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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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 27 DECEMBER 2020, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
Heb 11:8,11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Response:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Alleluia Alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!



Reflection

‘SEE THIS CHILD’ Many parents have looked at their newborn child and wondered what will this child turn out to be? Parenting is always a journey in faith in which there will be occasions of joy, and also times of pain, as Abraham and Sarah, and Mary and Joseph discovered in today's readings.

Thank you

Our Christmas celebrations were filled with joyful spirit. Thank you to everyone who made this holy occasion so special. We thank all who cleaned and prepared the church so beautifully; servers and readers; musicians; those who prepared the data projections; COVID marshalls. Also to everyone who came and brought their families along for our Christmas celebrations, may God bless all this goodwill.

Fans in the hot weather

The fans are on standby for the hot weather. They are placed as last year and can be turned on as needed. If you feel the heat, move closer to the fans.

Parish Office

The office will not have regular hours between Christmas and New Year. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Vince can be reached on the parish mobile (0498 036 713).

Message from Bishop Anthony

Sunday obligation: Bishop Anthony has rescinded his previous decree and so we now have the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Christmas and Assumption. The aged, those with health conditions or anxious about the risk of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and honour the Lord's Day the best way open to them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Be safe on the roads, at the beach in the pool and wherever you travel. Happy holidays and we look forward, in friendship as a faith family to 2021.



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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Mary Star of the Sea Prayer Cards



The Prayer Cards, featuring a prayer written by Bishop Anthony, feature our Patroness of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Mary Star of the Sea. There is room on the prayer card to write your intentions. The prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

BROKEN BAY NEWS
Now available at the back of the church

Social Justice

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice

Come along to our Mackillop Social Justice group and learn what we are passionate about.

In brief, we are trying to publicise and promote the social teaching of the Catholic Church and try to see how it can be put into practice in remedying many of the social problems of our society including homelessness, economic inequality, domestic abuse, ending cruel detention of refugees, and care for our environment.

Volunteering is an important way to start getting involved because it costs nothing but your time and can significantly improve the life of someone affected by the exact injustice.

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2pm in the church. Hope to see you there!

MacKillop Social Justice Group wish everyone a very happy, safe and healthy new year.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR

O God, your days are without beginning and without end.

We dedicate this coming year to you. Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us, and make us abound in doing whatever is pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

We pray that our personal relationships with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Return and Earn

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund. Please place glass in the crates,

Thank you for your continued support!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is available in the Church on Saturdays at 4pm.

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the community of the Church of Broken Bay 2020 – 2021

Booklets and Prayer Cards now available at the back of the church.

THIS WEEK

Monday 28 December
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 29 December
9:15am Communion Service

Wednesday 30 December
7:30am Communion Service
9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 231 December
New Years Eve
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 1 January
New Year's Day
9.15am Mass Fr Carmelo
6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

Saturday 2nd January
4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Sunday 3 January
8am Mass Fr Vince
10am Mass Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Vince as the Parish Priest of Terrigal Parish, from 15 January 2021. Fr Philip Thottam MSFS has been appointed to return as Administrator of Warnervale Parish

Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **132**.

All other restrictions continue for hygiene and social distancing. Please **use hand sanitiser** and **keep 1.5 metres apart** when entering and leaving the church, when queuing for communion and when chatting before and after Mass.

Masks are encouraged but essential if singing,

Sign in sheets for Mass are in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

Online Mass is available at the Cathedral from the below link:

[Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am](#)

Please remember our sick: Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, Finn McConnon.

Deceased: Mike McQueen, Rocky Thomas, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Margaret Pattison, Sue Lauder, Geoff Hannon, Dorothy McGinlay and family, Mary Mahoney, Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Dean Cowell, Peter Larkin, Charlie Gatt, Gerard Paul.

Mass Intentions: George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin Pantaleon, Temotea Ambair, Elma Capacite.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram relied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.....' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived a bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104:1-6, 8-9

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praises;
tell all his wonderful works! R

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. R

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. R

He remembers his covenant for ever,
His promise for a thousand generations,
The covenant he made with Abraham,
The oath he swore to Isaac. R

Second reading**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19****The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.**

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants that could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Lord of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation**Ps 104:1-6, 8-9****Alleluia, alleluia!**

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord –observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord –and also to offer in sacrifice, in of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel’s comforting the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
Just as you promised;
Because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared
for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected –and a sword will pierce your own soul too– so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord