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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
26 APRIL 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
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Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Pet 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

Response:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Alleluia alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us.
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Reflection

In today's Gospel we meet the risen Jesus, a person who walks with us and talks with us, even in this time of the coronavirus pandemic. Jesus will never abandon us. Since we cannot gather for Mass, let us invite him to eat with us at home. He will continue to bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim our faith in the resurrection.

MacKillop Online

We have begun a mail-out to all the parishioners who have given us their email address. This is a way *we gather as a community of believers* at this unique time. To be included, please sent your address to warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Ordination

Congratulations to Paul Tran Van Duong who was ordained a priest for the Salvatorians last Thursday by Bishop Anthony. Fr Paul has been ministering in the parish of East Gosford and was unable to return home to be ordained due to travel restrictions. Please pray for him.

Anzac Day Mass

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating Mass at the Cathedral to commemorate ANZAC day. We invite you to advertise the Live-stream. At 9:30am **Live-stream: [Hornsby Cathedral Parish YouTube Channel](#)**

Pope Francis

Pope Francis is urging the faithful to use the coronavirus's "time of trial" to prepare for a future where inequalities are abolished and the poorest are no longer left behind. "This is not some ideology ... It is Christianity."

Message from Bishop Anthony

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Click [here](#) for the whole message.

Liturgy of the Hours

We can pray the *Liturgy of the Hours* at home while we cannot gather to pray the Mass This can be done by going to Universalis.com which sets out the prayer in a simple format. Under Liturgy of the Hours choose the time of day you want to pray. If at the beginning it feels like the prayer is too much, you don't have to pray it all; just do what you are comfortable with.

Fifty Days of Easter

is a calendar of simple activities to do from home as we walk through Easter to Pentecost. The resource comes from the CSO and the second part will be available next week. Click here for [50 days of Easter](#)

Connected in Christ

Click [here](#) for this resource from the diocese for this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter. To download other relevant resources, click [here](#).

Sunday Mass

~~Saturday: 5pm~~
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

9.15am Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30am Wed

Communion Service

9.15am Mon, Wed

Reconciliation

By appointment

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 Cafe.

Baptisms

By appointment

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

With the gates locked there is be a bin at the gates of the main carpark for your cans and bottles. Thanks to all who are still bringing their R&E cans and bottles. \$46.90 was raised last week. Please place glass in the crates provided.



Cans and bottles must state 10c refund!

Parish Income

You can contribute directly to the parish account:

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

A/C: 2138 8001

Add your surname & envelope number as reference e.g., Env 21

You can also have a set amount deducted from your credit card each month. Please contact the Parish office on 8379 1740 to make arrangements.

Social Justice

Carolina Gottardo, who is the Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in Australia, recently reminded us, as privileged Australians who are able to self-isolate and practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic that an effectively Christian response to the pandemic should not discriminate on the basis of immigration statutes just as COVID-19 does not discriminate.

If you are a migrant worker in India and relying on income in an informal economy, having to walk a great distance to get to your town or village in a country in complete lockdown you are in an extremely vulnerable situation now.

In Australia many migrants, refugees, or people seeking asylum are not in a better state because Centrelink is not an option at all. So many of the people served by JRS, especially in its Arrupe Centre in western Sydney, are living in continual crisis with loss of work, no income, threats from landlords, the inability to afford basic medicine or access to healthcare, and lack of food. Domestic abuse is common. A Christian response requires our leaders to act on the basis of public health needs rather than migration status.

Social Justice Committee

Warnervale Catholic Church

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



Bequest

Last the week we received a bequest from the estate of **Patricia Howe**. Patricia was a resident in nursing homes in the parish, first at Warnervale Gardens and more recently at Hakea Grove.

Thank you to the parishioners who visited her regularly to take holy communion, pray and talk with her. Remembering us in her will is a wonderful thank-you to you for your ministry of pastoral care.

Please remember Patricia Howe in your prayers

Charitable Works Fund

Thank-you to all who have supported the Charitable Works Fund. Click to watch the [video](#).

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to ensure:

- Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospital.
- to create online resources for students in public schools to receive SRE classes
- St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College still care for students with special needs
- those who are deaf are supported through the Ephpheta Centre.

Donations can be made to the parish bank account.

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CCD Learning from Home

Scripture classes are continuing via a Learning from Home model that has adapted the lessons into a PowerPoint format to be delivered online. Catechists cannot be involved in the delivery of the lessons but can continue to pray for the children and their families.

Thank you Planned Givers

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued to contribute to the parish through bank transfers and credit cards. Please keep your envelopes at home till we are able to gather again for Mass. Any problems or questions contact the parish office on 8379 1740.

THIS WEEK

Baptisms, Reconciliation and funerals Please contact Fr Vince to make an appointment on the parish mobile 0498 036 713

Response to Coronavirus

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Reconciliation may be celebrated individually, by appointment with the priest.

Baptisms may be celebrated, by appointment with the priest, with only the person to be baptised, parents and godparents to be present.

Funerals may be celebrated, with only ten mourners present.

Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated individually, by appointment with the priest.

The (Sydney) Catholic Weekly Digital Edition

The issue for 19 April 2020 can be viewed from the below link.

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who have the Coronavirus. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Amen



Please remember our sick: Noel Gray, Francis (Paddy) Martin (from Opal Glenmere Nursing Home), Beryl O'Leary, Mrs. Thomas, Bill McGuinness, Koby Thomas Bourke, Shelly Gray, Arthus Baulkin, Peter Brennan, Charles Gillies, Percy Deguara, Ursula Paul.

Deceased: Patricia Howe, Daniel Whelan, Geoff van Eden (from Loreto Gardens Nursing Home), Fr Ray Farrell, Irene Adams, Ken Smith, Joe Younis, Chris Andrews, Joyce Goodway, John Moore, Janette Milroy, Martina Madut, Leslie Cross, Joyce Brown, Gaye Northbridge, Mark Grundy, Jennifer Pares.

Mass Intentions: Adam, Thomas, Carmen & Rosemay Flowers, Elena Cajigas, Anya Manuel, Cara Elizabeth De Guzman, Frank Feliciotto, Leah & Jess Carroll, Peter Walsh, Mary & Angelo & Luis Spiteri.



Readings at Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020

First reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Response: *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke

24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’

Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.