



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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH JANUARY 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Response:

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Reflection

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Young People and Adults becoming Catholics

If you wish for your child/ren or yourself to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course in the church in 2023.

RCIC lessons will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 28th - at 3pm to 4pm.**

RCIA lessons will commence **Thursday 2nd February 2023 from 7pm** in the Church.

For more information or to register please contact the parish office during office hours on 8379 1740 or email the office.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal 2022

Thank you to the parishioners of Warnervale Parish for your generous donations to the recent Christmas Appeal. Donations included; \$1,300 in cash, \$2,300 in gift cards from the school and 50 hampers were given to Clients of the Conference.



MacKillop College

MacKillop Colleges resume from Monday 30th January. Welcome back to all the staff and students. We hope you all had a lovely break.

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

Mon—Communion Service
Tues - Sat 9.15am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd 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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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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.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 5th February during 10am Mass.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish.

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am and 9:15am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am from 15th February, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner. 9:15am Mass will continue till 8th February.

Salesian Thought

Charity never enters the heart without lodging there all the other virtues in its train.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 1)

Can you help a child feel safe and secure?



There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare believe all children deserve a safe home, and by providing one we can help them build their self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed in life. We are looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home – to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 4320 7700 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

MenAlive Weekend Program

St Joseph's Parish Toronto is hosting a menAlive weekend 25/26th March 2023 at our St Joseph's Community Centre (140 Wangi Rd, Toronto, NSW) menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menAlive is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them become an active force of renewal in the Church.

For more information or to register for the weekend visit the website www.menalive.org.au/menalive-weekend/ or email menalivetoronto@gmail.com.

Broken Bay News

December 2022 issue of BBN is now available at the back of the Church.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 30 January

Tuesday 31 January
St John Bosco

Wednesday 1 February

Thursday 2 February
The Presentation of the Lord

Friday 3 February
St Blaise & St Ansgar

Saturday 4 February

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$189.70



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching! It is now time to register for the Broken Bay WYD23 Pilgrimage. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

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Thank you for your generous contribution



Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Rosalie Crippin, VC Mani, David Pennings, Cholita Rosales, Alejandro Mabaquiao jnr, Clive & Victoria Levido, Moore & Langley Families, Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen.

Recently Deceased: Paul Vasalo, Cardinal George Pell, William Heffernan (baby), Joyce Mitchelmore, Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, for age to age. **R.**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those who the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen—those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown to them. Happy the pure of heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.