

# 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

# 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 FEBRUARY 2022, YEAR C

**Readings:** Sirach 27:4-7; 1Cor 15:54-58;

Lk 6:39-45

#### Response:

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#### Alleluia, alleluia!

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#### Alleluia!

### **Catechist Sunday**



This weekend our parish and the Diocese has the opportunity to say thank you to these generous and faithfilled people with the annual Mass on

Saturday, 26 February at the Cathedral, then the following day is Catechist Sunday which provides an opportunity for our parish to commission catechists for the coming year. It is an opportunity for everyone to say thank you and acknowledge the skills and understanding required to teach SRE to infants, primary or secondary students in government schools.

Many of our catechists in the Diocese of Broken Bay, are long-serving SRE members while others are fairly new to the ministry but they all work as a team and consider it a privilege to be able to share the love God has for all the world and tell their students how much God loves them.

**Vox Populi – the Voice of the People.** 

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (2nd March). Mass times are: 7:30am, 9:15am and 6:30pm.

#### Daily Mass during Lent –9:15am

Commencing 7th March and continuing during Lent Fr Philip will celebrate Mass every weekday morning at 9:15am.

#### Way of the Cross—4 March

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

#### Lenten Reflection—3 March

Please join us on Thursday after 9:15am Mass during the season of lent for a Lenten Reflection program.

#### **Pastoral Discernment**



Theme 2: Moving Forward

- 1) What would you like to see offered to deepen your faith formation?
- 2) How can we build our parish community?
- 3) How have you successfully shared your faith or witnessed to others?
- 4) How can we engage the people around us with our faith?
- 5) In what ways can our parish collaborate with our collage community?

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Parish on 5th, 6th & 7th April 2022 for children in year 4 and above. The parent information and enrolment evening on Tuesday 1st March at 7pm. Please contact the parish office via email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au for enrolment forms and more information.

**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 - Fri 9.15am Wed 7.30am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

#### **Devotions**

Rosary after weekday Mass

#### **Anointing Mass**

Third 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

#### **RCIA/Faith Renewal**

Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip

#### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month 12noon at Doylo

#### **Men's Breakfast**

Fourth Saturday of the month at Warnies Café.

#### **Syro-Malabar Mass**

1st Friday at 6pm 2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am 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.

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

#### **Social Justice**

#### Si Action Platform is Popular

The Laudato Si Action Platform, which aims to empower the Church to achieve total sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology, is being widely embraced within the Church.

The Parish Pastoral Council in the parish of Bracken Ridge, Queensland has committed to enrolling in the platform. A spokesperson for that PPC said that, "The message of Laudato Si really inspires the average Catholic in the parish to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

Church organisations Many groups, as well as numerous others from around the world, have shared more than 160 resources via the platform including how-to guides, prayers and reflections, homily materials, school curriculum materials, games, study guides, educational videos and webinars.

The Sisters of Mercy said, "We hope to be part of a global movement implementing Laudato Si together as core to our Christian mission, hearing the call of our common home and knowing that things can change".

Enrolment is open until April 22 and can be done through this link:

www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordp ress.com

#### Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new planned giving envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continual generosity.

If you would like to receive envelopes please fill out the form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr Philip or put it on one of the collection plates.

#### A Catechist's **Story by Khiara**

Why did I become a catechist?

To take up my role as a missionary disciple of God; to play my small part in God's big plan. I became a catechist to share God's love with the kids and attempt to show them why He should have a central place in our lives.

CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST

Why do I continue to be a catechist? Most of the children are 'unchurched' so the knowledge that catechists can impart and the witnesses we can be in their lives is so crucial. I get so much joy out of teaching them to pray and filling them with a passion to know God more.

#### How have I grown by being in this ministry?

Being a catechist has certainly deepened my own faith with our Lord. Joseph Joubert once said "to teach is to learn twice over". There is something about sharing your experience of God that solidifies your own God experiences. I feel very blessed to have witnessed God's grace at work in the lives of children - some have connected with our Parish for the sacramental programs; others have started to pray each night; others still enjoy 'lightbulb moments' when they connect all the dots throughout the year and start to see the big picture of God's salvific plan. Witnessing God's grace at work is encouraging and edifying in itself!

For more information on this amazing Ministry please don't hesitate to contact myself, phone: 0402815633 or email: kerriemdedera@westnet.com.au.

#### **MacKillop Pray Group**

Fr Philip will be commencing a MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the Church. The prayer sessions will continue at 6pm every week. Everyone is welcome to come along.

#### **Project Compassion**

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Donations can be made online at https://www.caritas.org.au/ project-compassion/

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#### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 28 February

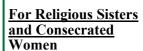
**Tuesday 1 March** 

7pm—Reconciliation parent information session

Wednesday 2 March ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30am, 9:15am, 6:30pm Mass

**Thursday 3 March** Friday 4 March Saturday 5 March

### Pope Francis' **Prayer Intention** for February





We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

#### **Return and Earn**



This week we raised \$45.20

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.

#### **Pastoral Works Broken Bay**

Please click here to read Bishop Randazzo message thanking everyone for their contribution to the Pastoral Works Broken Bay appeal last week-

Donations can still be made online at: https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/ home/brokenbay or by direct debit:

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop BSB: 062-784.

A/C: 10000 5628

Add vour name and PWBB as reference.





Please remember our sick: Cecelia Henry, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Maria Taype, Patricia Parker, Maria Toronczak, Thomas Antony, Trinidad, Emilio Sr, Alberta, Alfonso, Ian Okon, Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings, Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru.

Mass Intentions: Rafael Santos, Mrs Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte.

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# First Reading Sirach 27:4-7

### Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the trees grow is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of a man.

Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

## Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to you Lord to make some music to your name, O Most Hight, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R.

The just will flourish like a palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing sap when they are old, still full sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong R.

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### **Second Reading**

### St Paul to Corinthians 15:54-58

### Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain. The word of the Lord.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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**Alleluia** 

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

#### A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, no again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, no gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; an bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.