

# 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 ADVENT YEAR C, 23 DECEMBER 2018 **Diocese of Broken Bay**Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Micah 5:1-4; Herb 10:5-10;

Lk 1:39-44

### Response:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

#### Alleluia Alleluia!

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

#### Alleluia!



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we pray for faith that opens our lives to the Holy Spirit.

### A Very Happy and Blessed

**Christmas** to everyone who will be away over Christmas. May God protect you in your travels and may the blessings of Christmas enrich your family.

### **School Holidays**

We ask you to be attentive to security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009) if you have any security concerns. During the holidays the gates to the Parish/College site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience.



### **Parish Office**

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year and will only be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during January. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your. Fr Vince can be reached on the parish mobile (0498 036 713).

### Thank you

to everyone who assisted us in preparing for Christmas in the parish —cleaning and decorating the church, preparing rosters, preparing and organising liturgies, reading, serving, preparing and leading the music, preparing powerpoint slides, doing the clicker, taking up and counting the collections ...... Thank you to all!

### **Farewell Sam**

This weekend we farewell Sam French who has been with us for the past five weeks. Sam will return to the seminary in early 2019 to continue his studies. Thank you Sam for running the Advent program in the Parish to help us prepare ourselves for the season of Advent. We wish you all the best.

### **Thank You and Farwell**

To all the wonderful parishioners of St. Mary Mackillop, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your welcome, kindness, and hospitality to me. My pastoral placement in this parish has been a most enriching and formative experience because of you. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and I hope to see you again someday. Until then, let us continue to pray for one another. *Sam French*.

### **Sunday Mass**

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

#### **Weekday Mass**

9.15am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am Wed

#### Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

### **Family Mass**

Every Sunday @ 10am Includes children's liturgy

#### **Youth Mass**

Every Sunday @ 5pm

### **Seniors 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.

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Christine Owen.

## SENIORS NEWS

### **THANK YOU**

The committee would like to thank all the seniors and parishioners for your support over the last 12 months. We have had some very successful

We especially thank Ann & Anthony Murphy for opening their home to us for our annual Melbourne Cup event. Also MacKillop College for our two day retreat at the school library.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and Peaceful 2019. See you in February 2019.

Ria, Judy, Colleen, Marie F, Marie W. Jan and Anne R.

#### **SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE**

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that childhood itself has a direct relationship with God. In their openness to God, children communicate that divine love to all whose hearts and minds are open (Karl Rahner)

### St Vincent de Paul **Christmas Appeal**

Vinnies in the Parish thank you for your support of their Christmas Appeal. Donations of food and gifts have been used to create Christmas hampers which have been \$\frac{1}{6}\$ passed onto needy families.



### Return & Earn

This week we raised \$69.90. Thank you



to everyone who continues to support the Parish and brings in bottles and cans for recycling.

Remember us when you are cleaning up! after your Christmas party.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**



That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited

to the conditions of the present time.

### **Plant Stall**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the plant stall in 2018. We have raised \$280 in December for the Parish.

Rita, Ed and Sam would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2019.

### **Funeral**

The funeral Mass for Sandra O'Connor will be held in the parish on Monday 24th December at the 9.15am Mass. All are welcome.

### Wedding

Congratulations to Andrew Kelly (son of Paul and Mary) and Hetti Marriot-Brittain who are being married in the parish on Sunday 30 December.

### **January Masses**

During January we will have a Communion Service, and not Mass, on Mondays and Tuesdays. Any other time that Fr Vince is not available a Communion Service will be led by one of the parishioners will replace the Mass. We will try to advertise these in the bulletin but this may not always be possible. Thank you for your support.

Our pews will be steamed cleaned during January, commencing on Wednesday 9th January. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 24 December** Christmas Eve

9:15am Funeral Mass Fr Vince 5:00pm Children's Mass (Hall) Fr Vince

8:00pm Youth Mass Fr Vince

## **Tuesday 25 December**

Christmas Day 12:00 am Midnight Mass Fr Carmelo 8:00am Morning Mass Fr Ken 10am Family Mass Fr Vince NO EVENING MASS

### Wednesday 26 December

7.10 am Morning Prayer 7:30am Communion Service Marie 9.15am Communion Service Joan

### **Thursday 27 December**

9:15am Communion Service After Mass - Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday 28 December

9:15am Communion Service

Next Weekend 29/30 December Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

Sat 5pm Mass Fr Vince 8:00am Mass Fr Carmelo 10.00am Family Mass Fr Ken 5pm Youth Mass Fr Vince

### **Social Justice**

### Thank You For All Your Support

The Warnervale Social Justice Committee would like to extend their great thanks to you for all the support you have given for the homeless and those facing housing stress in the Central Coast Commu-

Your generosity in listening, sharing with your family and friends, signing petitions and logging onto the council webpage reflected your concern for the needs of our community.

We pray that your Christmas will renew your closeness to Christ in His World.

Margaret Hagan Chairperson Social Justice Committee Warnervale Catholic Church www.marymackillopsocialjustice. wordpress.com

Please remember our sick: Sean Shanks, Betty Dunningham, Koby Bourke, Conchita Claramunt, Guy Nucifora, Elton Gort, Natalie Blood, Pat Crook, Garnet Standing, Dick McCulloch, Alan Lucas, Stephen Sweeney.

Deceased: Sandra O'Connor, Geoff Hannon, John Charlston, Michael McOueen, John McCool, Hugh and Mary Sweeney, Jean Gorman, Hugh & Mary Sweeney, John McCool, Sue Lauder, Peter Larkin, Annette & Frank Creagh, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Pio, Elma, Hermigildo, Romualda, Pantaleon, Temotea, Nives Morlin, Clint Donaldson, Sid Manns, Adam Zammit, Charlie Gatt.

Mass Intentions: Annette Creagh, Frank Creagh, Helen Pantazopoulos, George Pantos, Peter Walsh, Muclat family, Christopher Dormer, Ettup & Mary Uttup, Cheviyan & Mary Aphvem, Varghese Matthew, Emma Campbell.