



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 OF LENT
YEAR C, 31 MARCH 2019

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings:

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Response:

Taste & see the goodness of the Lord

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell
him: Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you.

Confirmation Congratulations

On Saturday Fr Vince confirmed 84 children of the Parish. The graces these children received at Baptism are now sealed with the reception of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. See the back page of the bulletin for their names.



Fr Vince: Surgery

On 27 May I will have surgery at the Mater Hospital, North Sydney to replace both knees and then have a long convalescence, staying with my mum at Baulkham Hills. Fr Philip Thottom MSFS has been appointed acting Administrator of the Parish from 20 May to 1 December to allow me all the time I need to recover. Philip is currently the Assistant Priest at Woy Woy and will start at Warnervale on 29 April. Please make him welcome.

Parish Website

You will recall the changes to our phone numbers and email in May last year. In line with these changes, our website has been updated the new address is now www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale.

There may be some teething problems with the new website, so please bring any issues you notice to our attention so we can have them rectified.



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MACKILLOP CATHOLIC PARISH
WARNERVALE



Holy Week timetable

Palm Sunday 14 April - 5pm (Vigil);
8am; 10am 5pm Mass

Tuesday 16 April - 7.30pm Chrism Mass
at Waitara - All welcome.

Holy Thursday 18 April - 7.30pm Mass
of Lord's Supper

Good Friday 19 April - 10am Stations of
the Cross & Reconciliation; - 3pm
Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 20 April - 7.30pm Easter
Vigil and Mass

Easter Sunday 21 April - 8am; 10am;
5pm Mass

Please note - there is no 5pm Mass on
Saturday 20 April. Mass is at 7.30pm.

Bible Study: Act of the Apostles

is now having a break until 8 May.

Daylight Saving

finishes next weekend at 3pm on Sunday
7 April. Remember to turn you clocks
back one hour.

Reflection

The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off, is unable to forgive and chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the **joy of forgiveness** and the **joy of forgiving**.

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

9.15am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30am Wed

Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday @ 10am
Includes children's liturgy

Youth Mass

Every Sunday @ 5pm

Seniors Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the month
at 9.15am.

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Baptisms

Most Sundays @ 11.30am
Attendance at Information
Evening is required

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.

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PPC: Ann Jackson, Glenn d'Cruz, Antony Joseph, Bob Madafiglio, Michael McCarthy, Bill Mifsud, Paul Moir, Maureen Mulheron, Christine Owen.



The Light is ON for you

From 7pm to 8pm for three more Fridays in Lent a priest will be available to celebrate **Reconciliation**. Next Friday there will be no **Stations of the Cross**. Apologies.

www.thelightisonforyou.org.au

Lenten Program

Each Monday there are two sessions 10am to 11am and 7pm to 8pm. Each session considers two of the deadly sins and their associate virtue. All welcome.

Pope Francis' Lenten quotes

“Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.



Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes will remain available at the back of the church throughout Lent.

Charitable Works Fund

Our next appeal is in May

Envelopes available at the back of the church. Alternatively give directly to: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish BSB: 062 784, A/C: 2138 8001. Add your surname and CWF as reference.

Donations are 100% tax deductible. If you want a receipt for a tax deduction fill out the details on the envelope or, if you have contributed electronically, email the parish

Return & Earn

We raised \$45 last week!

Thank-you to everyone who are supporting the return and earn program.

SENIORS NEWS

April

4th **Luncheon** 12pm Doylo RSL;
8th **Sausage sizzle** 11:30am
Mackenzie Reserve, Budgewoi
\$5 charge for lunch: sausages,
coleslaw, bread & onions.
BYO drinks.

There are tables & benches available under cover. Put your names on the list (pink folder) at the back of the church for catering purposes or ring any committee member.

10th **Games Day Wyee** -
Christine 4357 2197

There will be **no anointing Mass in April** since the third Sat is Holy Week.

Ring Marie Wilde if you need a lift 4397 2935

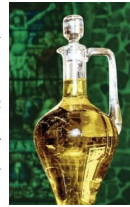
God Bless and have a Happy & Holy Easter



Chrim Mass 2019

Our annual Chrim Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 7:30pm.

The Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana to be the Principal Celebrant



Soup and bread will be served in the courtyard from 6.00pm with tea and coffee afterwards.

The **2019 Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees** will take place on **Sunday 14 April** to send a message of compassion and support for refugees, leading up to the federal election.

Date: Sunday 14 April
Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Belmore Park, Sydney

Earth Hour – Saturday 30 March
8.30pm – 9.30pm

THIS WEEK

Monday 1 April
9:15am Communion Service Chris

Tuesday 2 April
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 3 April
7.10 am Morning Prayer
7:30 am Mass Fr Vince
9:15 am Communion Service
Pam & Paul

Thursday 4 April
9:15am Communion Service
After Mass – Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 5 April
9:15am Mass Fr Vince
6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Leonse
7pm to 8pm The light is ON for you.
Reconciliation.

Next Weekend 6/7 April
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
Sat 5pm Mass Fr Vince
8:00am Mass Fr Carmelo
10:00am Family Mass (+
Confirmations) Fr Vince
11:30am Baptisms Fr Vince
5pm Youth Mass Fr Vince
7pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Leonse

Social Justice

Can We Make a Difference to Racism?

We can **call it out**: At the kitchen table, in church, at our clubs, at the shops. The casual jibes, the intended remarks all contribute to the normalising of racism. If we don't call it out we are endorsing it.

Don't accept, "Oh I didn't mean it or it is just a joke." It hurts. **Recognise** that hate speech is not free speech. It does damage.

Write to, or **ring** any politician who expresses racism or supports others being racist.

Whatever your culture, try to share with and **appreciate** other cultures. Opposing racism is Christian not extremism.

This takes courage No one said it would be easy! Check out our great website!

Margaret Hagan
Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Please remember our sick: Margaret Williams, Grace and Dakota, Stuart Scott, Linda Bond, Adeline de Silva, Neville Brown, Fr Jim McGee (Wagga Diocese), Ellen Murrall, Zenaida Ambait, Koby Bourke, Darlene McMillan.

Deceased: Mavis and Christopher Dormer, Diogenes Poquita, Roger Day, Geoffrey Hannan, Margaret Broan, Annette Creagh, Bob Silver, Joan Walter, Damien Michael Stecko, Ann Brauer, Mark Geoffrey Grundy, Shirley Jones, Gavin Driscoll, Conchita Nacua Roberts, Muriel Jackson, Marlie Cartmer.

Mass Intentions: Mary and Anglo Spiteri, Leah and Jessical Carroll, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Pio Edwin, Pantaleono, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Hermigildo, Romualda Giba, Donna Monsuere.



In the last few weeks we have had short messages in the bulletin from the Social Justice Committee stressing the dignity of each person as an antidote to racism. These are repeated here.

In the Face of Moral Crisis, Churches Can't Choose Neutrality

Conflict about race is rising in many societies. As Christians we need to know what we believe. Racism occurs when society is in transition. What endows the human person with worth? It is in the fact that *each person* is created in the image and likeness of God. It is part of the package of being human. It does not depend on status, or gender, on race, on culture or religion. It does not matter if you are beautiful, rich or poor, educated or uneducated. It is true of every human person. When we state that God is everywhere, we cannot limit His power to suit ourselves. We are *all* created in the image of God.

This is a staggering claim. It is a claim that each of us is in fact God's representative. To be God's representative means that all humans have a worth that is lasting and intrinsic.

All Peoples are a Temple for the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, that the truth of Christianity was to be preached to all people of every nation. The earliest Christians were mostly Near Easterners and Africans. There is no evidence of racial discrimination against any racial groups in early Christianity. The Apostle Paul was firm: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28) Each person is created in the image and likeness of God.

Christ's commission to the apostles was that of ambassadors, to proclaim the central message that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. He entrusted them with the ministry of reconciliation. The Epistle to the Ephesians teaches that it was God's intention to bring unity, uniting all things in Christ, things in heaven and on earth. Jesus makes all peoples one people, for in Him there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are indeed one in Him.

Also, if we believe God is everywhere we cannot limit God's presence to Christianity alone.

As Christians we have an obligation to end scapegoating. And it does take courage. No one wants to be a scapegoater. No one wants to project on other vulnerable people our frustrations and hostility, but we often do. We sometimes do it in families where one member is blamed for most of the wrongs, in neighbourhood where one neighbour is vulnerable, in school classes where someone is different. So it is in the world economy. When the economy is down, industry is changing, the infrastructure is deficient, someone has to be blamed. But is it the right person? Is it the right group? We have to ask ourselves, will the solution I support help or harm society?

Firstly, we need to examine the real situation and listen to the individual or group's story. It is very hard to put aside the propaganda of media, our peers, political parties and our friends in church groups and the pub and really reflect on what is really happening. Changing our mind takes real courage and honesty. Sometimes it means standing out for ideas of unity in opposition to our close friends. This takes more courage than most other things in life. Christ requires this daily.

Secondly, we need to work for change so that the economy or situations change rather than blaming a minority. This requires honesty and effort. Christ healed, cared for the outcast, touched and respected the other like the Samaritans. In all our interactions and especially words we are to be Christ to everyone we meet.

Christianity has no place for racism.

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Catholic Social Justice



**Congratulations
on your
Confirmation**

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