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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 28 NOVEMBER 2021, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Jer 33:14-16;  
1Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Response:**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### Advent



Advent is a time of preparation. It reminds us of who God is and who we are meant to be. We can understand Advent by reflecting on experiences of waiting, hope, promise and love in our lives. The readings for the next four Sundays are full of hope, dreams and promises.

The symbolism of the **Advent wreath** is beautiful. The wreath is made of evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of our soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. On our Advent-ure towards Christmas, these symbols help us to remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

### New Life In Christ Reflection

Parishioners are invited to join Shayne (our visiting seminarian) for four weeks of prayer, reflection and discussion. "New Life in Christ." It will be held at 10:15am each Tuesday starting 30/11/21. **Please note your interest on the sheet at the back of the church or just come along.** The beautiful booklet that will be used for the program will remain in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and be available for parishioners to use for quiet reflection throughout Advent.

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve**

5pm (Hall), 8pm, & Midnight

**Christmas Day**

Mass 8am  
Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



### Advent 1:23

Based on Matthew 1:23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel' which means, 'God is with us.'"

Advent 1:23 encourages each of us all to invite people to Christmas Masses this year. Special cards will be available at Masses to take home to write down the names of people that come to mind. We are asked to pray at 1:23pm each day for these people, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may be open to attend Christmas Mass and to encounter Jesus. It is our prayers that will and allow us to collaborate with God in drawing people to faith. More next week.

### Working Bee

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee in the Church in preparation for Christmas. It will be held on Saturday 18th December from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Come along if you have an hour to spare please bring your cleaning equipment.

### Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,  
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am  
Includes Children's Liturgy

### Weekday Mass

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 Doyley

### 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](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

## MacKillop Luncheon 9/12/21

The MacKillop luncheon will resume just in time for some Christmas cheer on Thursday 9/12 (then every 2nd Thursday of the month). See you at 12 noon at the Doyle.

## Social Justice

### SILENT PANDEMIC

**Domestic and family violence, coercive control, abuse and violent behaviours** are actions perpetrated to humiliate, isolate, suppress, overpower and harm others. The choice of behaviours used by the perpetrator can change slowly, subtly, rapidly and significantly. **Central Coast Council** is once again working with the NSW Police Force, the Tuggerah Lakes and Brisbane Waters Liquor Accords, **Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee** and high-profile authors to start important conversations about **domestic** abuse. The Central Coast has the second highest number of Domestic Violence Apprehended Violence Orders (*NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics*) in 2020. This is a shocking and unacceptable statistic.

The message is – if you see or suspect something, say something – to emphasise that everyone plays a role in ending domestic abuse.

Calling all men – step up – we have to be involved. Take action in yourself. We need cultural change. Take action in your community, your workplace and behind your own doors. Protect your grandchildren. Take notice of how parents, friends and siblings talk to each other. Sometimes it is meant as a joke but these words can humiliate and harm each other as well as becoming a habit in a family. For more information <https://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/contact>

**If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on [chrisfirmstone@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfirmstone@gmail.com).**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale  
Catholic Church



[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## A Lift Home from 10am Mass

If you live in the Lake Haven area and could give a lift “home” to a parishioner please see Fr Philip.

## St Vincent de Paul Appeal Next two weekends.



Due to COVID restrictions 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 the next two weekends. 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 \$7**

## RECONCILIATION

Fr Philip will be available for Reconciliation from 5pm to 7pm 21, 22, and 23 December.

Fr Philip will assist Fr Bill with Second Rite of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance on Tuesday 14 December at 6pm. All welcome.



## Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:

*Ask a friend or family member to pray for you - or you for them - if anyone is going through a difficult situation.*



## First Holy Communion

Will be celebrated on Saturday 4 December. There are lovely gifts available in the piety stall from this weekend.

## Catechist Corner

*For all our wonderful Catechists and Assistants:*



### REFLECTION MORNING

**COMING UP: More information:**

Please contact Kerrie Dederera

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## Franciscan Mass Invitation

Our secular Franciscan Mass is to be celebrated by Father Joseph Nguyen OFM from Sydney at 11am, Our Lady of the Rosary The Entrance Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December followed by a Christmas BYO everything Picnic Lunch get together at The Waterfront Park The Entrance. Enq. 0499811177 All welcome

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 30 November  
St Andrew**

**Wednesday 1 December**

**Thursday 2 December**

**Friday 3 December  
St Francis Xavier**

**Saturday 4 December**

8am First Holy Communion  
10am First Holy Communion  
2pm First Holy Communion

**Sunday 5 December  
Second Sunday of Advent**

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



**People who suffer from Depression**

We pray for people who suffer from depression—or burn out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## Return and Earn

We raised **\$108.70 this fortnight.**

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.**



## Coronavirus restrictions

**All public Masses have been reinstated.** The church capacity is 275 people (2sq metre rule) The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until 1 December.

The **Church is open** to the public for private prayer and masses.

**Masks must be worn in the church**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** maybe celebrated and adhere to the 1 person per 2sq meter rule.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church Please continue to **social distance** and use hand sanitiser.

**Please remember our sick:** Brendan Thomas, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

**Deceased/Anniversary:** Peter Conneely, Tina Keane, John Gatt, Charlie Gatt, Thresiamma, Thomas, Leo Galea, Walter Davis, Moore & Langley Families, Pamela Skewes, Victor B Carreon, Burnette Vassallo, E Vassallo.

**Mass Intentions:** Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario, George & Helen Pantazopoulos.



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## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.**

See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

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**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

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## Second Reading

St Paul 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia

## Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.