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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 24 MAY 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Response:

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Alleluia alleluia!

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Alleluia!



‘I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.’ When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew’s Gospel begins with the angel’s words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus’ promise: ‘Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.’ In a special way Emmanuel is with us in his Eucharist for ‘where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.’

Coronavirus Restrictions

The church is now open for private prayer and religious gatherings from 10 am to 6pm Monday to Friday; and Sunday.

Masses are celebrated at 9.15am Monday to Friday and 8am and 9am on Sunday. There is a limit of 10 parishioners who must register prior to the Mass.

Reconciliation is available each day after Mass, at 10am in the church.

Baptisms at 11.30am on Sundays. There is a limit of ten people, plus the priest.

Register to attend Mass

To register to attend a Mass, contact the parish office on Wednesday (8:30am - 4pm), Thursday (8.30am - 2pm) and Friday (8.30am - 2.30pm) on 8379 1740 or warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Wednesday Mass at 7pm

For parishioners who are unable to attend morning Mass we will celebrate Mass at 7pm this Wednesday 27 May. Contact the parish office to register. This Mass will continue if there are enough people wanting to attend.



Mary Help of Christians has been the patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on 24 May. The Australian Bishops entrust Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians, seeking her intercession for the safety of all our people especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic. Join Bishop Anthony and share in the entrustment here.

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, 31 May, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost.



Sunday Mass

8am, 9am

Weekday Mass

9.15am Mon - Fri
7.30pm Wed

Communion Service

~~9.15am Mon, Wed~~

Reconciliation

10am Mon to Fri.

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

11.30am Sundays. 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 continue support of the Return and Earn fundraiser.

This week we raised \$32.10.

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

With the gates locked there is a bin at the gate of the main carpark for your can and bottles.

Please place glass in the crates.

Thank you for ♻️
RECYCLING
Cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo!
THANK YOU!

Parish Office

Restrictions now allow parishioners to drop in to the office for any parish matters from Wednesdays to Fridays. Please ensure you maintain the 1.5 metre distancing requirement.

Connected in Christ

Click [here](#) for this resource from the Diocese for this Sunday and [here](#) to download other relevant resources.

Rosary Month

The month of May is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady and during this month the prayer of the rosary is encouraged.

Tap & Go

We have ordered a *Tap and Go* Machine to arrive by the end of June. It will be placed on the bench as you enter the church for ease of access for those parishioners and visitors who wish to donate but don't carry cash. It needs to be set on a fixed amount which will probably be \$10.

CAN YOU HELP MARY MAC'S PLACE, WOY WOY



is in desperate need of: cheese slices, large tins of tuna, canned soft drinks or juice poppers, eggs, mayonnaise, mixed packets of chips and muesli bars. Please drop items to Mary Macs at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy between 8am and 2pm. If unable to drop them off at Mary Macs please contact Kerrie Deder, 0402815633.

DO NOT LEAVE FOOD ITEMS AT THE CHURCH.

Funerals

being celebrated this week are for Beryl Bennett (a resident of Loreto Gardens) and Eve Ama Davis (16 months old infant from Berowra Heights). Please pray for them and their families.



Social Justice

CORONAVIRUS and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Social services organisations are getting reports that abusers are using the coronavirus-related threats as a form of emotional-physical abuse and there is concern that momentum to reform the sector will be halted by the crisis

Liz Thomas, from *Wayss*, an organization that helps family violence victims in Melbourne, told the ABC she had received six reports in the past week of men using the coronavirus to threaten and coerce women. It is a real form of abuse and added a new dimension we have not experienced before.

Ms Thomas said the number of requests from police for her organisation's services had increased from an average of 120 per week to 209 in the past week.

Please pray for these people who are now more vulnerable than ever, and in a state of fright and heightened anxiety and are having this new threat — that is frightening for us all — used against them as yet another form of emotional-physical abuse

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



Thank you

to all our parishioners who have continued to contribute to the parish through bank transfers, credit cards and dropping off their envelopes. Donations can be made **directly** to the parish bank account.

Warnervale Parish

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Please send an email to warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au with your details if you require a tax receipt.

Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK

Monday—Friday 9:15am Mass.

10am Reconciliation.

10am—6pm Private Prayer

Wednesday 7pm Mass

Sunday 8:00am & 9:00am Mass.

11:30am Baptism.

12.30pm —6pm Private Prayer

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 24 - 31 May 2020

This week we remember our common faith in Jesus Christ and pray for unity with each other through the Holy Spirit.

Our theme is “They showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2), which is taken from the kindness experienced by St Paul when shipwrecked in Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. We recognise that we cannot face the storms of life alone. A boat moves forward when all row together.

We pray that all churches fix their course on Christ, the True Light, and that God will transform the many separations amongst our churches and faiths into harmony and our mistrust into mutual acceptance.

Myths about the Catholic Church

A course on Myths about the Catholic Church starts on Monday 1st June in the church and you're welcome to register.

There are 7 lessons at 10am and repeated at 7pm on successive Mondays. Coronavirus restrictions means that it is limited to 10 people per session. *Topics dealt with include* "science, happiness, women..." and so on.

If the subject doesn't sound too interesting, remember that general principles of our Catholic faith are always covered in one way or another - and that may be of greater interest.

Also, if we want to interact with our children and grandchildren, they hear about the myths and there is an advantage in you knowing how to respond.

If you are interested, please contact Terry Pate on 0408 973 316 to register.

Please remember our sick: Jim Swanson, Anne Bonnici, Mary Anne Larkin, Bill McGuinness, Ursula Paul, Tony Larnach-Jones.

Deceased: Eve Ama Davis (15 months old), Deacon Jim Caulfield, Beryl Bennett (resident of Loreto Gardens), Emilia Corpuz (mother of Deacon Roberto), Noel Gray, Graham Lesha, Pat Clarke, Bev Aliprandi, Marge Hanlon, Fr Pat McAuliffe, Paulette Gardiner, Patricia Howe, Daniel Whelan, Gerard McCulloch, Ken Smith, Joe Younis, Chris Andrews, Joyce Goodway, John Moore.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9, R.v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority is heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated.

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.

And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.