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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 FEBRUARY 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Response:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Preparing for Lent



Ash Wednesday is on 26th February. This is the beginning of Lent.

The liturgical timetable for the Parish is
7:30am Mass with distribution of ashes
9:15am Mass with distribution of ashes
10:15am School Mass with ashes in Hall
7:30pm Mass with distribution of ashes

Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** (two small meals, one main meal, no snacks) for those 18 to 60 years of age and **abstinence** (from eating meat) for those over 14 years of age.

Live Lent

Make the most of your Lenten journey. It is a time of repentance, turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance. Commit to your faith and choose to 'live' Lent. Get inspired, explore the Bible, reflect on prayers and take action. Don't just observe Lent, live it!

Lenten Listening is the name of this year's Lenten resource from the Diocese. It reflects on the six Plenary Council themes in conjunction with the Lenten Scripture texts. It is available online at: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/plenary-council/our-resources>

Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday evenings at Wyong, Toukley and The Entrance during Lent. In our parish it is each Saturday from 4pm to 4.30pm; and the Second Rite will be on Thursday 2nd April at 7pm. **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Friday 13 and 27 March.

Project Compassion

This year we are asked to consider how, as global neighbours, we can "go further together". Be generous for we share the same genesis—our common humanity obliges us to share in what we can.

Envelopes and boxes will be available at the back of the church from this weekend.

Catechist Sunday

This Sunday we acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry in our public schools. Our parish has catechists in Warnervale and Woongarra primary schools. We also care for Gorokan and Jilliby.

Our catechists hand on the Gospel message and form the young in the ways of faith. Please speak with a catechist if you would like to know more about their ministry.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide your heart and lips, so that you may remain constant in loving and praising God. May you be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of God's truth. Amen.



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

If possible, leave bottles and cans in the white bags and crates at the back of the church. It makes less work for those who are running this fundraiser.



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

How we, as Catholics, should read the bible Monday 10am and again at 7pm in the church

This week's topic: Is the Bible Immoral?' We deal with two issues: Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22) and the practice of 'herem' (Dt 20:16). It would be good to read these passages before the lesson and to bring a bible with you.

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Sts Louis & Zelig Martin will visit Gosford Parish on 8 March

And
**OLoR Church, The Entrance
8pm Sunday 8 March to
5pm Monday 9 March 2020**

The program at The Entrance and some information about these saints and relics are at the back of the church.

Ministers' Meetings

We will be having meetings for the key liturgical ministries in the parish.

Seniors Servers on Sunday 8 March at 3.30pm in the church; **Lectors** on Tuesday March at 7pm in the church. Your attendance is important for the ministry.

Please confirm that you will be attending with Ann Jackson (0418 683 231) or Terry Pate pate.terry@gmail.com

If you would like to begin in one of these ministries, please contact Murray Swanston mpjs@bigpond.net.au



Ministries

Social Justice

Food for Thought

Refugees - This week the Sydney Morning Herald reported that nearly 50,000 asylum seekers who had arrived in Australia by plane and whose refugee status had been rejected still remained in Australia and living in the community.

It is ironic to consider that of the 4177 desperate boat people sent to Nauru and Manus Island between 2012 and 2019, some kept in detention for 6 years or more, and some of whom still remain there in limbo, at least 68% were found to be genuine refugees, according to official records.

Changes to Newstart Allowance - From March 2020 there are to be changes to Newstart. The name will be changed to Jobseeker Payment. Regrettably that is the only change. There will be no increase for those struggling to live on the Jobseeker Payment.

Natural Disasters - It has been wonderful to see the response by the general public to the appeals for the RFS and those suffering from the devastating bushfires and floods. The comfort to see ordinary working class Australians making such substantial donations in times of crisis gives hope that empathy for our fellow Australians, and preparedness to assist those less fortunate than themselves, is still alive and well in this country.

Next meeting in the Church 2pm 17 March 2020 All welcome



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

Women at the Well is a new group that has been established in our area.

The theme for 2020 is transitions and transformations. Their first retreat will be held at Kincumber Friday 6th March 4pm - Sunday 8th March 3pm for women to rest, reflect, release and reconnect. The cost is \$340 but there is full sponsorship available.

Contact tricia@womenofthewell.com.au or speak with Fr Vince for more details.

THIS WEEK

Monday 24 Feb
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 25 February
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 26 February
Ash Wednesday
7:30am Mass
9:15am Mass Fr Carmelo
10:00am Mass-School Hall
7:30pm Mass

Thursday 27 February
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 28 February
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Next Weekend 29 Feb/1 March
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr John F
5pm Mass Fr John F
8:00am Mass Fr Vince
10:00am Mass Fr Vince
11:30am Baptism Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24 February
Bible Study 10am & 7pm in the Church
How we, as Catholics, should read the bible continues

Wednesday 26 February
Ash Wednesday

Thursday 27 February
Rosary, Mifsud home

Sun 8, Mon 9 March
Relics at The Entrance Parish

Tues 24, Thurs 26 March
Confirmation Information Sessions

Wednesday 25 March
Churches Together 7pm

Sunday 29 March
First of four Sunday Confirmation Preparation classes

Sunday 24 May
The Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Anthony 10am and 1pm

Rosary

Come and pray together for our families and friends.
Thursday 27 February at 7pm.
At Bill and Dianne Mifsud home, 56 Irving Court Hamlyn Terrace. Ph 0413454547. All welcome!



Please remember our sick: Arthur Baulkin, Peter Brennan, Maureen Mulheron, Charles Gillies, Percy Deguara, Ursula Paul, Josh Luppino, Michael Hunt, Pat Howe, Mervyn Ridder, Pat Hurley, Neil Seabrook, Teddy Watkins, Denis Evans.

Deceased: Beverley Coleman, Fr John Barry, Patricia Burns, Margaret Towlers, Johnene Giacomelli, Patricia Channell, George Pantos, Stef Junicic, Fr Denis Callahan, Leonard John Lester, Lorna Gray, Diane Yannonpolo, Connie and George Drover.

Mass Intentions: Peter Walsh, Mary & Angelo & Luis Spiteri, Anselmo; Paulita; Enrico; Arturo; Pio Edwin Ambait; Elma Cpacite; Pamntaloeon; Temotea Ambait; Hermigildo; Romualda.

