

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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 24 FEBRUARY 2019

Diocese of Broken BayAncestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-

23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;

Lk 6:27-38

Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Alleluia Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Confirmation Enrolment this week

Confirmation information sessions for parents and enrolment of children are on

this Tuesday 26th February at 7pm or Thursday 28 February at 2pm in the Church.

Preparation classes start next Sunday 3rd

March at 10am Mass for 4 weeks. Sunday 10th March, 17th March, 24th March. The sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday 30th March at 10am or 12 noon.

Reflection

The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.



Funeral

A funeral service was held in the Church on Friday 22nd February to celebrate the life of Gavin Driscoll. May he rest in peace.

Preparing for Lent



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 6 March. This is the beginning of Lent.

The liturgical timetable for the Parish is 7:30am Mass with distribution of ashes 9:15am Communion Service with ashes 10am College Mass in hall, with ashes 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.

Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes for Project Compassion will be available next week.

The Light is ON for you

Experience God's light and peace in your life again this Lent. The Light is On in the church each Friday evening through Lent for prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More next week

Discerning the Way of Jesus

is a *lectio divina* Lenten program prepared by the Diocese. It can be done on your own or in a small group. <u>Books are available at the door of the church.</u>

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

We had a lovely time for our first luncheon at Doyalson RSL on 7 February and it was good to welcome some new faces. Our next luncheon will be held at the same venue from 12 noon on Thursday 7 March. Come along and bring a friend, the cuisine is delicious.

Our healing Mass and morning tea was also very successful with plenty of laughs with a cake to celebrate four birthdays between January & February. The next healing Mass will be held on Saturday 16 March.

Calendars have been printed highlighting our activities for 2019

Did you notice our friendly "Coffee Courtyard" at the church for the use of all parishioners. Keep watching as we intend some further touches over time.

Another diary note to keep in mind is Monday 8 April for our Sausage Sizzle at MacKenzie Reserve Budgewoi, for a nominal charge.

Ring Marie Wilde if you need a lift 4397 2935

God Bless, Ria ₩ and Committee

Lenten Program

This year the Lenten program will consist of four sessions spread over the first four weeks of Lent starting on Monday 11th March from 10am to 11am and again from 7pm to 8pm. The program will continue in the three following weeks at the same times. The theme will be the Seven Deadly Sins and their appropriate Virtues. Each session will include a prayer, two short videos and discussion to follow each.

Please register your name on the list in the foyer for either the morning or evening sessions.

Return & Earn

We raised \$55.80 last week! Thank-you to everyone who are supporting the return and earn program.

Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Session 3 of the Bible study group will continue on Wednesday 27th February from 10am to 11.30am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The study will run for 18 weeks in total and will be led by Bob Madafiglio. Its not too late to join. Please call the Parish Office or leave a message on the phone. All welcome.

Catechist Thank-You



Thank-you to the five people who offered to assist our catechists in the state schools as a catechist helper and

to the others who expressed interest.

If anyone else is interested, please speak with Fr Vince or one of our catechists.

Catechist Sunday 3 March



Next Sunday 3 March we are celebrating Catechist Sunday and we will be inviting parishioners to assist our catechists as **prayer partners**.

Walk the Camino Portugués

Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019.

Small group led by Sr Veronica, O.P., (0451 387 906).

https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues

Authentic Christian Manhood

Discovering the true meaning of your role, the way God meant it to be. **Date:** Saturday, 9th March 2019 **Venue:** Our Lady of Dolours Primary

School

Cost: Free! Lunch BBQ provided

RSVP: 3 March 2019

Enquiries: 0401 560 693 or 0439 130 656

THIS WEEK

Monday 25 February

9:15am Communion Service Ursula

Tuesday 26 February 9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 27 February

7.10 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Mass Fr Vince 9:15 am Communion Service Pam & Paul

Thursday 28 February 9:15am Communion Service Murray & Yvette After – Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 1 March 9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Next Weekend 2/3 March Sat 4pm Reconciliation Sat 5pm Mass 8:00am Mass 10.00am Mass Fr Vince

Confirmation #1 5pm Youth Mass Fr Vince 7pm Syro-Malabar Mass Fr Leonse

Social Justice

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - 20th February

"Social Justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, culture and disability."

Lk. 6 Jesus said "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." Extract from Australian Social Justice Council Diary & United Nations Statements.

Margaret Hagan
Chairperson,
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Please remember our sick: Ellen Murral, Zenaida Ambait, Koby Bourke, Margaret Williams, Darlene McMillan, Margaret Williams, Sabbina Wani, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Sean Shanks, Koby Bourke.

Deceased: Gavin Driscol, Conchita Nacua Roberts, Muriel Jackson, Marlie Cartmer, Coralie Rasmussen, Sally Currey, Chris King, Joan Walter, Filippa Vella, Charlie Gatt, Alan Underwood, Helen Young, Fr Alan Hart, David Galea, Steve Tamone.



Mass Intentions: Mary and Anglo Spiteri, Leah and Jessical Carroll, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Pio Edwin, Pantaleono, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Hermigildo, Romualda Giba, Donna Monsuere, Helen Pantazopoulos, George Pantos.