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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 EASTER 21ST APRIL 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 4:8-12;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Response:

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

PRAYER TO PROTECT OUR CLERGY

In the name of Jesus, we confidently ask Divine protection for our bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

50th Wedding Anniversary

Rita and Tony Dimech extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to join them for a special 8am Mass on Sunday, April 28th, as they celebrate their remarkable 50th Wedding Anniversary. Following the Mass, please stay and join them for a delightful morning tea.

Let's come together as a community to honor and celebrate the enduring love of Rita and Tony.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic. Parent information session **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm**. Classes commence **Sunday 26th May** for 4 weeks. **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June.

School Holidays & Office Hours

During the school holidays, access to the church will be through the top gate. Please note that the site will be locked promptly at 4:00pm on most afternoons. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

The parish office will be unattended on 25th and 26th April. Please phone the parish mobile on 0423 279 263 for any urgent matters. Otherwise please phone or email the parish office on and we will get back to you on Tuesday 30th April.

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, Thurs, Fri & Sat
9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 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 Sat/ 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at The Ary (Ziva),
Main Rd, Toukley

Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
8am at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

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.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

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

**Good Shepherd Sunday,
April 21, OLOR Chatswood
Parish**

Join the Vocations Team, the Broken Bay Seminarians, and residents of Joseph House at Chatswood Parish for a Good Shepherd Sunday celebration. Starting with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by refreshments.

Salesian Thought

A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will which the called person has to serve God in the way and in the places to which Almighty God has called him.

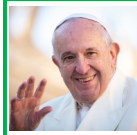
(Letters to Persons in Religion, V, 8)

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

The prayer meetings for **May on 9th and 23rd, Thursday evening at 7pm,** in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 22 April

Tuesday 23 April
St George
St Adalbert

Wednesday 24 April

Thursday 25 April
ANZAC Day

Friday 26 April
St Mark

Saturday 27 April

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$39

Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.



Please remember:

- ◆ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ◆ not crushed or broken;
- ◆ labels must be on the containers;
- ◆ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.
- ◆ Please place glass bottles in crates



Thank you for your continued support!

**Why become a catholic catechist?
From a parent of a family in our parish**

We are a big family in recent day society, having 4 kids is a blessing. As parents, we are called to help them to grow and understand every aspect in their life and knowledge with love and compassion. One aspect is to be aware of the foundation of our faith, faith which leads us to be aware of where they belong. As a Catholic family, we taught our kids to practice their faith and believe and be an integral part of the parish community. Is that a sufficient way to prepare them as a young generation of Catholic messengers?

School becomes a place where they also learn new things. Sometimes, kids are easily taking new skills, knowledge and habits by looking, learning and actively involving themselves in school activities. One of the ways they do this is by attending the religious education sessions. They remember their teachers, a Catholic Catechist, approaches us as a parent, talking about them and even congratulating them on their sacramental journey. They are so proud, they felt that they are not alone to practice and exercise their faith.

So, being a Catholic Catechist, is a calling for everyone to help with the formation of our young generation in faith to be aware that they belong to the church an integral part of the Church which is believing in Jesus Christ, Our Saviour. Being a Catholic Catechist is a call to be a witness of Christ Jesus. It is because you are taking a time out of your life to profess your faith by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Sharing and living your faith commitment is a great example for the young generation, so they do not feel alone. You are called to nurture them to be able to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and be part of the Catholic community.

Please, listen to the voice of your heart whether you are called to be a Catholic Catechist and once again, a Catholic Catechist is an integral part to help us as parents to raise our kids to a sense that they belong to the church, believe in Jesus Christ and aware of what God made them to be.

If it is your way of professing your faith and belief, why should you wait?

Enquiries re the Catechist Ministry please contact Kerrie Deder, 0402815633 kerrie.dedera@bbcatholic.org.au

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Please remember our sick: Christine Nemes, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Hans Hendry, Elizabeth Walker, Jack Gill, Vince Mulheron snr, Anne Firmstone, Rick Walters, Antonio Delotora, Mons Peter Butkus, Adam Laukaitis, Angelja Laukaitis, Anne Bonnici.

Recently Deceased: Phylis Austin, Pat Mcleod, Helen Cohen, Paul Arkley, Rev Angelo Bartolo, Rita Borg, Modesto Romonz Castro, Steve McCallum.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no one that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R.**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Second Reading

St John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord