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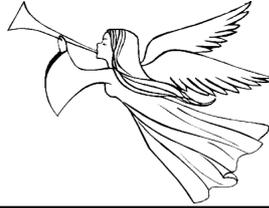
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus,
to grow as his disciples,
using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Darkinjung people

*Mary, you will give birth to a son and
you must name him Jesus.
I bring you news of great joy.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt
among us.*



EVERYONE WHO HEARD IT WAS ASTONISHED. The people who heard the shepherds' testimony were astonished of what they had to say. Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart. May we never take Christmas for granted, but continue to be filled with child-like wonder as we contemplate what God has done for us by becoming one of us.

Christmas Greetings

to all parishioners who have graciously shared the journey of faith together through 2020. May God bless you this Christmas; we hope your family can come together to celebrate; may your celebrations be marked by joy and peace; and may children bring you delight! Thank you to all who have helped the parish in any way this year. Welcome to our visitors. Thanks for celebrating Christmas with us.

Safe Travelling

to everyone who will be away over Christmas. Stay safe and if you are stuck in traffic it's a good time to pray.

Thank you!

to all the parishioners who assisted with marshalling and making our Christmas Masses so special under the COVID 19 restrictions.

Parish Office

The office will not have regular hours between Christmas and New Year. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Vince can be reached on the parish mobile (0498 036 713).

Message from Bishop Anthony

Sunday obligation: Bishop Anthony has rescinded his previous decree and so we now have the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Christmas and Assumption. The aged, those with health conditions or anxious about the risk of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and honour the Lord's Day the best way open to them.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Driving along the Pacific Highway heading towards Chatswood this morning, I saw a sign that said, "Faith does not make things easy, but it does make things possible." I paused for a moment to acknowledge the truth behind this simple statement. [click here](#) to read the full message.



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 @ 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.

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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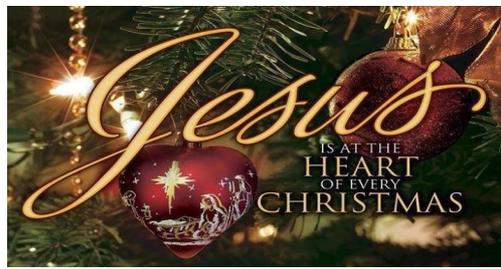
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Last Minute Christmas Gifts

There are some lovely Christmas gifts available in the piety stall. If unattended monies can be left in the church donations box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Christmas Lunch Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of Jesus who came into the world to show us your love.

Bless our food, our conversation and company.

May our gathering at this table be filled with your peace

Amen.

The Magi

The shepherds find their place, and the three Wise Men and their camels join them. Traditionally, one of the Wise Men is Asian, one African, and one Caucasian; and their names are Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar.



Social Justice

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice

Come along to our MacKillop Social Justice group and learn what we are passionate about.

In brief, we are trying to publicise and promote the social teaching of the Catholic Church and try to see how it can be put into practice in remedying many of the social problems of our society including homelessness, economic inequality, domestic abuse, ending cruel detention of refugees, and care for our environment.

Volunteering is an important way to start getting involved because it costs nothing but your time and can significantly improve the life of someone affected by the exact injustice

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2pm in the church. Hope to see you there!



MacKillop Social Justice Group wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may Christ's light shine upon you and your families.



Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

We pray that our personal relationships with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Return and Earn

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund. Please place glass in the crates,

Thank you for your continued support!



Jesus Christ, our beginning and end:

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the community of the Church of Broken Bay 2020 – 2021

Booklets and Prayer Cards now available at the back of the church.

BROKEN BAY NEWS

Now available at the back of the church and online at:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_december_2020_is_sue_208

THIS WEEK

Monday 21 December
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Tuesday 22 December
9:15am Communion Service

Wednesday 23 December
7:30am Mass Fr Vince
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Thursday 24 December
Christmas Eve

9:15am Mass Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince
8pm Mass Fr Vince
10pm Mass Fr Vince
Midnight Mass Fr Carmelo

Friday 25 December
Christmas Day

8am Mass Fr Ken
10am Fr Vince
No evening Mass

Saturday 26 December
4pm Reconciliation Fr Ken
5pm Mass Fr Ken

Sunday 27 December
8am Mass Fr Carmelo
10am Mass Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Vince as the Parish Priest of Terrigal Parish, from 15 January 2021. Fr Philip Thottam MSFS has been appointed to return as Administrator of Warnervale Parish

Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **132**.

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 encouraged but essential if singing,

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: Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Finn McConnon.

Deceased: Mike McQueen, Rocky Thomas, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Margaret Pattison, Dorothy McGinlay and family, Sue Lauder, Geoff Hannon, Mary Mahoney, Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Dean Cowell, Peter Larkin, Charlie Gatt, Gerard Paul.

Mass Intentions: George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin Pantaleon, Temotea Ambair, Elma Capacite.

