant Christmas Mass sign in sheets at the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. 8379 1740 or [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Please do not arrive without booking!**

**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 Café.

**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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## Social Justice

### Homelessness

A homelessness and mental health report has just been released with the results of a study carried out by Equity Economics into the housing crisis after the pandemic.

This found that the economic fallout from the coronavirus is expected to result in a 9 per cent increase in homelessness and a 24 per cent increase in families experiencing housing stress in the new year in New South Wales. The adverse effects are anticipated to be worse in this State as we have the highest number of families reliant on two incomes to maintain mortgage payments.

The report found that homelessness in NSW will rise by 19.1 per cent.

Whilst the Federal Government has budgeted for an amount of \$8.4 billion to be paid to support housing and homelessness in 2020-21, and this is welcome news,

Such an investment could boost the economy by \$18.2 billion and create 18,000 jobs per year over the next four years. This will significantly ease the budgetary pressures after the pandemic.

**Are you interested in getting involved in social justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the MacKillop Catholic Church, Warnervale.**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church



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

### BROKEN BAY NEWS

Now available at the back of the church and online at:

[https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_december\\_2020\\_issue\\_208](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_december_2020_issue_208)

### Last Minute Christmas Gifts

There are some lovely Christmas gifts available in the piety stall. If unattended monies can be left in the donations box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

We pray that our personal relationships with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



### Preparing the Way Reconciliation in Advent

We will not have a second rite before Christmas. During Advent Reconciliation is available on **Saturday** from 4 - 4.30pm and on **Tuesday** from 7 - 8pm.



### A Christmas Pilgrimage

Catholic Youth Broken Bay presents "A Christmas Pilgrimage" this advent season! Come along and join us as we virtually walk through Luke and Matthew's Gospel and the Nativity story all the way up to Christmas Day. We begin on 14 December and finish on Christmas Eve.

The links can be found via the Catholic Youth Broken Bay social media links: Catholic Youth Broken Bay Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CYBBAUS> Catholic Youth Broken Bay YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/user/youthinbrokenbay>

### Return and Earn

We raised \$97.70 this week.

**Thank you** for your continued support!



### A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the community of the Church of Broken Bay 2020 – 2021

Booklets and Prayer Cards now available at the back of the church.

### Singing in the Church

**You must wear a mask if you wish to sing in the church.** We are permitted to have a choir who must be 5 metres away from the congregation and each individuals must social distance and face forward under current restrictions.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 21 December**  
9:15am Communion Service

**Tuesday 22 December**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince  
7pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

**Wednesday 23 December**  
7:30am Mass Fr Vince  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince  
5pm Mass Fr Vince  
8pm Mass Fr Vince  
10pm Mass Fr Vince  
Midnight Mass Fr Carmelo

**Friday 25 December Christmas Day**  
8am Mass Fr Ken  
10am Mass Fr Vince  
No evening Mass

**Saturday 26 December**  
4pm Reconciliation Fr Ken  
5pm Mass Fr Ken

**Sunday 27 December**  
8am Mass Fr Carmelo  
10am Mass Fr Vince  
5pm Mass Fr Vince

### Clergy Appointments

Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Vince as the Parish Priest of Terrigal Parish, from 15 January 2021. Fr Philip Thottam MSFS has been appointed to return as Administrator of Warnervale Parish.

### Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **200**.

**All other restrictions continue** for hygiene and social distancing. Please **use hand sanitiser** and **keep 1.5 metres apart** when entering and leaving the church, when queuing for communion and when chatting before and after Mass.

**Masks** are encouraged but essential if singing.

**Sign in sheets for Mass** are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

**Online Mass** is available at the Cathedral from the below link:

**Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am**

**Please remember our sick:** Mike McQueen, Dallas Reichal, Jack Garcia, Brian Torrington, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Finn McConnon.

**Deceased:** Rocky Thomas, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Geoff Hannon, Sue Lauder, Abrahan Maliyekkal, Mr & Mrs Manadan, Mary Mahoney, Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Dean Cowell, Peter Larkin.

**Mass Intentions:** George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin Pantaleon, Temotea Ambair, Elma Capacite.



# Readings at Mass

**First reading**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 1**

**Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 88:2-5, 27,29**

**R For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.' **R**

He will say to me: 'You are my father,  
My God, the rock who saves me'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
For him my covenant shall endure. **R**

**The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith.

This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia !**

**Luke 1:39**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**You will conceive and bear a son.**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and ask herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him a throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the house of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angle left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.