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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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 SEPTEMBER 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11;
Mt 21:28-32

Response:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Alleluia Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Reflection

We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, 'I have done wrong, I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.' Change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

**My sheep hear my voice
and I know them
and they follow me**

Messengers of God

On Tuesday 29 September we celebrate the feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael the archangels. On Friday 2 October it is the feast of The Holy Guardian Angels.

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Daylight savings

We turn our clocks forward one hour on Sunday 4 October at 2am as we start daylight savings.

Social Justice

We will have a speaker at each Mass this weekend from the Social Justice Committee.

Return & Earn

Thank you to all who donate their cans and bottles. A reminder from Steve to keep your empty cans, plastic & glass bottles and juice boxes that have the 10c refund logo to donate to this parish fund raiser. One person's trash is another's treasure!

World Day of Migrants & Refugees 27 September

The theme for Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2020 is "Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee".

Join this webinar from 2-3pm on Sunday 27/9. To register go to:

<https://bit.ly/3mr6uYn> Zoom details will be provided after registration.

Pope Francis, 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 message. Read the full message [here](#)



Message from Bishop Anthony

In the first encyclical written in Pope Francis' pontificate, Lumen Fidei, the Holy Father looked at the biblical account of faith in the Old Testament. In particular, he looked at the kind of faith that Abraham exercised. For the full message click [here](#)

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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Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is 100.

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.

We are all encouraged to wear a mask when visiting the church.

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

The sign in sheet for visits to the church are on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure the date and time are also recorded.



This online event is organised by the Alpha in a Catholic Context team for anyone in the Church who would like to see new growth after such challenging times. REGROWTH is a free, online event on Thursday, 1 October, 7.15pm-9.00pm [Register here](#)

Position Vacant

Administrative Assistant, Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish (Casual)

For more information, please see the Diocesan website: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Catholicism

After this course was enjoyed several years ago, we will be presenting it again. Starting on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7pm and continuing on successive Mondays over ten weeks.

The series explores the whole faith in light of the Transcendental Virtues – Truth, Goodness and Beauty. The beauty of the filming makes these very attractive, visible and presents examples from all around the world. Bishop Barron's commentary illustrates the points very well. You will be most welcome to attend any or all sessions.

Any questions, call Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

A video on the life of St John Henry Newman

will be shown in the church on his feast day 9 October at 7pm in the church

This very new saint started out life as an Anglican even being ordained a priest in that tradition before being converted to Catholicism.

All welcome to attend. Any questions, call Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

Social Justice

How to Help Someone Experiencing Abuse

If you are worried about a friend's safety, stay in touch and be creative. Avoid making the abuser suspicious so that communication can stay open.

Ask your friend how they prefer to connect. It is important to establish a safe communication channel.

Be supportive and believe them. Reassure them that they are not alone. Listen carefully and be empathetic.

Help them think through how to stay safe during COVID-19. Help create a plan for lockdown situations. Consider helping them to reach out to family/friends.

Respect their right to consent. Unless your friend's life is in danger, avoid taking actions without their consent.

Respect their privacy. Because of safety issues /feelings of shame, it is critical that their identity remains confidential.

Offer practical assistance and share resources. If you are able, offer them a safe place to stay, transportation, or other forms of support ..

Provide them with information about Trained helpers at 1800 RESPECT.

Our next meeting is on 17 November at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.

Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough

THIS WEEK

Monday 28 September
9:15am Communion service

Tuesday 29 September
Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 30 September
St Jerome

7:30am Mass Fr Vince
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Thursday 1 October
St Therese of the child Jesus
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 2 October
The Holy Guardian Angels
9.15am Mass Fr Vince
6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

Saturday 3 October
4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Ken

Sunday 4 October
8am Mass Fr Vince
10am Mass Fr Vince
11:30am Baptism Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince
7pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

First Holy Communion

Will be celebrated for those in Year 4 or older who have made their Reconciliation. Enrolment forms are available now through the College and the Parish Office or at the back of the church.

Classes for MacKillop students in Year 4 will begin at MCC in Term 4, with Sr Ji Ji.

Classes for students older than Year 4 or attending other schools will be run by Sr Ji Ji after Sunday 10am Mass on 25 October and 1 November. Much of the preparation will be done at home, with parents using the booklet you will receive when the enrolment form is lodged with the parish.

First Communion will be celebrated at special Masses at 2pm on Sat 7/11 and Sun 8/11; and then at 2pm on the following weekend, Sat 14/11 and Sun 15/11

There will need to be a limit of four guests for each child. Those who want to have more guests will need to arrange a weekday or another Sunday Mass. Any questions please contact the parish office 8379 1740 or email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Please remember our sick: Mary Swift, John Ledger, Amelia Wenn, Marites Lawry, Terry Hardman, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker, Anna Savia, Helen Elliot, Peter Dormer, Sheila Lyons, Charlie Radford, Ray Slucher, Jim Swanson.

Deceased: Joel Dark, Maureen Casey (Fr Vince's Mum), Margot Beckett, Fred Butterfield, Darrell Travis, Dorothy McGinlay (Karen's mother), Graham Moulder, Brian Shanks, Mary Kelly, Anne Bonnici.

Mass Intentions: Leo & Dominic Galea, Carmel Borg, Leah & Jessica Carroll, Tricia, Kylie, Amelia & Rebecca, Joan Firmstone, Ruben Nunez, Dulce Gica, George Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-9

R Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love, remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
The Lord is good and upright. **R**

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.