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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 3 JANUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6;  
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Response:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;  
And have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**



**Reflection**

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of the Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

Epiphany means "manifestation" and celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem Jesus is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East. Christian tradition sees in the Magi the first fruits of salvation for the Gentiles and so this feast

**Message from Bishop Anthony**

It is with great sadness that Bishop Anthony's mother, Caterina passed away on Tuesday 29th December. Please keep Bishop Anthony and his three sisters in your prayers.

**Parish Office**

The office will not have regular hours between Christmas and New Year. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Vince can be reached on the parish mobile (0498 036 713).

**Fr Vince's Last Week With Us**

This week we say farewell and thank you to Fr Vince. His last Masses in the parish will be 9/10 January. He has enriched the parish with his ministry and given us much to ponder in his homilies.

As he leaves us to move to another flock we say thank you Fr Vince for your friendship and for shepherding our parish through storms and heat. We will miss you and your leadership and wish you all the very best at your new parish in Terrigal.



**Tap N Go**

Thank you to all our parishioners utilising the tap n go device near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Just a reminder that you need to place your credit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has been made.



**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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## Message from Bishop Anthony

**Sunday obligation:** Bishop Anthony has rescinded his previous decree and so we now have the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Christmas and Assumption. The aged, those with health conditions or anxious about the risk of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and honour the Lord's Day the best way open to them.

### Return and Earn

*Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund. Please place glass in the crates. Thank you for your support!*



## 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

**Are you interested in getting involved in social justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the Church. Hope to see you there!**

Mackillop Social Justice Group wish everyone a very happy, safe and healthy new year.

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church



[www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

## Marriage Tribunal –Diocese of Broken Bay

The Marriage Tribunal in the Diocese of Broken Bay is a service of the Diocese to assist with the pastoral care of:

- divorced persons seeking to remarry in the Catholic Church;
- divorced and remarried persons seeking to have their marriage recognised in the Catholic Church;
- divorced persons seeking clarification of their standing in the Catholic Church for peace of conscience or for reassurance in developing relationships in the future.

### Marriage Tribunal Contact Details

Diocesan Director: Fr Julian Wellspring JV

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Alda Mendezona

Phone: 9307 8309

Email: [tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au)

Postal address:

Level 7

Polding Centre

133 Liverpool Street

Sydney NSW 2000



## The Sacrament of

**Reconciliation** is available in the Church on Saturdays at 4pm.

## Mary Star of the Sea Prayer Cards



available at the back of the church.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 4 January**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Tuesday 5 January**  
9:15am Communion Service

**Wednesday 6 January**  
7:30am Mass Fr Vince  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Thursday 7 January**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Friday 8 January**  
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

**Saturday 9 January**  
4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince  
5pm Mass Fr Vince

**Sunday 10 January**  
8am Mass Fr Vince  
10am Mass Fr Vince  
5pm Mass Fr Vince

## Fans in the hot weather



The fans are on standby for the hot weather. They are placed near the front of the church and can be turned on as needed.

If you feel the heat, please move closer to the fans.

## 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.

Masks are encouraged.

**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](#)

**Please remember our sick:** Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

**Deceased:** Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother), Mike McQueen, Oliver McKenzie, Rocky Thomas, Margaret Pattison, June Dawson, Frank Roll, Tess Hardman, Sue Lauder, Geoff Hannon, Dorothy McGinlay and family, Mary Mahoney, Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Dean Cowell, Peter Larkin.

**Mass Intentions:** George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin Pantaleon, Temotea Ambair, Elma Capacite.



# Readings at Mass

**First reading**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**The glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still cover the earth and darkness the peoples.  
Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.  
Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.  
At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will  
flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and drom-  
edaries in Midian and Ephah; bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Lord of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R**

**Second reading**

**Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

**The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance,  
that they are parts of the same body.**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that is was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Lord of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Ps Mt 2:2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen the star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**We have come from the East to worship the King.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea', they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child', he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord