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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 3RD DECEMBER 2023, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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!



An Advent Candle Prayer

Thank you God for the hope you give us. As we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, we pray that we may always be aware of your presence among us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other.

We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Communion to those who are Housebound in our parish



Fr Philip will be visiting the homes of those who are unable to join us in person to give them communion during advent season.

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home, please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au to arrange a visit.

Talk on Hearing God's Call through Scripture

Is God calling me to do something? How has God called people in the past? Am I worthy to be called by God? These are questions which Shayne will explore by looking at the life of St Peter in the Gospels. Peter was an ordinary fisherman who became the Catholic Church's first Pope, a journey which will change the way you understand God's plan for you.

Date: Sun 10th Dec,

Time: 6:15pm-7:15pm

Finger foods to be provided after 5pm Mass.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal



This year we are accepting monetary donations or gift vouchers to help the needy in our community. There will be envelopes available at Masses over the weekend. Donations and envelopes can be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations can also be made online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Beautiful Vinnies Christmas Cards will be available in the breezeway.

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, Thurs, Fri & Sat
9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 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 Sat/ 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

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

Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
8am at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
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.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

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

Pastoral Works Broken Bay
(PWBB) Appeal



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our first PWBB appeal for this financial year. Envelopes are still available at the back of the Church and can be placed in any collection plate or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Donations can also be completed online at bbcatholic.org.au/giving/pastoral-works-broken-bay/pastoralworks.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on: **Thursday 21 December at 6:30pm.**

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 5pm
(in the school hall)

Youth Mass 8pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Mass 8am
Mass 10am



NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Salesian Thought

It is not enough to be afflicted because God wills it; but we must be so as He wills it, when He wills, for as long as He wills, and exactly in the manner in which it pleases Him.

(Spiritual Conferences, 21)

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022, came into effect in NSW on 28 November 2023. Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the Diocese has produced a booklet, an *Interim Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying*, which includes a full explanation of the Voluntary Dying Act as well as the Catholic Response.

The Australian Catholics Bishop Conference has also produced a document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia.

This document is titled *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope*.

Both booklets are available on the Diocese website as a flipbook and can also be downloaded at this link

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/euthanasia-now-legal-in-nsw>

Parish Dinner—Thank you

We extend our warmest gratitude to each and every one of you who graced us with your presence at the parish's 20th anniversary dinner last Saturday night. Your participation added immeasurable joy and warmth to the evening, turning it into a truly memorable and blessed occasion.

It was heartening to see the parish community come together in fellowship, sharing laughter, stories, and delicious food. Your presence not only contributed to the success of the event but also reinforced the sense of unity and love that defines our parish family.

A big Thank you to Cooper Randall who entertained us with music through the night.

Thank you also goes to the PPC members who helped organize, prepare and decorate, to everyone who help prepare the entrée and for helping serve on the night. Thank you to BBQ Spit Roast Catering for the scrumptious food and desserts.

Thank You

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 4 December

Tuesday 5 December

Wednesday 6 December
St Nicholas

Thursday 7 December
St Ambrose

Friday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 2 December

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$64.10



Thank you to all the parishioners who continually support our Return and Earn fundraising project.

Just a few reminders as we come into the BBQ and socialising weather.

Please remember:

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes with value their active participation.



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Please remember our sick: Joel Diaz, Finn McConnon, Betty Scicluna, Robyn Donnelly, Helen Cohen, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness, Len Carlos, Caterina Allen.

Anniversaries: Venancio Villalba, Frank Costa, Abraham K, Bill Rogers, C.V Vincent, Kathleen Nolan, Christine Burns, Baker Travers, Jill and Bob Mulheron, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr.

Recently Deceased: Alf James, Jaison Davis, John O'Rilley, Ronnie O'Loughlan, Peter Banfield.



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First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart 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

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 your 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 man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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.