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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 29 MAY 2022, YEAR C

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Response:

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Alleluia!



Reflection

THE LORD WILL RETURN. The Ascension of Jesus, whereby he is glorified at the Father's right hand and made 'ruler of everything', does not signal his departure from our midst. It points rather to a new mode of presence that will endure 'until the end of the world.' In the meantime, it is our vocation, as his Church, to revel him.

**Vox Populi
The Voice of the People**



The new Diocese of Broken Bay World Youth Day website is live with Bishop Anthony Randazzo inviting the youth of the Diocese to join him on pilgrimage to Italy

and then on to Lisbon, Portugal for WYD23.

Young people aged between 16 and 35 can register their interest at <https://bbwyd.org.au/>

To be held in August next year, World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from around the world with the

Pope. It is a celebration of youth, the universal Church and evangelisation.

Prior to the global event, Bishop Anthony will lead a group of students and young adults on a pilgrimage through Italy in July to some of the holiest sites and homes of our saints.

The group will visit Venice, Padova, Ravenna, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Cascia and St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and Rome before flying to Lisbon in Portugal.

"The theme for WYD23 is 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Luke 1:39) and I implore all our pilgrims who join me to be filled with the same excitement and wonder for their own encounter with Christ and His Church as we journey to Lisbon," Bishop Anthony said.

"I am very much looking forward to leading a group of enthusiastic, passionate young people from our Diocese to a number of holy sites in Italy, onto Lisbon and then to Fatima for a retreat. It will be a truly memorable experience."

During the week of 1-6 August '23, Lisbon will host numerous celebrations and faith events. While clear in its Catholic identity, WYD is open to all youth of the world, no matter how close or distant they are from the Church.



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
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 Doylo

Men's Breakfast

Fourth 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

Catechist Corner



FAITH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION – PASS IT ON!

Over 230 children have signed up this year in our schools to learn more about Jesus and our faith. You can help them grow by becoming a catechist or an assistant.

Classes are held at:
Warnervale Public School
on **Wednesdays** with Kindergarten to Year 2 from 12.25 – 12.55pm.
Years 3 to 6 1.05 – 1.35pm.

Woongarra Public School on **Thursdays** with Kindergarten & Years 1 & 2 from 12.35 – 1.05pm
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 12.00 – 12.30pm.

As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well. We provide you with training, materials and support.

For more information please contact Kerrie Dederer 0402815633 kerriededera@westnet.com.au

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is held with 10am Mass every Sunday. Thank you to Cath Kyle and the team for bringing the Word of God to the children. If you would like to help please email the parish office.

Cleaning Roster

Due to a shortage of cleaners, we have started a roster for anyone who wishes to volunteer on a one off or on a more regular basis. If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday, please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church, or for more information please see Fr Philip.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world. The prayer meetings for **June will be on Thursday evening of the 2nd, 16th and 30th at 7pm.** In the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone Welcome.

David the King Course



The sessions will continue this **Monday 30th May** as normal at 10am. **Please note that the session normally held at 7pm, is no longer being presented.** This week the topic is titled 'The house of David' and deals with two areas: The Davidic Covenant and Jesus, the fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant. This is what we are heading for in this course so come along and enjoy the discussion!

No need to pre-register, just come and start the course and let your enthusiasm take over. If you are interested and need more information, contact me by email at tpate2@bigpond.com or call me on 0408 973 316, or just grab me after mass!

Sacrament of Confirmation



Confirmation will be celebrated on **30th July at 10am or 12:30pm.** More information will be available in the coming weeks

THIS WEEK

Monday 30 May
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 31 May
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:15am Mass

Wednesday 1 June
St Justin
7:30am Mass
9:15am Mass

Thursday 2 June
9:15am Mass

Friday 3 June
St Charles Lwanga
9:15am Mass

Saturday 4 June
4pm Reconciliation
5pm (Vigil) Mass

Sunday 5 June
Pentecost Sunday

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$36.10



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 the 10c refund logo on them.



Which containers can be returned for a refund? Which containers aren't eligible for a refund?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For Faith-filled young people



We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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>

Name: St Mary MacKillop Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 5628

Thank you for your generous contribution

Thank you!

Please remember our sick: Christian Caulfield, Isagani Santos, Joshua Caulfield, Janice Quiring, Finn McConnon, Cecelia Henry, Terence McBride, Jim Swanson.

Deceased/Anniversary: Frank Walsh, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Mary Borg, Rick Walters, Mary Gatt, Evelyn Magri, Anne Firmstone, Grahame Lesha, Fr Tadgh Tierney OCD, Beryl Moloney, George Williams.

Mass Intentions: Connie Claramunt, Peter Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Angelo & Mary Spiteri, Daminh, Rafael Santos, Mrs. Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia.



The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?', He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for god, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

The Ascension of the Lord

Second Reading

St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19,20

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I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.