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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 LENT
22 MARCH 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41;

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd; There is
nothing I shall want

Gospel Acclamation

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of
life.

Response to Coronavirus

The Diocese has issued instructions to the parishes of Broken Bay in a letter from Bishop Anthony which is on the website and on our notice board. It is summarised as follows:

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice. This includes a dispensation from the obligation for us to attend Mass on Sunday.

Baptisms may continue but families are advised to limit participants to immediate family and godparents. Only children from one family are to be baptised at each ceremony. Please contact parish office for more details and to confirm baptism times.

The **Confirmation program** is suspended and will be rescheduled.

Funerals and Weddings may continue but the number in the church must not exceed 100 people.

Reconciliation may be celebrated individually - in the first rite only.

Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated individually with anointing to be on the forehead only.

Arrangements for **Holy Week and Easter** liturgies are being considered.

We are **encouraged to pray**, especially the rosary and **the church will remain open** for prayer and personal devotion.

From Fr Vince

We are certainly living in unusual times! Who would have thought we would ever be cancelling Sunday Masses?

How can we understand this? We are being asked to let go of something that is important to us – our liturgical assembly – for the good of others, especially the most vulnerable in our society. We are the Body of Christ and when one part of the body is in need, the other parts must attend to it (1 Cor 12:26). This self-sacrificing love is what the Eucharist is truly about.

Although we are not gathering as a community for Mass, we can still pray. The church will be open for private prayer at the times we would normally have had Mass. Most importantly, we can pray at home and use this as a time to grow our personal prayer life and our relationship with Jesus. At the back of the bulletin is a resource with links to the daily readings, Mass online and ideas about making a spiritual communion.

We will continue to provide resources, in the church and on our website. If you would like to have these emailed to you, please write your email address on the list at the back of the church or email it to warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish on 8379 1741 or 0498 036 713.

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

9.15am Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30am Wed

Communion Service

9.15am Mon, Wed

Reconciliation

Saturday 4pm - 4.30pm

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

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.

**Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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Return and Earn

This week we raised \$28.90

Thanks to those who have been depositing the cans and bottles themselves and giving the parish the vouchers. It makes it easier for the volunteers.



Cans and bottles must state 10c refund! THANK YOU!

Planned Giving Envelopes

from April 2020 to March 2021 are available at the back of the church.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION MARCH

Catholics in China



We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Parish Finance Committee

We are looking for new members of the P.F.C which advises the Parish Priest on financial matters for the Parish.

The focus for the next year will be fundraising.

If you have some experience in finance and especially fundraising, please speak with Fr Vince or write a short paragraph about your experience and email to Fr Vince (vince.casey@bbccatholic.org.au) before 31st March.

MacKillop Luncheon

The parish luncheon held on the first Thursday of each month is cancelled until further notice due to restrictions on large groups imposed by the RSL club.

Confirmation preparation and celebration has been cancelled

Information & Enrolment Sessions that were to be held this Tuesday and Thursday and the classes that were to begin next Sunday have been cancelled.

Social Justice

Social Justice and COVID-19

What can we do about the Corona virus?

First of all we must all comply with the expert advice on how to avoid infection. Then we realise all the consequential social, legal, and financial complications - bankruptcy, unemployment, even more poverty and homelessness, and the social unrest as a result of the deprivation to be suffered by many in our community.

Many will suffer loss, including self-funded retirees, and it is ironic that those of us on fixed incomes, like aged pensioners, who avoid infection will be very fortunate indeed, for we will be able to continue to maintain our standard of living.

Many of us can't afford to give money; we can't risk visitations or providing personal services to those affected; but we do have a telephone; we do have our email and we have Facebook to maintain contact with those in isolation - we could offer to do small errands for neighbours, collect and deliver medicines and groceries, etc.

We can converse, offer encouragement, and friendship. We may be able to direct them to people who can answer their concerns about health, finance, etc.

We can pray for them, with them, and offer spiritual encouragement. We can drop the Parish Bulletin in their letter box and otherwise keep them abreast of what is happening in the Parish and we should pray to God in thanks for the blessings we have.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



Safeguarding Message



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement

Standard 1 – Committed leadership, governance and culture

Key Elements of Standard 1:

- A commitment to Safeguarding
- Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- Safeguarding Policies
- Code of Conduct

THIS WEEK

The church will be open each day, at the usual time for Mass, for private prayer.

Sat 28 March

Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

Sun 29 March

11:30am Baptism Fr Vince

12:30pm Baptism Fr Vince

1:30pm Baptism Fr Vince

Reconciliation is on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Wyong, Toukley and The Entrance Parishes during Lent. In our parish it is each Saturday from 4pm to 4.30pm.

Churches Together

This ecumenical gathering that was to be celebrated this Wednesday has been cancelled.

We did so for the safety of the congregations who were attending but it is also now banned because more than 100 people would be attending. We will worship together again soon.



Rosary

Come and pray together for our families, friends & country.

Thursday 26 March at 7pm.
At Bill and Dianne Mifsud home,
56 Irving Court Hamlyn Terrace.
Ph 0413454547. All welcome!



Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who have the Coronavirus. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Amen

Please remember our sick: Mrs. Thomas, Bill McGuinness, Koby Thomas Bourke, Shelly Gray, Arthus Baulkin, Peter Brennan, Maureen Mulheron, Charles Gillies, Percy Deguara, Ursula Paul, Josh Luppino, Michael Hunt.

Deceased: Christopher Dormer, Graham Joel, Beverley Coleman, Fr John Barry, Patricia Burns, Margaret Towlers, Johnene Giacomelli, Patricia Channell, George Pantos, Stef Junicic, Fr Denis Callahan.

Mass Intentions: Adam, Thomas, Carmen & Rosemay Flowers, Elena Cajigas, Anya Manuel, Cara Elizabeth De Guzman, Frank Feliciotto, Leah & Jess Carroll, Peter Walsh, Mary & Angelo & Luis Spiteri, Anselmo; Paulita; Enrico; Arturo; Pio Edwin Ambait; Elma Pacite; Cpacite, Pamntaloeon.



Online Mass and other resources

From the Communications Office, Melbourne and adapted for MacKillop Catholic Parish, Warnervale

During these unprecedented times, quite painfully, many Catholics will be unable to attend Mass. No doubt, this will only increase our hunger for Christ. We encourage you to continue your life of prayer and participation in the life of the Church despite this heavy cross. This page seeks to provide guidance to Catholics regarding their participation in Mass during the Coronavirus pandemic.

What is a Dispensation from Mass?

A dispensation from a diocesan bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their Sunday obligation of attending Mass. On 18 March 2020 Bishop Anthony announced the suspension of public liturgies and celebrations of Mass, until further notice, for the health and safety of the community. In light of this, he also announced that all Catholics in the Diocese of Broken Bay are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248).

What should I do if I can't go to Mass?

Since you are unable to be present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we encourage you to participate in other ways such as spending time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on and praying with the Scriptures (particularly the Mass readings), making a Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, making a spiritual communion (see below) and participating in Mass online (see more below). Further information about opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and times of private prayer will follow. The church will remain open at the times when we would normally celebrate Mass.

What is a spiritual communion and how do I make one?

Catholics have long been encouraged to partake in the practice of making a “spiritual communion” if they are unable to receive the Eucharist for a particular reason (for instance – being homebound). Simply put, it is coming before God in prayer – expressing our deep desire to be united to Him despite the fact that we are unable to be united to Him in receiving the Eucharist.

This spiritual communion can be made in various ways. One common way of doing so involves spending a dedicated time of prayer and reflection on the Mass readings. The daily Mass readings can be viewed at

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/daily-readings>

Another popular way is by reciting the prayer written by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

How can I participate in Mass online?

Despite our current limitations, we can still participate in the celebration of Mass online thanks to modern technology. Many dioceses around the world provide online streaming of Masses. Below are some links to online Masses. We also encourage you to think about how you might help those homebound and less tech-savvy to be able to access Mass online during this time.

1. St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand.

Watch here: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

2. Pope Francis' daily Mass

Pope Francis' daily Masses are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks.

Watch here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

3. Mass for You at Home

This program has been allowing the faithful – particularly those with mobility problems – to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. It is also the fourth-longest running television show in Australia.

Watch here: <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

4. Bishop Robert Barron

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire – Bishop Robert Barron has been using new media to evangelise for over a decade. On his website or YouTube channel, viewers can find daily Mass alongside hours of intelligent and thought-provoking content on topics relevant to the faith.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcMjLgeWNwqL2LBGS-iPb1A> or <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>