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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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 25TH FEBRUARY 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18;
Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ! From the shining cloud, the
Father's voice is heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise
to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection

Trust in the Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity – if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him.

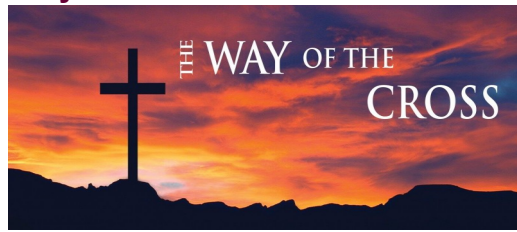
In the **First Reading** we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son. Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined. The **Psalmist** gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted. Like him, we can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord.

In the echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, St Paul challenges us to recall the immensity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son. With Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him. (**Second Reading**) In the **Gospel**,

Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him, without speaking of the wonder they have witnessed on the mountain top.

This week, we pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we, too, might walk in his presence.

Way of the Cross



All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Reflection

Lenten Reflection continue on Wednesday 28th February at 9:30am, after 8:45am Mass. Everyone welcome

National Centre for Pastoral Research—Parish Profile

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have provided a copy of our parish's 2021 census data on our Parish Social Profile. The profile is based on data from the 2021 Australian Census, primarily about the parish's Catholic population. You can view the data at www.ncpr.catholic.org.au.

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



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a baran-gay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Ma-nila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning Sys-tem (ALS) program run by the Faith-ful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Cari-tas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible envi-ronment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it’s not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the back of the Church, by visit-[ing caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every *Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.*

The prayer meetings for *February on 29th, Thursday evening at 7pm*, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Catechists Corner



The catechists would like to thank Rita and her helpers for the lovely morning tea last Sunday. God bless you.

CATECHISTS REQUIRED FOR A NEW SCHOOL WHICH OPENED IN 2022

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP OUT?

Porters Creek Public School is just up the road from here and at the present time we have no SRE teachers going there to teach our Catholic children.

We would like to train people to be catechists so that we can have a team enter this school and spread the Good News and teach the children about Jesus and our Catholic faith.

Please consider being part of our Min-istry so that you can take the love of Jesus and share our Catholic faith to our Catholic children in Porters Creek School.

For more information please contact Kerrie Dederer 0402 815 633 or kerrie.dederer@bbcatholic.org.au



Salesian Thought

Perfection does not lie in not seeing the world, but in not tasting or relishing it.

(Letters to Persons in the World, VI, 52)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 26 February

St Isabel of France

Tuesday 27 February

St Gregory of Narek

Wednesday 28 February

St Hilary, Pope

Thursday 29 February

Friday 1 March

Special Day of Prayer and Penance
St David

Saturday 2 March

St Angela of the Cross

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$101.70



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: Mary and Angelo Spiteri, Thomas Antony, Leo Galea, Rosey Antony, Frank Costa, Joseph Costa, Sam Pisani, Rosalie Crippin, V.C Mani, David Pennings, Catherine O’Keeffe.

Recently Deceased: Gilbert Fischer, Shirley Moon, John Zugajev, Oscar Presnilla, Robert Curry.



Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading

Book of Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son’, God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self—it is the Lord who speaks—because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son. I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
‘I am sorely afflicted.’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name.

R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! he not only died for us—he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man And giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You By following His example of suffering And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.