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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 29 NOVEMBER 2020, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
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Readings: Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8;
1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Response:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Alleluia Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



Look Over This Year's Journey

Was it a journey marked by **joy** and success? Or was it a very **difficult** one? Was it a year when you welcomed a **new life**? Farelled someone dear? Watched a **child grow** up? Was it a year where you endured **tragedy** - or had joyful **surprises**.

What ever the **bright spots and shadows** of the past year's journey the great Christian feast of Christmas is a chance to welcome the true light into our lives; a light which is brighter than any star, and powerful enough to dispel the deepest shadow.

The light is Jesus Christ, the One who loves us through every joy and every sadness.



Preparing for Christmas

It's time to "Deck the Halls," so we need to prepare the church for our Christmas celebrations under COVID restrictions. We will also need "COVID marshals" to assist with seating at Christmas Masses. If you can assist with either of these ministries please write your name on the clipboard at the back of the church. More details next week.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - 5 & 6 December

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 next weekend. Donations can be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you require a receipt ensure your details are recorded on the envelope. Donations of non-perishable food for hampers can be taken to St Vincent de Paul, Howarth Street, Wyong (at the back of Wyong railway station).

Message from Bishop Anthony

The new Liturgical Year will bring about a small but significant change in the Trinitarian ending to the Collect Prayers in the Roman Missal, where the word 'one' will no longer be used when identifying God.

The Bishop's Commission for Liturgy letter can be [found here](#).

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 @ 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.

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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Social Justice

Are you interested in getting involved in social justice

Come along to our Mackillop Social Justice group and learn what we are passionate about.

In brief, we are trying to publicise and promote the social teaching of the Catholic Church and try to see how it can be put into practice in remedying many of the social problems of our society including homelessness, economic inequality, domestic abuse, ending cruel detention of refugees, and care for our environment.

Volunteering is an important way to start getting involved because it costs nothing but your time and can significantly improve the life of someone affected by the exact injustice our group is fighting against.

Come along to Warnies Café Warnervale on Tuesday 4 December at 2.00pm and join us for a coffee to learn more or attend our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2pm in the church. Hope to see you there!

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm, 8pm, 10pm & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS

All Masses held in the church.



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL by writing your name on the relevant Christmas Mass sign in sheets in the breezeway of the church or by contacting the parish office.

8379 1740 or

warnervaleparish@bbccatholic.org.au

Please do not arrive without booking!

Catholicism

Continuing on Monday 30 November at 7pm. Finishing Monday 7 December.

The series explores the whole faith in light of the Transcendental Virtues – Truth, Goodness and Beauty. The beauty of the filming makes these very attractive, visible and presents examples from all around the world.

Any questions, call Terry Pate
0408 973 316.

Wanted: Loving Married Couples Become a Sponsor couple

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session:
Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT
www.smartloving.org/webinar



Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. For more information go to www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au



CONGRATULATIONS

to Anthony and Gill Fischer who celebrated 55 years of marriage during the week.



THIS WEEK

Monday 30 November
St Andrew the apostle
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 1 December
9:15am Mass Fr Vince
7pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

Wednesday 2 December
7:30am Mass Fr Vince
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Thursday 3 December
St Francis Xavier
9:15am Communion Service

Friday 4 December
9.15am Mass Fr Vince

Saturday 5 December
4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Ken

Sunday 6 December
8am Mass Fr Vince
10am Mass Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Reconciliation

We will not have a second rite before Christmas. During Advent Reconciliation is available each Saturday from 4pm to 4.30pm and each Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm.

Return and Earn

We raised \$50.20 this week.
Thank you for your support!.



Coronavirus restrictions

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **132**.

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.

We are all encouraged to **wear a mask** when visiting the church.

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](#)

Holy Land Collection: Thank you

We received a letter from the Holy Land Commissariat to thank the parish for our offering of \$1,200.55.

The letter is on the noticeboard.

Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Join Bruce and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a guide on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting November 29th you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information:

<https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

Please remember our sick: Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Judy White, Ursula Paul, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, June Dawson, David O'Connell, Mary Monaghan, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Amelia Wenn, John Ledger, Terry Hardman, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker.

Deceased: Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Peter Larkin, Charlie Gatt, Gerard Paul, Yvonne Turner, Christine Cleary, Marie Newham, Tess Lawry, Judy Powell, George Kaifa, Bobby Fardy, Francis Rooney.

Mass Intentions: Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait; Elma Capacite; Hermigildo, Romualda Giba, Cara De Guzman, John Paul Ordora, Victor Carreon, Ma. Pqz Benitez, Teresita Demiega



Readings at Mass

First reading

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
Shine forth from you cherubim throne.
O Lord rouse up your might
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
Look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
The vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the name you have chosen,
The man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake your again,
Give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia !

Ps 84:8

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.