



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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 JULY 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: 1Kg 3:5,7-12;
Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Response:
Lord, I love your commands.

Alleluia Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Reflection

We can forget that we possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. The greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.



First Reconciliation

Students in Year 3 and older who have been preparing for this sacrament will receive Reconciliation for the first time, using the first (individual) rite this week. The celebrations will be in the church on the afternoon and evening of Monday 27 July, Tuesday 28 July and Wednesday 29 July. Please pray for these children and their families.



Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service has been **reduced to 100**. **All other restrictions continue**, as in past weeks.

We still need to leave our **names and contact details** when attending the church. Please only write one name on each line as it is also our way of counting how many people are attending. And use all four sheets - one in the corner of each table in the foyer. Please keep social distancing!

Thank you!

Message from Bishop Anthony

This image of ... Magdalene painted in 1594-1595 by the Italian Master, Caravaggio, is worth contemplating as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles. Click [here](#) for the full message



Catechist helpers

We are looking for relief catechists or helpers. If you might be able to assist please speak with Fr Vince. Click [here](#) to see a short recruitment video as part of the *Be There For Me*. Campaign.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Anthony has advised the sacrament of Confirmation will not be celebrated in 2020. More information in the coming weeks.

Guidelines for Parishes

During the week the Congregation for Clergy in the Vatican published guidelines for the world's parishes entitled, *The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church*. Click [here](#) for the 24 page document. Five themes to take-away are available on page 3 and 4 of the bulletin.

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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Return and Earn

We raised \$111.80 last week. Thank you for your continued support!

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.

Please place glass in the crates.



Cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo!

THANK YOU!

Social Justice

Affordable Housing for All

Safe, secure and affordable housing should be a right for all Australians. We hear much about the housing needs of single mothers with children but we hear little about the needs of single men with children.

This group often miss out on allocation of rentals, social and community housing. Temporary housing in boarding houses, hostels and refuges are not suitable places to care and nurture children.

Some family men struggle with financial and health issues, mental health needs as well as homelessness for their family. Volunteers working with these men frequently see their clients missing out on housing with agencies giving priority to women.

As Covid-19 emergency housing supports wind down, as Christians we need to remind our politicians that funding and services are urgently needed for men as well as women in our community.

Please join us and pray for all suffering with homelessness and contact our local politicians to let them know of this urgent need.

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Thank you for advocating on behalf of those in our community in need.



Social Justice Committee

Warnervale Catholic Church

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

The Sacraments

A new course on The Sacraments will commence on Monday 10th August 2020 at 10am and again at 7pm in the church.

There is no need for you to register for this course – just come! Bishop Barron is the presenter. Please bring a pencil and paper as time will be available at the end for questions and discussion.

The first of the six sessions is titled 'Introduction and Baptism'. You are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions contact Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July



Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

MacKillop College

The college leaders for the next twelve months were installed during the week. Congratulation to the **College Captains**: Chloe Benson and Jesse Slattery; and **College Leaders** for Mission: Kahil Miclat and Harrison Sciberras; for Culture: Anita Brown and Aleeta Joseph; and for Wellbeing: Charlie Baresic and Aimee Greenfield.

Congratulations
God bless you

CWF Receipts

Receipts for parishioners who have donated to the Charitable Works Fund are available in the breeze-way of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

If you donated to **Planned Giving** these monies help to keep our parish functioning but are not tax deductible. If you would like a **record of giving**, please contact the parish office. *Thank you!*

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a **free event for registered participants**. Online Program, available from Saturday 15 August 2020. [Registration will be free and will be available from Monday 29th June.](#)

THIS WEEK

Monday 27 July

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Tuesday 28 July

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 29 July

St Martha

7:30am Mass Fr Vince

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Thursday 30 July

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 31 Jul

St Ignatius of Loyola

9.15am Mass

Saturday 1 August

4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

5pm Mass Fr Vince

Sunday 2 August

8am Mass Fr Carmelo

10am Mass Fr Vince

11:30am Baptism

5pm Mass Fr Vince

7pm Syro Malabar Fr Bineesh

Feast of Mary MacKillop

To celebrate our patronal feast day on Saturday 8 August we will be having a parish Mass at 9.15am in the church.



Feast of the Assumption

is on Saturday 15 August and we will be having a parish Mass at 9.15am in the church.



Santa Maria Festival

has been cancelled for 2020 but it will be celebrated on Sunday 15th August 2021.

Catholic Care

CatholicCare launched their Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate campaign in support of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy which is open to anyone who is homeless, needing a helping hand or is lonely.

Over 20,000 meals a year are provided a year to those in need and they rely 100% on community support

Every \$6 donation goes straight to meals and resources to the most vulnerable in our local communities – and every donation is 100% tax-deductible. To provide a meal go to:

www.shoutamateaplate.org.au

Homeless persons week 2-8 August.

Please remember our sick: Charlie Radford, Therese Ann Hardman, Ray Slewcher, Jimmy Casey, Helen Elliot, Peter Dormer, Joanne McSherry, Gaie Stansberry, David Caire, Helen Kennedy (sister of Fr Carmelo), Stacey Pollach, Jim Swanson.

Deceased: Paulo, Maureen Hassan, George and Annie Vassallo, Tony and Doris Attard, John Dormer, Allan Dent, Anne Bonnici, Bernard Okon (Kate Clark's brother), Sean Hardiman, George Stansberry, Frank Walsh.

Mass Intentions: Rosemary and Noel Flowers, Mark and Trish Sedicol, Fatima and Rodney Medina, Joselito Jr and Josef Nacua,



Vatican issues new guidelines for parishes: five things you need to know

by [JD Flynn](#)

The Congregation for Clergy [published new guidelines for the world's parishes](#), which aim to encourage parishes to think of themselves as missionary communities of evangelization. The guidelines do not publish new norms or policies for parish life, but they do encourage Catholics to think prayerfully about what their parishes are, and what they are for. Here are a few themes and takeaways:

1. The parish is mission.

The guidelines offer parishes “a call to go out of themselves, offering instruments for reform, even structural, in a spirit of communion and collaboration, of encounter and closeness, of mercy and solicitude for the proclamation of the Gospel.”

“Since its inception, the Parish is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments,” the document says.

To meet its mission, “a renewed vitality is required that favours the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptised as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a missionary of the Gospel.” Especially in parts of the world where many people do not know or practice the faith, the document encourages parishes to discern how to think of themselves as missionary communities, and how to focus on proclaiming the Gospel to all who will hear.

2. The Eucharist and the poor should be central to parish life.

“The celebration of the Eucharistic mystery is ‘the source and summit of the whole Christian life’ and accordingly, the essential moment for building up the Parish community,” the guidelines instruct.

The Mass should be the centre of parish life, the document says, and the place from which the parish receives its mission. In the Mass, the parish “welcomes the living presence of the Crucified and Risen Lord, receiving the announcement of the entire mystery of salvation.”

And, the document says, the poor should be invited to the heart of parish life. “A ‘sanctuary’ open to all, the Parish, called to reach out to everyone, without exception, should remember that the poor and excluded must always have a privileged place in the heart of the Church,” the document says.

“The Parish community evangelizes and is evangelized by the poor, discovering anew the call to preach the Word in all settings, whilst recalling the ‘supreme law’ of charity, by which we shall all be judged.”

3. Territoriality matters, but can't be a limit.

Most parishes are defined by territory. With few exceptions, a parish is, properly speaking, the communion of the baptized within the limits of a certain territory, which is defined by the bishop. In the West, that concept has mostly been forgotten, Catholics tend to go to Mass at the parish where they feel most welcomed or fed, and despite encouragement from some bishops, many Sunday Mass-goers don't know about parish boundaries.

The guidelines recognize that reality. “Increased mobility and the digital culture have expanded the confines of existence,” the guidelines state, “people are less associated today with a definite and immutable geographical context, and “digital culture has inevitably altered the concept of space, together with people's language and behaviour, especially in younger generations.”

But the document insists that territoriality matters. That “interpersonal relationships risk being dissolved into a virtual world without any commitment or responsibility towards one's neighbour.”

The parish is not a self-selected or self-defined community, but a set of people with obligations to each other, and the guidelines warn against losing that sense.

Because the parish is intended to encourage in neighbours a sense of Christian responsibility for one another, the document is clear that parishes building plans for evangelization and missionary work must take into account “those who actually live within the territory. Every plan must be situated within the lived experience of a community and implanted in it without causing harm, with a necessary phase of prior consultation, and of progressive implementation and verification.”

Still, the guidelines say, a parish's mission doesn't end at its territorial boundaries. In light of a changing world, “any pastoral action that is limited to the territory of the Parish is outdated.”

In short, the guidelines urge Catholics to think of their parishes as a community, with obligations of neighbours to one another, who share a mission to proclaim the Gospel, together, beyond the limits of their own community.

4. Structures are for mission, but bureaucracy kills.

The guidelines emphasize that while the parish needs policies, programs, and structures to fulfill its mission, it must “avoid the risk of falling into an excessive and bureaucratic organisation of events and an offering of services that do not express the dynamic of evangelization.”

To overcome a tendency towards bureaucratization and formalization of the Church’s sacramental and catechetical life “conversion of structures, which the Church must undertake, requires a significant change in mentality and an interior renewal, especially among those entrusted with the responsibility of pastoral leadership.”

The guidelines also urge dioceses to consider developing new structures and roles that can coordinate activity between parishes, especially those in close geographic proximity to each other.

5. Responsibility for the parish mission belongs to everyone, but each has a role to play.

The document emphasizes the co-responsibility of clergy, religious, and laity for the mission of the parish in the world. But the document also emphasizes that each person work for the Kingdom in the role to which he is called by baptism and vocation.

The guidelines emphasize that the parish pastor is entrusted with the full “care of souls” in the parish, a role unique to priests.

The document acknowledges a canonical provision that allows lay people to be entrusted with pastoral care in a parish because of a shortage of priests, but emphasizes that such a situation should be rare, and “a temporary and not a permanent measure,” that can only be used when there is a true lack of priests.

“We are dealing here with an extraordinary form of entrusting pastoral care, due to the impossibility of appointing a Parish Priest or a Parish Administrator, which is not to be confused with the ordinary active cooperation of the lay faithful in assuming their responsibilities.”

“Furthermore, it would be preferable to appoint one or more deacons over consecrated men and women or laypersons for directing this kind of pastoral care,” the guidelines suggest.

The document takes care to urge against the “clericalization of the laity” so frequently warned about by Pope Francis, in which laity are urged to take up roles more typically occupied by priests.

At the same, the document says that laity are called to give their lives to the mission of the Gospel and the work of the Church.

Laity are called “to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelisation, first of all through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, in whatever environment they are in and at every level of responsibility; in a particular way, they are called to place themselves at the service of the Parish community.”

The guidelines also encourage a vision of deacons as ministers of service, rather than as assistants to parish priests, and of religious men and women as contributors to the evangelizing mission of a parish through the witness of their religious consecration.

Conclusion: Outgoing dynamism

The guidelines conclude with a call for “outgoing dynamism” that directs parishes toward an evangelizing mission, the task of the entire People of God, that walks through history as the “family of God” and that, in the synergy of its diverse members, labours for the growth of the entire ecclesial body.

It urges that “the Parish might rediscover itself as a fundamental place of evangelical proclamation, of the celebration of the Eucharist, a place of fraternity and charity, from which Christian witness can shine for the world.

Readings at Mass

First reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7–12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57, 72, 76–77, 127–130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 8:28–30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt11:25

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.

This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

The Gospel of the Lord.