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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*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
27 NOVEMBER 2022, YEAR A**

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Advent—Preparing the Way

Advent is our time to prepare, to realise once again and in a renewed way, that 'God is with us'. As Australians, we know that the Southern Cross, in a way belongs to us here in this "Great South Land". The long, bright December days are a powerful reminder that Jesus has brought abundant light into our lives.



Our Advent banner refers to the Southern Cross, prompted by a number of biblical images. The saints are called to shine like the stars of the night. (Daniel 2:3). It was a star that guided the Magi to the Christ child. The Gospel of John describes the coming of the Christ as the coming of a light that leaves no room at all for darkness. In Revelations 22:16, Christ is described as the morning star.

Our Southern Cross Advent banner reflects the symbol of light. One star of the constellation will be added each week, the fifth star added on Christmas Eve. These stars will first be placed in front of each candle of the candle of the Advent wreath. In the season of advent, let us wait in hope an expectation.

Youth Mass & Sausage Sizzle

We will be having our monthly Youth Mass and sausage sizzle this 27 November Sunday, at 5pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations to you from your Parish Family of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The parish congratulates all the children as they come to First Holy Communion today. Enjoy this special day, and a lifetime of receiving the love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Welcome to all the family and friends attending the Holy Communion Mass this weekend.

Thank you to our sacramental team in helping prepare our children for their First Holy Communion.



Congratulations

Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) November Appeal



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the PWBB appeal last weekend. If you would like to donate, envelopes are still available at each pew or at the back of the Church.



All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donation envelopes can be completed and returned in any collection or you can go online (bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks) by scanning the QR code above.

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 - Sat 9.15am
Wed 7.30am—College Mass
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

RCIA/Faith Renewal

~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

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 9.15 am

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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



Plant the seeds of faith, hope and joy in the hearts and minds of children in our State schools and God will do the watering.

BECOME A CATECHIST OR A HELPER?

JOIN US TODAY!

Is Jesus calling you to "Come and see" (John 1:39) what it would be like to become a Catechist or a Helper? Has your heart been opened to the possibility? Don't let the excuses stop you from finding out more. Please see one of our catechists after Mass: Michael, Khiara, Kerrie, Lorette, Maureen or Paul.

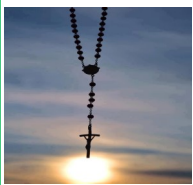
Or Contact: Kerrie Deder
(Catechist Coordinator)
Ph: 0402815633 or kerrieded-era@westnet.com.au

The year of St. Francis de Sales

Great fires are increased by the wind, but little ones are extinguished, if they be not well protected from it.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 34)

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 **December will be on Thursday evenings 1st and 15th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.



Farewell to the Swanston's

Please join us on **Sunday 4th December at 8am Mass** to farewell Murray, Yvette and Wendy Swanston with a mass and morning. Murray, Yvette and daughter Wendy will be relocating to back to Canada in December. They have been active and valued members of the parish for the past 17 years, and ministering in various ministries within the parish, especially arranging the volunteers rosters and putting together the music powerpoint slides for mass each week.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

This year we are only able to accept monetary donations or gift vouchers to help the needy in our community. There will be envelopes available at Masses over the next few weeks. Donations can also be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you require a receipt ensure your details are recorded on the envelope.

Beautiful Vinnies Christmas Cards will be available in the breezeway \$8

Parking on school grounds

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Just a reminder coming up to the end of the school year. The church, school grounds and parking area will become very busy with end of school activities and extra activities in the church. This means that there will be an increased amount of cars moving around the area. During school time, if you need to come into the main carpark that you enter via the LOWER GATE (the one nearest Sparks Rd) and exit via the TOP GATE (nearest the church). This is VERY IMPORTANT and ensures that children who are moving around the area remain safe. Unfortunately during school time the car park area at the front of the Church is closed and locked for children's safety, so this is not accessible.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 28 November

Tuesday 29 November

Wednesday 30 November
St Andrew

Thursday 1 December

Friday 2 December

Saturday 3 December
St Francis Xavier

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$87.70



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!

Collection for Flood Victims in Forbes NSW

The situation at Forbes is dire for many people who have lost everything in the recent floods and there is an immediate need for clean blankets. Like other Western NSW towns, Forbes can be cold and is, no doubt very wet from the flooding.

Fr Ken Hagan is collecting blankets to send to Sr Kathleen to help the people of Forbes. If you would like to donate clean blankets please leave them at the back of the Church in the breezeway (right hand side) and Fr Ken Hagan will collect them.

If you would like further information please telephone Fr Ken Hagan on 4399 3523.

Central Coast Santa Maria Christmas Lunch



Sunday 11th December
everyone is welcome to attend the **Christmas Lunch** at Halekulani Bowling Club.

Door open at 12noon. Cost is \$40 per person to be booked and paid for by 27th November. Please contact Charlie on 4393 9998 or 0404 194020 for more information.

Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Chris Firmstone, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Charlie & Chelsea Gatt, Tina Keane, Peter Conneey, Thomas Antony, EK Joseph, Jaison Antony, Aley Kutty, Mary Kutty, John Butler, Mary & Carmel Borg, Thresramma Thomas.

Recently Deceased: Terrence Mills, Vincent K, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr, Christine Burns.



First Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mount of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nations will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoice when I heard them say:

Let us go to God’s house.

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David

R.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!

R.

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

for love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

R.

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon—let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark ; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity of licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.