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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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

28 FEBRUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13;
Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in
the land of the living.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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voice is heard: this is my beloved Son,
hear him.



Lenten Program

Every Friday in Lent, our parish joins the
Diocesan Lenten Program **Jesus Christ,
the Alpha and the Omega.**

We will include Stations of the Cross. The
program will be held at 6:30pm -7:30pm
in the church. Everyone is welcome to
make their Lent a special and holy time.

World Day of Prayer Friday 5/3

This years theme is *Build on a Strong
Foundation* and has been prepared by the
faithful Christians of Vanuatu. We pray
for justice and peace [Resources for World
Day of Prayer](#)

Reconciliation

Our parish will celebrate the
2nd Rite of Reconciliation on
Thursday 25 March at 6:30pm
in the church. The first rite is
available at 4pm every
Saturday.



Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings - on
Facebook-St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Parish, Warnervale, please "like" our page.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Information & Preparation

Confirmation information
and enrolment evening
will be held next
**Thursday 4 March at
7pm in the Church.**



As we are still effected by the restrictions
of COVID19, preparation will be done at
home and at school see details below.

MacKillop students in Year 3.
Enrolment will be done at school. Classes
will begin in March with Sr JiJi at school.

**Students older than Year 3 or attending
other schools.** *Enroll at the information
evening.* 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.
Then there will be an overview lesson held
on Sunday 18 April at 11am (after 10am
Mass) so we can ensure the children are
prepared. Please contact the parish office
with any questions.

**Confirmation will be celebrated on
Sunday 2 May at 12noon and 2:30pm.**

Please ensure you circle your preferred
time when returning enrolment forms.
*There will be a practice on Sunday 25
April at 11am (after 10am Mass). It is
most important to attend the practice.*
*Each child will only be able to have their
sponsor and 3 family members present on
the day.* This may change so please check
with this bulletin and our Facebook page.

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 at 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.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

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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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



MacKillop Luncheons

Every 2nd Thursday of the month, starting 11th March at 12 midday, at the Doylo RSL.

Please come along & enjoy the company of fellow MacKillop friends.

Social Justice

A Stronger Economy & Australia

A recent paper by Catholic Social Services Australia, entitled *Strong Economy for a Stronger Australia: Building Prosperity for the Common Good* provides a guide for economic recovery by implementing Catholic Social Teaching.

The authors of the document say that Pope Francis, in his recent Encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* says that respect for human rights is essential to social and economic development. Pope Francis says that a profit-based economy which exploits human beings is not one working for the common good. He says that the need for economic growth can be compatible with the needs of the greater human family.

Concentrating on Australia, *Strong Economy for a Stronger Australia* looks at the effects of our pandemic and suggests ways in which all can enjoy the benefits of economic recovery through:

- A fairer and more secure employment system;
- Reform of the welfare system;
- An improved taxation scheme.

Are you interested in Social Justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 27 April 7:00pm in the MacKillop Catholic Church, Warnervale.



Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Invitation to Readers, Senior & Junior Alter Servers

Fr Philip extends a warm invitation to anyone who would like to become a reader or alter server. Please talk to Fr Philip if you would like to join one or both of these ministries and put your name on the list at the back of the church.



Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC collaborates with the Parish Priest to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of everyone in the Parish and meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

We have two vacancies on the Council. If you could fill one of these positions, please nominate yourself and write a brief paragraph describing what you have done in this or other parishes and give or email this to the parish office or Fr Philip by Sunday 7th March, who will share them with the Executive of the PPC.



Payroll Giving | Charitable Works Fund

Payroll Giving as a very simple and effective way to donate. It's a secure way for employees to make regular or one-off donations via their salary. Those who donate in this way instantly receive their tax-deduction.

Many employers also offer generous **donation matching** e.g.: a gift of \$30 per month is matched by the employer and your donation becomes \$60.

The first step is to contact your employer's HR or Payroll team who can set it up. CWF is registered with www.good2give.ngo who facilitate Payroll giving scheme.

If you have any questions on Payroll Giving to CWF, please contact David Armstrong, David.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au, 02 8379 1664 who can assist.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$36.80

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund/ Please place glass in the crates provided. Thank you for your support!



THIS WEEK

Monday 1 March
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 2 March
9:15am Mass

Wednesday 3 March
7:30am Mass
9:15am Mass

Thursday 4 March
9:15am Mass

Friday 5 March
9:15am Mass
6:30pm Way of the Cross & Lenten Program

Saturday 6 March
4pm Reconciliation
5pm Mass

Sunday 7 March
Third Sunday of Lent
8am Mass
10am Mass
5pm Mass
7pm Syro Malabar Mass

Vox Populi - Voice of the People

This week we hear from Fr Vince Casey. He was ordained a priest in 1982, and serves on the Council of Priests in Broken Bay. He served as Vicar General under Bishop David Walker and was Diocesan Administrator in Broken Bay in 2014. To read message click [here](#)

Coronavirus restrictions

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **264**.

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 not mandatory.

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: Tracey Mulheron, Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased/Anniversary: Joseph Tabone, Pauline & Ryan Ureta, Blino Sakr, Fr Stephen Swift, Thomas Antony, Cathryn Sharkey, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo.

Mass Intentions: Andrew Hood, Rocco, Domenic, Marco & Benjamin Pasqale, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Ambait, Elma & Juan Capacite, Pantaleon, Timotea, Hermigildo & Romualda Giba, Kerry Mackey.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son', God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self—it is the Lord who speaks—because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as reward for your obedience'.

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115:10, 15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

Is the death of his faithful **R**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

You have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **R**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

Before all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord,

In your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**

Second reading

Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.