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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

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 AUGUST 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 22:19-23;  
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**Response:**

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake  
the work of your hands.

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build  
my Church, the gates of hell will not hold  
out against it

**Alleluia!**

### Personal Message from Vince

My mum died on Wednesday morning,  
just 13 days after she was diagnosed with  
lung cancer. During her time in hospital  
she was relatively pain free, but problems  
with coughing and breathing in her final  
hours required her to be sedated.

The funeral will be celebrated at North  
Rocks on Tuesday morning. With COVID  
-19 numbers are limited, but it will be live  
streamed. The link will be sent out to all  
those on the McKillop Online mail-out.

I always admired my mum but in these last  
few days I saw her profound  
holiness and generosity to  
give each of her children,  
grandchildren and friends all  
they needed to say good-bye.  
Please continue to pray for  
her and for my family. Vince



### Message from Bishop Anthony

The Gospel, which is the Good News of  
Jesus Christ, is not just there to be  
proclaimed, although that is an important  
action. A more important and even more  
difficult action is integrating the Gospel  
into the fibre of our very lives. For the full  
message click [here](#)

### Congratulations

to Fr Vince who  
celebrated 38 years since  
his ordination last Friday.



### Sign in Sheets

For **weekday** Masses/Communion  
Services the sign in sheets will be on the  
two clipboards in the breezeway.

For **weekend** Masses the sign in sheets  
will be in the **four folders**.

The Mass sheets for each Mass will be in  
the folders or clipboards (you may need to  
change the page if it hasn't already been  
done). Please ensure you are signing in for  
the Mass you are attending.

The sign in sheet for quiet prayer will  
remain on the table at the back of the  
church. Please ensure the date is recorded  
when you sign in. Thank you.

### The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage

This virtual pilgrimage begins on 8  
September, the birthday of Mary, and  
concludes on 7 October, the Feast of the  
Holy Rosary.

A Biblical Journey through the Life of  
Christ with His Mother, will include over  
20 Australian and international speakers  
offering video presentations over 4 weeks,  
including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn,  
Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri. Go to:

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/> to register.



### Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,  
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 9.15am  
Wed 7.30am

### Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

### 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

Sunday 11.30am Contact the  
Parish Office for details.

### 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

Thank you for your continued support!

**Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

Please place glass in the crates.



**Cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo! THANK YOU!**

## Social Justice Wizards and Prophets

Recent articles on *Laudato Si*, are sourced from EarthBeat, an activity of the National Catholic Reporter, U.S.A. Pope Francis talks about the tension between technological progress and human responsibility including the work of conscience. This has been described by one writer as the tension between wizards, who promote technological progress, and prophets, who are the voice of humanity's conscience. Within the conversation on environmental protection this tension is always present.

Pope Francis, says that we have to seek a balance between the two forces of technology and human flourishing, to "recover the values and the great goals swept away by our unrestrained delusions of grandeur". (#114).

Such a dilemma is presented by the use of nuclear power as a source of clean energy for the world. Whilst this is technological progress it cannot be adopted universally without necessary safeguards to protect humanity.

**Our next meeting is on 15 September at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.**



Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church

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

## Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service has been **reduced to 100**.

**All other restrictions continue**, as in past weeks.

Please consider **wearing a mask** when visiting the church.

Click [here](#) for the letter from the Vicar General and [here](#) for the latest fact sheet from the Diocese.

## The Sacraments

This course will continue on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 at 10am and again at 7pm in the church.

This third session concerns the Eucharist, arguably the most important of the seven sacraments. The Vatican described it as 'the source and summit of our faith observance'.

Please bring a pencil and paper as time will be available at the end for questions and discussion.

You are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions contact Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

## Wearing masks

The Premier and Chief medical officer have made a strong recommendation that we wear masks when attending places of worship. Please consider doing this when coming to the church to keep us all safe.

## Plenary Council Dates

The Plenary Council has now been rescheduled to October 2021 and April 2022. The two assemblies for the Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from 3-10 October 2021, and in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022.

The full media release is [available here](#).



## National Webinar: Knowing the Community Whom we are Called to Serve

How well do we know the people who come to Mass? How well do we know those beyond the worshipping community? In our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are called to engage with the hopes and struggles of those in our local context.

Hosted on the Zoom platform all clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees and other parish leaders are encouraged to attend.

Date: Tuesday 25 August 2020

Time: 11am – 12pm

Register at [https://bit.ly/nationalwebinar\\_reg](https://bit.ly/nationalwebinar_reg)



## THIS WEEK

### Monday 24 Aug St Bartholomew

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Tuesday 25 Aug

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Wednesday 26 August

7:30am Mass / Communion Service

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Thursday 27 Aug

#### St Monica

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Friday 28 August

#### St Augustine

9:15am Mass / Communion Service

### Saturday 29 August

#### Passion of St John the Baptist

4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

### Sunday 30 August

8am Mass

10am Mass

11:30am Baptism

5pm Mass

## First Communion 2020

First Communion will be **celebrated** for those in Year 4 or older who have made their first Reconciliation in November this year.

**Enrolment forms** will be available through the College and the Parish Office before the end of Term 3.

**Classes** will begin at MacKillop in Term 4, with Sr Ji Ji teaching special classes to the Year 4 students. She will also run classes on two Sunday mornings in October for students at MacKillop who are not in Year 4 or who attend other schools. These dates and times are yet to be arranged. Much of the preparation may have to be done at home, with parents.

First Communion will be celebrated at **special Masses** at 2pm on Saturday Nov 7th and Sunday Nov 8th; and then at 2pm on the following weekend, Saturday Nov 14th and Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. There will need to be a limit of guests for each child (possibly four people). Those who want to have more guests will need to arrange a weekday Mass (9.15am Monday to Friday; also 7.30am on Wednesday) with Fr Vince.

**Please remember our sick:** Terry Hardman, Mary Anne Larkin, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker, Anna Savia, Helen Elliot, Peter Dormer, Sheila Lyons, Charlie Radford, Ray Slucher, Jimmy Casey, Jim Swanson.

**Deceased:** Maureen Casey (Fr Vince's Mum), Margot Beckett, Fred Butterfield, Darrell Travis, Dorothy McGinlay (Karen's mother), Graham Moulder, Brian Shanks, Mary Kelly, Anne Bonnici, Amanda Perriotte, Don Chapman, Therese Hardman, Paulo, Maureen Hassan, George and Annie Vassallo.

**Mass Intentions:** George Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh, Rosemary and Noel Flowers, Sedicol, Medina, & Nacua families.



# Readings at Mass

## First reading

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you,  
I will adore before your holy temple **R**.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul **R**.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands **R**.

**Second reading****Romans 11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!****Matthew 16:18**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church  
The gates of hell will not hold out against it.

**Alleluia!****Gospel****Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.