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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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 31 OCTOBER 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28;
Mk 12:28-34

Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and
my Father will love them, and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!



All Saints & All Souls Days

All Sant's Day in the Catholic church is celebrated on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those, who have attained heaven. All Soul's Day which is observed on November 2 for those who have died. A special Mass will be celebrated on Monday 1st Nov at 7:30am.

November Prayer Cards

We pray for those who have died throughout November. Small prayer card will be available at the back of the church. Please write down the names of anyone for whom you would like Mass Offered and place the card in the basket at the base of the altar at Mass from Monday. All November Masses will be offered for these souls.

First Holy Communion

Our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 4th December at 8am, 10am and 2pm for all children in year 4 or older.

The children must have had made their first Reconciliation to be able to make their First Communion.

Pastoral Discernment Project

This project will look closely at the various factors that gives the Central Coast it's unique character and is a year-long initiative. The project will have a number of phases and the aim is to result in a renewal of the life of the Church in this region. All people are invited to join the online event to launch this exciting new initiative. See the back of this bulletin for details of how to join the launch 12 noon Sunday 31 October.

Resumption of Mass

In resuming Masses, it is important that all Covid safety requirements are adhere to.

- ♦ The church capacity 138 people in the church at any one time. This is inline with the 1 person per 4 square meter rule.
- ♦ Physical distancing of 1.5 metres between people of different households is required. Spread out through-out the whole church. Keep a safe distance when in communion line, entering and leaving the church.
- ♦ Please ensure you use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the Church.

Please ensure you have downloaded the services NSW app on your phone.

New Office Hours—1 November

Please note below our new parish office hours. For urgent matters please call parish mobile on 0423 279 263.

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm ,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Tues - Fri 9.15am
Wed 7.30am

Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 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 Fri 8am to 9am

RCIA/Faith Renewal

~~Thurs 7-8pm with Fr Philip~~

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please contact Parish staff
for more information.

Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

Secretaries: Kim McCarthy & Kate Clark

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Bookkeeper: Johnson Mani

Mail: PO Box 4367, Lake Haven, 2263

Parish Mobile: (out of hours) 0423 279 263

Web: www.bbcatholic.org.au/warnervale

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.

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

Social Justice

COP 26

As we read this column many world leaders including our Prime Minister have gathered in Glasgow for the United Nations World Climate Conference, or COP 26 as it is known. It starts today and runs until 12 November. Pope Francis and other Christian leaders as well as leaders of other religious faiths have said that it is an important conference which should command the attention and prayers of all people of faith. These are five reasons why this is so:

1. Pope Francis has frequently referenced the climate conference in speeches and messages to world leaders and global gatherings;
2. The Paris Agreement wasn't the end, but a first beginning which needs to be pursued meaningfully with specific measures to be laid out by each participating nation as to how emissions are to be reduced;
3. Catholic social teaching is on the table, especially for the poor. For us as Australians our nearest neighbours are particularly vulnerable to rising sea levels;
4. The climate is not waiting for governments to agree. We have dithered and argued for too long and the world has suffered with extreme weather causing an average of \$202 million a day in damages in the past half-century according to the World Meteorological Organization;
5. The pandemic connection. Although Covid-19 delayed the climate conference, many, including Pope Francis, see the forced pause as an opportunity for accelerating the global transition to clean energy necessary to achieve the 1.5 C target. Pope Francis has said that after the pandemic you don't come back the same, you either come back better or worse. Let's hope and pray that all national leaders will work meaningfully towards a reduction in global temperature for the survival of the planet, our grandchildren, and future generations.

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee



Catechist Corner

Please consider becoming a Catechist or a Helper to a catechist and help keep our presence in our Public Schools.

Are you called to serve as a witness to your faith?

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

Click on the link for more information or contact your Parish Catechist Coordinator via the Parish Office.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDIDhBQGTbA>



Taking the Gospel to the World



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

Missionary Disciples

We pray that, every Baptised person be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



Listening to one another and journeying forward together, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Online Launch! Pastoral Discernment Project Central Coast

Sunday 31 October 12 noon

Please join us to hear about the project and ways that you can participate

For more information and to register visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc

Baptism Information Evening



The Baptism information evenings will resume on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Church. The next one will be on **Tuesday 16th November at 7pm**. Please email (warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au) or call the parish office (8379 1740) to register.

THIS WEEK

Monday 1 November

All Saints

9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 2 November

All Soul's Day

9:15am Mass

Wednesday 3 November

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

Thursday 4 November

St Charles Borromeo

9:15am Mass

Friday 5 November

9:15am Mass

Saturday 6 November

4:00pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

Sunday 7 November

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Return and Earn



This week we raised \$40.20

Please remember containers are to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken and *must display 10c refund logo for scanning.*

Thank you to Steve Rolls and Michael Goodway for taking the containers to station for recycling.

Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to: *Tell a friend or family member one thing you remembered from the sermon this weekend.*

Coronavirus restrictions



All public Masses have been reinstated. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted

until 1 December.

The **Church is open** to the public for private prayer and masses.

Baptism have been postponed until after 80% vaccination rates.

Weddings and Funerals maybe celebrated for up to 100 people. These need to be vaccinated.

Please remember to always use the QR code when entering the Church.

Please remember our sick: Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Justin Lonergan, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Victor B Carreon, Burnette Vassallo, E Vassallo, Frank Costa, Yvonne Sue Rodenbaugh, V.M Santhosh, Christine Casey, Doris Attard, Fr Eugene McCaffrey OCD, David Caire.

Mass Intentions: Polito & Aloisi Families, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario, George & Helen Pantazopoulos, Dulce Gica, Frank Filciotto, Leanne Portman, Maria & Edward.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all our soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

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Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent, and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all the offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all our mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' and after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.