



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26TH MARCH 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Response:

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Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5 April at 6.30pm

Palm Sunday (1/2 April): Saturday 5pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am; 10am; 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday (6 April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (7 April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (8 April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (9 April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (8th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



Way of the Cross

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

On Good Friday (7th April) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church. We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.



Preparing the Church for Palm Sunday & Easter

If you can spare an hour to help clean the Church and prepare the palms, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church (please bring your secateurs) on **Saturday 1st April from 10am to approximately 12:30pm.**



1st April. We need long and small palms.

If anyone has any parishioners have *palms to donate towards Palm Sunday*, we would like the palms delivered to the Church by 10am Saturday

Palm Sunday



Next Sunday (2nd April) is Palm Sunday, Fr Philip will bless the palms outside the Church before each Mass. We can then enter the Church with our palms. Hosanna!

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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

Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch



Sunday 7th May everyone is welcome to attend the **Mother's Day Lunch** at Halekulani Bowling Club. Door open at 12noon. Cost is \$40 per person (includes; 2 course lunch, tea, coffee, and live entertainment) tickets to be booked and paid for by 23rd April. Please contact Charlie on 4393 9998 or 0404 194020 or Tony & Rita on 0448 742 591 for more information.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Discernment Retreat for Men

Are you considering a vocation to the Priesthood? Join us at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd for a special retreat from the 24 – 26 of March and take this opportunity to really focus on listening to God. Hear talks from inspiring speakers, spend time in personal prayer, receive the sacraments, spend time in adoration, and get spiritual guidance and Q&A with seminarians. Come and be inspired by the gentle and loving initiative of God and accept the invitation to respond with courage!

Seminary of the Good Shepherd
March 24 – 26, 2023

Retreat for Pre-teens and Teens (17-19 April 2023)

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries Australia invites all pre-teens and teens in school years 5-12 for a personal encounter with Jesus from **17-19 April 2023 at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grosvale, NSW**. The retreat is led by the AFCM School of Evangelisation (UK team) and includes Praise and Worship, Talks, Discussions, Games and Activities, Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass. To register or for more information visit www.afcmaustralia.org.au and click on the events section.

20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations



This weekend there will be special donation / fundraising envelopes available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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 **March will be on Thursday evenings 30th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

Piety Stall Volunteers



We are looking for some volunteers to take on the piety stall ministry. If you would like to take on this ministry please see Fr Philip or the parish office for more information.

THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II'S
MERCY NIGHT
AN ENCOUNTER EVENING
@ ST PATRICK'S CHURCH GOSFORD, SHRINE OF JP II
29th MARCH 7PM

Prepare your heart for Holy Week at the end of this Lenten Season
A number of priests available for 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Contact us at JP.II.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au for more info

Confession | Adoration | Veneration of Relics | Praise & Worship | Prayer | Reflection on JP II

The Shrine of St John Paul II wishes to invite all parishes to Mercy Night on the 29th of March 7pm at St Patrick's Church Gosford. There will be a number of priests available on the night for the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, as well as praise and worship, veneration of the relics of St John Paul II and Adoration. All welcome to join us as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week!

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 27 March
Tuesday 28 March
Wednesday 29 March
Thursday 30 March
Friday 31 March
Saturday 1 April
Sunday 2 April
Palm Sunday

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$54.00



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Salesian Thought

Perseverance is the most desirable gift we can hope for in this life.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 3, Chapter 4)

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Anniversaries: Michael Conneely, Brigie King, Alberta Sedicol, Joseph Job, Mary Gatt, Evelyn Magrit, Frank Feliciotto, Josefa Radina Astraira Nonato, Angelo & Mary Spiteri, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales.

Recently Deceased: Doreen Winning, Emmett McCourt, Josefina Sedicol, Sr Clare Keating (Ireland), Brian Murphy (Ireland), Kenneth Durley, Kenneth Stephen, Susan Melinz, Paul Vasalo.



Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this—it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depth I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wipes his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' One receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to his disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?'

Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the day-time without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas—knowns as the Twin—said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice. 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathizing with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!'

But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening.

Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice. 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The word of the Lord.