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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

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 24 MARCH 2024, YEAR B

**Readings:** Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil: 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

**Response:**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.



On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Large crowds laying palm branches on the road before Jesus and proclaiming him as king. Here is a man with Charisma, with a stirring message! The contrast between the Prince of Peace and the powers and dominions of his day could not be starker. Also known as Passion Sunday the day highlights the paradox of Christ's kingship. Our palms represent his victory; but a victory that only comes through suffering and self sacrifice.

### Good Friday—Way of the Cross



**On Good Friday (29th March) at 10am** we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church (weather permitting). We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.

### Holy Week Mass Timetable

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation** 27 March - 6:30pm

**Holy Thursday** 28 March - 7:30pm The Lord's Supper

**Good Friday** 29 April - 10am Stations of the Cross ; 3pm Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday.** 30 March - 7:30pm Easter Vigil. There is *no 5pm Mass*

**Easter Sunday** 31 March - 8am; 10am; 5pm Mass.



### Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday envelopes will be at the back of the church for the Holy Land Collection. The envelopes can be placed in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Congratulations

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Community congratulates the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday this week. Then on 7th April they will receive their First Holy Communion and become fully initiated Catholics. With them we congratulate their parents and families. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the catechists who instructed them and walked with them their six week pilgrimage.



Diocese of Broken Bay  
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Darkinjung people

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am  
Includes Children's Liturgy

#### Weekday Mass

Mon—Communion Service  
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am

#### Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month  
after 5pm Mass

#### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass  
Tues 6pm Rosary

#### St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

#### Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month  
at 9:15am

#### Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 pm

#### 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

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues to Sat/ 8am to 9am

#### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

#### Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at  
8am at Warnies Café.

#### Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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**Safeguarding:** When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

## Planned Giving Envelopes

We would like to inform you that the new planned giving envelopes for 2024– 2025 are now available for collection at the back of the Church. The new envelopes commence in April.

Please be aware that there have been some changes in the envelope numbers. This adjustment was necessary due to parishioners transitioning to online donations, prompting us to re-organise the envelope numbering to maintain consecutive sequences.

If you wish to receive envelopes, please take a moment to fill out the form located at the back of the Church. You may then submit it to Fr. Philip directly or place it in one of the collection plates during Mass.

For those who prefer to donate online, we encourage you to visit the parish website, ([www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/donations](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale/donations)) where you can conveniently make your contributions online.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!

ADORATION FROM 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AT 3.00PM (the Hour of great mercy)

“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment!”

Our Lord to St Faustina (Diary 699)  
Enquiries Maureen Mulheron, phone 0417922613



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

### For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm

## Salesian Thought

*Let us a thousand times a day turn our eyes upon this loving will of God and make ours melt into it.*  
(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 8, Chapter 4)

## Catechist Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

We are looking for people who would like to train as Catechists. You would start as an assistant. Full training and all material resources are provided. Below are what our Catechists are teaching the children:

**Lorette Kelty (both Warnervale & Woongarra PS - Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten))** explore the themes of Lent and Easter and how, during Lent we give up some of our favourite things and try harder to be kind and good. Symbols of Easter, such as the bunny and the egg, represent New Life.

**Michael Tebbutt & Amelia Wyn Warnervale PS: Kerrie Dederer & Rocio Romero Woongarra PS - Stage 1A (Year 1 & 2)** how Jesus encourages us to grow and change during Lent. They will also learn about the Last Supper and how it relates to the families and the parish community's celebration of the Eucharist.

**Stage 2A Woongarra PS Kerrie Dederer & Jason Vassallo (Year 3 & 4)** how Jesus continually reached out to help others through his healing and works of forgiveness and that we are asked to do the same through the Lenten practice of prayer, fasting and works of charity. They will recall the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Also at Warnervale PS Kerrie Dederer & Christine Sassine Year 4 and Year 3 Jason Vassallo.

**Paul Kelly & Nadine De Villa Warnervale PS and Maureen Mulheron Woongarra PS Stage 3A (Year 5 & 6)** will further develop their understanding of Lenten practices and be encouraged to apply them to their daily lives. Through the Stations of the Cross, students will study key Gospel accounts of incidents during Jesus' passion and death. They will also reflect on the hope that Jesus' resurrection offers all believers.

Among other classes we are still short a Catechist for the following class:

**Woongarra School - Years 3 and 4 combined**  
Thursdays at 12.00pm to 12.30pm.

## SAINTS DAYS

**Monday 25 March**

**Tuesday 26 March**

**Wednesday 27 March**

**Thursday 28 March**

Thursday of the Lords Supper

**Friday 29 March**

Passion of the Lord

**Saturday 30 March**

Holy Saturday

**Sunday 31 March**

Sunday of the Resurrection

## Return and Earn

This week we raised \$34.10



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

### Please remember;

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



**Thank you for your continued support!**

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**Please remember our sick:** Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

**Anniversaries:** Anne Bonnici, Maria, Jaison Antony, Jennifer Scarrabelotti, Archibald Crippin, Susan Charleston, John Paul, Sheila Macaully, Noel, Tenggay, Certa Santos, Chiara Wallace, Beryl Moloney.

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Arkley, Rev Angelo Bartolo, Rita Borg, Modesto Romonz Castro, Steve McCallum.



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

## 1st Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?'' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately''. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leavy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosana! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

The word of the Lord

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

**I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to heart, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads,

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend.'

**R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones.

**R.**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

**R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

**R.**

# **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B**

## **Second Reading**

**St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11**

**He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the conditions of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

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Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names

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## **Gospel**

**Mark 14:1-15:47**

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

The Gospel of the Lord.