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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*

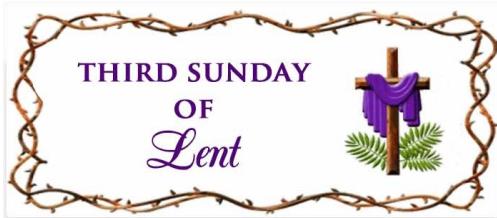
## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 20 MARCH 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15;  
1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9;

**Response:**  
The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Praise to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!** Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
**Praise to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**



During the season of Lent we pray and reflect on the last hours of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Originally begun as a Roman Catholic devotion we call this devotion Stations of the Cross. The 14 devotions or stations focus on specific events of the Passion of Christ and are used as a pilgrimage often on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially Good Friday. At each station we recall, meditate and recite prayers before moving to the next station. The devotion is sometimes referred to as the Way of the Cross or the Via Crucis. The stations are representations of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolising the actual path Jesus was taken on His way to Mount Calvary. This devotion has evolved over time. Tradition holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, set up stone markers at her home outside Jerusalem to prayerfully retrace the steps of her son's Passion, but the origin of the devotion in its present form is not clear. **Vox Populi – the Voice of the People**

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/stations-of-the-cross>

### Preparing the Church for Easter Saturday 9 April at 10:30

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).

### Holy Week timetable



**2nd Rite of Reconciliation** 6 April—6:30pm;

**Palm Sunday** 10 April—5pm (Vigil); 8am; 10am, 5pm Mass

**Holy Thursday** 14 April—7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Super  
**Good Friday** 15 April—10am Way of the Cross; - 3pm Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday** 16 April—7:30pm Easter Vigil and Mass - **Please note** there is NO 5pm Mass.

**Easter Sunday** 17 April—8am, 10am, 5pm Mass

### Parish Pastoral Council

Our PPC members met on Wednesday 16th March and the minutes of the meeting are on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

### BBQ—27 March after 5pm Mass

We will commence our monthly BBQs on the last Sunday of the month after 5pm Mass. The first one will be 27th March after 5pm Mass. Everyone welcome.

### 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 - Sat 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  
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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Cleaning Roster

Due to a shortage of cleaners, we are starting a roster for anyone who wishes to volunteer on a one off or on a more regular basis. The roster will commence on 25th March to 29th July. If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday, please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church.



## Way of the Cross

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

## Mackillop Pray Group

MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Daily Mass at 9:15am

During Lent Fr Philip will celebrate Mass every Monday to Saturday at 9:15am.

## Lenten Resources

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a great Lenten resource called Mercy and Healing Await. [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf)

## Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes will remain available at the back of the church throughout Lent. Donations can be made online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate/>

## Spirituality in the Pub

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**



**The Grange Hotel Function Room  
Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy,  
WYOMING**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month March – October and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November  
**Bistro opens at 5-30pm**

**Theme 2022: "My Spiritual Journey  
in Challenging Times"**

Enquiries: Tony Voller 02 4362 1579

## Social Justice

### Floods and the Housing Crisis

As we know, thousands of families are newly homeless after losing their homes in floods. Only a handful will be able to find rental accommodation in regions that were already facing a housing crisis.

Housing demand from displaced families will make rents in affected regions soar, making it virtually impossible for low and middle income households to afford a home.

Rising rents over the past year have already squeezed more and more people out of the rental market and into homelessness.

### The need for more social housing has never been more urgent.

If Treasurer Josh Frydenberg doesn't take decisive action in the Budget on 29 March to deliver more social housing, the natural disaster will become a social and economic disaster affecting regional communities for years.

New social and affordable housing is also needed around Australia to provide urgently needed homes to reduce rental stress and homelessness.

Everybody's Home is appealing for all of us to email the Treasurer and call on him to invest in social housing and an increase in Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

A few years ago we supported a petition sponsored by the St Vincent de Paul Society calling on Government to do this. Unfortunately the petition was less than successful.

Now the housing situation is even more critical with the impact of the pandemic and floods. It is therefore very important for us to email the Treasurer before the Budget and ask him to increase funding to the States to build more social housing and increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

**If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic  
Church



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

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 21 March**  
9:15am Mass

**Tuesday 22 March**  
9:15am Mass

**Wednesday 23 March**  
7:30am Mass  
9:15am Mass

**Thursday 24 March**  
9:15am Mass  
Lenten Reflection

**Friday 25 March**  
**The Annunciation of the Lord**  
9:15am Mass  
6:30pm—Way of the Cross

**Saturday 26 March**  
9:15am Mass



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## Air Conditioning Donations

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the cost of the air conditioning. If any parishioners would like to make a donation towards this cost to help the parish, it would be gratefully received.

Account details:  
Warnervale Parish,  
BSB 062 784  
A/c number 10000 5628  
Ref: Air Con

## Return and Earn

**This week we raised \$86.40**



Thank you for your continued support! **Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

## Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish), please "like" our page.

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**Please remember our sick:** Joshua Caulfield, Janice, Finn McConnon, Cecelia Henry, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Bridgie King, Michael Wong, Reginald Hamilton, Jennifer Scrrabelotti, Patre Kerney, Hazel Mary Roll, Maria Taype, Patricia Parker, Maria Toronczak, Thomas Antony.

**Mass Intentions:** Angelo & Mary Spiteri, Daminh, Rafael Santos, Mrs. Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos.



# 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

## First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

**This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "the God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall invoke for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8,11

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessing.

**R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

**R.**

The Lord does deeds for justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's son.

**R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for

those who fear him.

**R.**

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## Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.**

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks it is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:17

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

Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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## Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

**Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir, the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.