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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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31 JANUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Deut 18:15-20;
1Cor 7:32:35; Mk 1:21:28

Response:

If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

Alleluia Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great
light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost
in death.

Alleluia!



Reflection

A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY
BEHIND IT. Power and authority usually
go together and are often confused. If
Jesus exercised authority it was not in the
oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers
but in the service of the poor. His power
was directed towards liberating people
from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating
illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this
power that is a work in us.

From Fr Philip

The identity of Jesus of Nazareth as a Man
of Authority emanates from the invisible
divine nature of Jesus that was hidden
from the hearers around him. Just as the
material world can identify the facts of
material reality, the spiritual world can
easily identify the facts of spiritual reality
as the evangelist Mark records the unclean
spirits shouting aloud, 'what do you want
with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you
come to destroy us? I know who you are:
the Holy One of God'.

The post resurrection experiences of Jesus
Christ explain retrospectively from the
Biblical accounts the real identity and
authority of Jesus Christ that He is the
incarnate Son of God.

Monday & Wednesday Changes

Starting this week, on Monday there will
be a Communion Service at 9:15am. Fr
Philip will say Mass at 7:30am and
9:15am on Wednesdays.

Return & Earn

Steve who is at the helm of this parish
fund raiser would like to extend a
welcome to anyone who has a ute (single
or dual cab) and a little time once a month
to take our recycling to one of the return
and earn collection points. Steve is happy
for you to use his ute if you don't have
one.

Please contact Steve on
0427 401 666 if you or you
and a friend would like to
help with this ministry. Many thanks once
again to Steve for your time and effort.



CWF Appeal - Thank you

We appreciate the online, monthly credit
card and donations by envelope. These all
go to support five catholic agencies and
ministries helping families and neighbours
in our Broken Bay Diocese.

Donations can still be made online at:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund

or by direct debit:

**St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Parish
BSB: 062-784, A/C: 2138 8001.**

Add your name and CWF as reference.



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 at 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.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

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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Baptism Preparation Evenings

With the easing of restrictions we are resuming the Baptism Preparation evenings on the third Tuesday of every month starting 16 February at 7pm in the church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to book in. We would love a couple more helpers for our Baptism team - a very special ministry.



Social Justice

Mental Health - We're all in this Together

In summary, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement continues: The Covid-19 pandemic has made painfully clear, we are one human family.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities continue to be over-represented in disadvantage including lower life expectancy, poverty, imprisonment, and ill-health, both physical and mental.

Refugees and asylum-seekers are especially at risk of mental ill-health and demand a more humane and compassionate response from the Australian community.

Our Bishop Anthony says, "Jesus sought out the ones who were lost and forgotten and healed them of their ailments, but he did not stop there. He welcomed them into the community of the Church to live a life of fulfilment and hope (John 10: 10). Let us imitate Jesus in our passionate and relentless seeking of those who need our attention and welcome them into our parishes and communities with tender care (Romans 15: 7)."

Our Parish is known to be a welcoming community. It is worthwhile to continue this Gospel tradition.

Are you interested in Social Justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the Mackillop Church, Warnervale.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



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www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

SAFEGUARDING Message from the Chancery

Australian of the Year

Congratulations to Australian of the Year, Grace Tame who helped lead the fight to overturn a law preventing sexual assault survivors from speaking out. Watch Grace's acceptance speech - "Hear me now" - <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-01-26/grace-tame-australian-of-the-year-speech-in-full/13091710>

Theology of Safeguarding - The following video has been published by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church of Ireland. The presenter is Fr Hans Zollner SJ, president of the Centre for Child Protection, Gregorian University, Rome. To watch click here <https://youtu.be/ZkepcjGxpE>

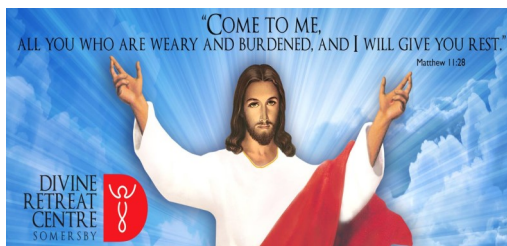
Divine Renovation Webinar: Building teams - Leading and Succeeding

Thursday Feb 4 11am to 12pm

Christ's church is the hope of the world, healthy and effective parish leadership teams are the hope of the Church. How do we build, revamp, and sustain our parish teams? How can teams be set up for success, at a time when leadership is so desperately needed?

All clergy, PPC members and parish leaders are encouraged to take up this opportunity and be a part of the conversation.

Enquires: Pina Bernard 0432 682 239
Pina.bernard@bbccatholic.org.au



Flyers available
at the back of the church

Counting Rosters

Rosters are available in folder in the breezeway.

Thank you for your ministry.

THIS WEEK

Monday 1 February

9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord

9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Wednesday 3 February

7:30am Mass Fr Philip

9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Thursday 4 February

9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Friday 5 February

St Agatha

9:15am Mass Fr Philip

6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

Saturday 6 February

St Paul Miki & companions

4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip

5pm Mass Fr Philip

Sunday 7 January

8am Mass Fr Carmelo

10am Mass Fr Philip

5pm Mass Fr Philip

7pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

Vox Populi - Voice of the People

This week we hear Rachel Vala, Catholic Youth at Broken Bay. She is graduating from University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in theology & theatre studies. To read this message click [here](#)

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 mandatory.

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, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased/Anniversary: Fr Stephen Swift, Thomas Antony, Cathryn Sharkey, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo, Mike McQueen.

Mass Intentions: Christopher, Timothy & Bernard Okon, Christine Scarlett, Leo Galea, Ruben Nunez, Dulca Gica, Richard Charleston, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Gina Kambouraki, Helen Giatras, Peter & Frank Walsh, Connie Claramunt, Linda Bond.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put the words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves ask of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said " the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die", and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pastures,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they say my work.'

R

Second reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Lord of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light;
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on the people, because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.