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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*

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
29 AUGUST 2021, YEAR B**

Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Response:

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Alleluia!

Reflection

Have trust, and I will hear your prayers

O, you must come to Me with much greater trust. You pray, and yet you are still afraid. Again and again you cling to the things you imagine to be your security. What security do you have? Is not your true security My Love? Yes, it is always secure for you, it awaits you. It follows you and goes before you. It is always with you and in you. It is your life, in fact. Cling fast to this Love of Mine. Have confidence! Have confidence, and I will hear your prayers. Yes, miracles will happen if your heart has the courage to ask them, for the sake of My Love. And can you not see My Love in My Passion and Death for you? It is not visible to you in My Sacred Wounds, in My open Heart? Believe in Love, in My grace, for It is always greater than you can ever hope for.

Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

The Bishop has released a letter informing Priest that 'Though it is not possible for people to come to the church for the Sacrament of Penance or for private prayer, our priest are available to go to people's home in the event of serious sin to be confessed'.

If you are in need of Fr Philip's services please call the parish office on 8379 1740 or mobile on 0498 036 713.

Bay Connect



during these challenging times, the Diocese launches **BAY CONNECT** today. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

New Account Details

Since we are no longer having collections each Sunday, we need help with our parish finances. If you wish to assist, you can contribute directly to the parish account:

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784

A/C: 100005628

Add your surname and if you have an envelope include the number **as reference** e.g., Smith 21. Otherwise you can write 'donation' or surname CWF.

You can also have a set amount deducted from your credit card each month. Please contact the Parish office on 8379 1740 to make arrangements.

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

Tues - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

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~~

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff
for more information.

Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0498 036 713

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

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) 0412 051 839

One Communion of Faith with MacKillop Catholic College

Prayer Website

Pray as you go (<https://pray-as-you-go.org>) is a great website to access daily prayers. If you click on the day of the week, there will be an audio file for you to listen to the prayer of the day.

After the Honeymoon



The Parish and Marriage Resource Centre has launched a program for newlywed couples to accompany them during the first year of marriage.

Dispatched every two weeks for a year, **SmartLoving Newlywed Date Nites** is brimming with inspiration, tips and practical tools.

Couples can subscribe FREE at www.smartloving.org/newlywed

St Vincent de Paul Society—Support Centre

While some of our critical outreach services are unable to get out within the communities to provide their usual support, we've been finding new ways to ensure help is there for those who need it.

Our staff and volunteers have recently distributed 130 hampers through a range of services, Help is here for those who need it right now, to find out more about what support is available head to https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/NSW/COVID-19_Support/



Reduced Office Hours



The parish office will only operate 2 days each week Tuesday and Friday.

Leave a message and we will return your call for anything urgent please call the parish mobile 0498 036 713.

Social Justice Sunday 29/8

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour".

Listening to our communities – the Bishops go on to say, "The way in which we have built our cities has also resulted in urban heat islands. In places like western Sydney, it is becoming more difficult for children to play outdoors because it is just too hot, and are learning less - in classrooms without air conditioning.

January 4 2020, Penrith was the hottest place on Earth at 48.9 C and in 2019 Parramatta sweltered through 47 days with temperatures over 35 degrees C.

For First Nations people, the ecological crisis is particularly painful. One spokesperson for First Nations peoples has expressed her deep sadness at the loss of a grandmother tree as a result of ongoing drought and persistent flames from bushfires.

We also hear a cry of the young. They see their future being threatened, and want change, as a matter of intergenerational justice. One student sums up the feelings of his generation:

I reckon (the community) should listen to us because at the end of the day it's our future, right? They're going to be going and it's going to be up to us to continue."

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

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



Major earthquake hits Haiti

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free



THIS WEEK

Monday 30 August

9:15am Mass

Tuesday 31 August

9:15am Mass

Wednesday 1 September Mary of the Southern Cross

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

Thursday 2 September

9:15am Mass

Friday 3 September St Gregory the Great

9:15am Mass

Saturday 4 September

4pm Reconciliation

5pm Mass

Sunday 5 September

8am Mass

9:15am Livestreaming Mass

10am Mass

5pm Mass

Return and Earn

Please leave the containers for recycling near the recycling bins and Steve Rolls will sort them out.



Just collect them in a plastic bag, or a container of any description and either drop them at the church or give Steve a call, 0427 401 666, and he can pick them up from you.

Thank you to everyone who continue to support the return and earn.

Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: **Tell a friend or family member that you are glad to have your faith in difficult times.**

Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been suspended until 28 August. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted during the Stay at Home Order.

The **Church is closed** to the public and is not available for private prayer.

Baptism have been postponed until further noticed.

Weddings are not permitted to take place.

Funerals maybe celebrated with a limit 10 people including the celebrant.

Please remember our sick: Ken White, Anne Firmstone, Anne Byrne, Con Pantos, David Caire, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Jean Ganly, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Joan Firmstone, Terry Quinnell, Deborah Dickerson, Anthony Attard, George Radacic, Alekutty Joseph, Joseph Buhagier, Therese Ann Hardman, Richard Murphy, Sira Raveane.

Mass Intentions: Brandi & Jessica Lozario, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Dulce Gica, Frank Filciotto, Leanne Portman, Maria & Edward, Anna Ison.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you—keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’ The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without faults; he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbours,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honors those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

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Second Reading

St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.