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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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY, 23RD MAY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25  
Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

**Response:**

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**



**Reflection**

The event of Pentecost marks the beginning of the time of the Church. We, as the Church, proclaim Christ's message in every language and witness to the presence of the spirit by manifesting the Spirit's gifts especially the gift of love.

It is good to reflect on the Spirit's presence in our own lives. Through the grace of our Baptism and sealed more completely at our Confirmation, we too are commissioned to carry out this same evangelistic mission as Christ's Disciples with the confidence that the Holy Spirit will truly guide and strengthen us for the journey. The great Franciscan Theologian and Doctor of the Church, St. Bonaventure, says that "*The Holy Spirit comes where He is loved, where He is invited, where He is expected.*" Though God has given us this great gift through the Sacraments, He does not force us to use it, rather He waits patiently for us to invite Him into any situation, big or small, and rushes in with great excitement at the mere appeal, "*come Holy Spirit.*"

**Tell the Good News**

By our very Baptism we are called to proclaim "Christ is Lord." The celebration of the solemnity of Pentecost is a reminder for everyone of us to participate in this mission. Our parish is committed to this mission of telling the world around us the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let us welcome the Holy Spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us by our word and example.

**New Statues In The Church**

Thank you to Karen Pantos for the donation from her late uncle, Frank Walsh of the two statues: Mary with Jesus and Joseph with Jesus which stand on either side of our church.

We also thank John Bonici for crafting and donating the lovely pedestals on which the statues are placed.

**Final Mass Count**

This weekend is the final of the Diocesan Annual Mass Census. We are required to gather the "age range" of those attending each Mass. After communion Fr Philip will ask each age range to stand so the counters can complete the count. Thank you for your assistance. Also thank you to the counters who have assisted for the census.



**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 at 10am  
Includes Children's Liturgy

**Anointing Mass**

Third Saturday of the Month  
at 9:15am

**Parish Luncheon**

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Doylo

**Men's Breakfast**

Fourth Saturday of the month  
at Warnies Café.

**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

**Thinking of becoming  
a Catholic?**

Please contact Parish staff  
for more information.

**Devotions**

Divine Mercy before Mass  
Rosary after weekday Mass

**Exposition  
of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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**Safeguarding:** Our parish strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours. The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity. If you have any concerns please contact:

Our Safeguarding contact officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## Romans Scripture Study

Join Bob Madafiglio each Wednesday at 10am.

When and how did you first come in contact with the power of the gospel? Paul the Jewish convert, not looking forward to martyrdom himself, he shipped off to the relative safety of Rome and told his story: the story of Jesus - in his letters to the Romans.

For more details call Bob 0451 955 223.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We still have envelopes outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel waiting to be picked up. **The parish will have to deliver these if they are not picked up.** If you no longer wish to give by envelope please contact the parish office. Thank you.

## Social Justice

### More on Coercive Control

Used by a person to dominate and control their partner or family member and can involve surveillance, insults, withholding money and physical violence or threats. "People that feel intimidated, controlled, overpowered, frightened, scared, feel like they're a hostage in their own home," explained Delia Donovan, CEO of Domestic Violence NSW.

Introduced to the NSW parliament by Labor MP Anna Watson, a private member's bill to make coercive control and offence under the Crimes Act. It's named "Preethi's Law" in honour of [32-year-old dentist Preethi Reddy, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend in March 2019.](#)

More needs to be done to resource the domestic violence sector and any reform involves thorough consultations with victim-survivors and advocates.

Please pray for all working to fix the Domestic Violence issue and help by writing/emailing our local MPs regarding the need to resource this sector before more lives are lost.



Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## First Holy Communion

Our parish will celebrate first eucharist on 12 September for all children in year 4 or older. Details of preparation will be available in the coming weeks.

The children **must have had made their first Reconciliation** to be able to make their first Communion. Direct any questions to the parish office 8379 1740.

## Tap N Go

Thank you to all our parishioners utilising the tap n go device near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Just a reminder that you need to place your credit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has been made.



The July Y-Factor Camp registrations are open! Y-Factor is a youth camp run in the school holidays for young people in Years 7-12 and this year's theme is 'Made for More'. The camp is so big that this is the SECOND time it's being run this year, with the first being sold out. Come along for 4 days jam-packed with fun, sports, times for prayer, music, dramas, testimonies, workshops and talks with dynamic speakers, small group discussions and friendship! Don't miss out on an experience of a lifetime!

When: 5 - 8 July, 2021  
Where: Benedict XVI, Grose Vale (a charter bus will leave from Hornsby Cathedral)

Registrations (Note: registrations for BROKEN BAY participants close on 12 June):  
<https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor2021>



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH & THE FAMILY 2021

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$24.70

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and **must display 10c refund logo for scanning.** Please place glass in the crates provided.

*Thank you for your support!*



## THIS WEEK

**Monday 24 May**  
**Our Lady Help of Christians**  
9:15am Communion Service

**Tuesday 25 May**  
9:15am Mass

**Wednesday 26 May**  
**St Philip Neri**  
7:30am Mass  
9:15am Mass

**Thursday 27 May**  
9:15am Mass

**Friday 28 May**  
9:15am Mass

**Saturday 29 May**  
4pm Reconciliation  
5pm Mass

**Sunday 30 May**  
**Most Holy Trinity Sunday**  
8am Mass  
10am Mass  
5pm Mass



*On your feast day this Monday Holy Mother we pray:*

*O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.*

*We pray for our brothers and sisters in other nations please bring and end to their suffering. Amen*

## Coronavirus restrictions

**QR Code to scan with smart phones** Available on church doors and notice board.

For those without a smart phone **Sign in sheets for Mass** are in the breezeway.

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **264**.

**All other restrictions continue** for hygiene and social distancing. Please **use hand sanitiser** and **keep 1.5 metres apart** when entering and leaving the church, when queuing for communion and when chatting before and after Mass.

**Masks** are not mandatory.

**Please remember our sick:** Finn McConnon, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White, Neville White, Kaysen Jill, Tracey Mulheron, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson.

**Recently Deceased/Anniversary:** Deacon Jim Caulfield, Leah & Jessica Carroll, Richard Murphy, George & Helen Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Fr Kevin Alban O.Carm, Corazon Carreon, Darrin Gallardo, Joy O'Leary, Belinda Clements, Angela & Adam Laukaitis.

**Mass Intentions:** Sr Fran Nolan Sgs, Angelija Lankaites, Charity Macapagal, Maria Edwards, Kevin & Dona San Pedro, Edric Alejo, Gavin Lowing, Marie Dunphy, Sr Josie Mabini OSA, Andrew Hood.

