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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

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24 JANUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Johah 3:1-5, 10;  
1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Response:**

Teach me your ways, O Lord

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near: believe the  
Good News!

**Alleluia!**

**FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE  
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.  
MATTHEW 4:19**



### Reflection

THE TIME HAS COME. These are the first recorded words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. In a variety of contexts we have probably used them ourselves when we felt that an important decision could be delayed no longer.

### From Fr Philip

The 24th January is the feast day of St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) the Patron Saint of the missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS).

As a young priest Francis volunteered to go to Chablais, Geneva, France, a place of terrible persecution of Catholics under the Calvinists. His preaching and defence of the catholic faith brought back over 50,000 Calvinist to the catholic faith.

Later on he was appointed Bishop of Geneva. He is noted for his extensive writings and spiritual guidance of souls to God. 'Love of God', 'Introduction to Devout Life' and 'Spiritual Conferences' are his spiritual classics.

The Second Vatican Council adopted his exhortation to the universal call to holiness i.e., people of every walk of life are invited by Christ to live a holy life.

### CFW Appeal This Weekend

The Charitable works supported by the Charitable Works Fund are:

**St Lucy's Primary School  
St Edwards High School**

which educate developmentally delayed children.

**CCD—Catechists**

those who are deaf are supported through the Ephpheta Centre.

The CCD exists to bring the message of God's Kingdom through Special Religious Education to Catholic students in State Government Schools

Envelopes available at the back of the church in several places. Donations are 100% tax deductible. If you want a receipt for a tax deduction fill out your details on the envelope.

Donations can be made online at: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund) or by direct debit:

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish  
BSB: 062-784, A/C: 2138 8001.**

**Add your name and CWF as reference.**

### Counting Rosters

Thank you to all our lovely counters, your time is much appreciated. Rosters are available in folder in the breezeway.



### 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

### 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 at  
9am; Rosary after Mass.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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**AUSTRALIA DAY  
TUESDAY  
26 JANUARY**



Australia Day is a time to reflect, respect and celebrate the Australian spirit and the best of this country. Our nation's story began more than 65,000 years ago. First Nations Australians are the foundation of our nation's story and continue to maintain the world's oldest living culture. We acknowledge the traditional owners of the countries and lands on which Australia Day activities take place. We continue to work towards the best expression of our national day activities, ensuring that every aspect of our day is welcoming, inclusive and representative of the enormous diversity of this great country.

**Social Justice**

**Caring for the whole person-in-community**

In summary, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement said as follows: Suffering from mental ill-health is not a sign of lack of faith or weak will. Jesus himself suffered psychological distress (Luke 22: 44; Matthew 26: 37; Mark 14: 33; John 12: 27).

A holistic approach is often needed because human beings are a unity of body, mind, and spirit, we are persons-in-community. People experiencing mental ill-health need to be accompanied. In so doing we will notice the action of God in their lives and learn what they have, to teach us.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo said that, "Our challenge and our mission is to recognise Jesus Christ in the most vulnerable people in our community of the Church and in society. This time provides us with the opportunity to ensure that they do not slip between the gaps in our works of mercy and in our systems of care".

**You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the Mackillop Church, Warnervale.**



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

**This is who we are:  
One Journey  
With Many Roads**

Catholics are a community. A body made up of many different people, united by a common bond of love. Because of the enduring strength of this bond, and the life-long commitment it implies, one of the best way of describing the Catholic Church is that it is like a family.

In the Catholic Church, members contribute differently through their chosen vocations. Last week we looked at couples, this week some of our teachers:

**Religious**

Religious orders are communities of celibate men or women who undertake a common life and mission. They are inspired by the charism and example of their founder. Many Catholic schools and hospitals have been established and staffed by religious orders.

**Priests and bishops**

The bishops of the Church provide a unique gift of leadership. Together with the priests of their local Church community they undertake a role of empowering the people of God, teaching and leading the community at worship. Ordained to the sacrament of Holy Orders, they embody the presence of Christ, being a focal point of unity for the Church.

**Alpha Training**

We are seeking expressions of interest for the upcoming Alpha Training Day to be held on Saturday, 13 February 2021. Perfect as an introduction or a refresher, Tania Rimac, Alpha NSW Coordinator in a Catholic Context will provide the 'A-Z' on running Alpha in your parish.

Please talk to Fr Philip if you are interest in this training.



**Return and Earn**

This week we raised \$52  
*Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund.*  
*Please place glass in the crates provided*  
*Thank you for your support!*



**THIS WEEK**

**Monday 25 January  
Conversion of St Paul**  
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

**Tuesday 26 January  
Australia Day**  
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

**Wednesday 27 January**  
7:30am Mass Fr Philip  
9:15am Communion Service

**Thursday 28 January  
St Thomas Aquinas**  
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

**Friday 29 January**  
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

**Saturday 30 January**  
4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip  
5pm Mass Fr Philip

**Sunday 31 January**  
8am Mass Fr Philip  
10am Mass Fr Philip  
5pm Mass Fr Philip

**Baptism Preparation Evenings**

With the easing of restrictions we are resuming the Baptism Preparation evenings on the third Tuesday of every month starting 16 February at 7pm in the church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to book in. We would love a couple more helpers for our Baptism team - a very special ministry.



**Coronavirus restrictions**

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **100**.

**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 mandatory.

**Sign in sheets for Mass** are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

**Online Mass** is available at the Cathedral from the below link:  
[Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am](#)

**Please remember our sick:** Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

**Recently Deceased/Anniversary:** Thomas Antony, Cathryn Sharkey, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother), Mike McQueen, Oliver McKenzie, Rocky Thomas, Margaret Pattison, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Tess Hardman, Sue Lauder.



**Mass Intentions:** Ruben Nunez, Dulca Gica, Richard Charleston, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond.

# Readings at Mass

## First reading

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

### **The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Lord of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9**

### **R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

## Second reading

## St Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

### **The world as we know it is passing away.**

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Lord of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

## Mark 1:14-20

### **Repent, and believe the Good News.**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake-for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.