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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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4 DECEMBER 2022, YEAR A

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

Response:

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fullness of peace for ever.

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Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall see the
salvation of God.

Alleluia!



“PREPARE THE WAY” says John the Baptist. Jesus and John the Baptist – How they loved each other! But the austere John and the sociable Jesus were both destined to be rejected. They were radically different in personality but united in love. If we follow their example, our appreciation of difference will grow and our judgement decline.

God’s Kingdom is near. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas. In this season of Advent, let us wait in hope and joyful expectation.

HOPE sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible

Congratulations to you from your Parish Family of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The parish congratulates the children as they come to First Holy Communion today. Enjoy this special day, and a lifetime of receiving the love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:
Thursday 22 December at 6pm.

First rite of Reconciliation available every
Saturday from 4pm to 4:30pm

Christmas Mass Times Christmas Eve

Children’s Mass 5pm (In the hall)

Youth Mass 8pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee and decorating of the Church in preparation for Christmas. This will be held on Saturday 17th December from 10:30am to approximately 12:30pm. Please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Welcome



We welcome Wayne Henry and his family this weekend. Wayne will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive First Eucharist on Sunday at 10am Mass.

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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 - Sat 9.15am
Wed 7.30am—College Mass
1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd 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~~

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men’s Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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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’

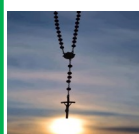
If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839



Farewell to the Swanston's

Please join us on **Sunday 4th December at 8am Mass** to farewell Murray, Yvette and Wendy Swanston with a mass and morning. Murray, Yvette and daughter Wendy will be relocating to back to Canada in December. They have been active and valued members of the parish for the past 17 years, and ministering in various ministries within the parish, especially arranging the volunteers rosters and putting together the music powerpoint slides for mass each week.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer meetings for **December will be on Thursday evenings 15th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

Collection for Flood Victims in Forbes NSW



The situation at Forbes is dire for many people who have lost everything in the recent floods and there is an immediate need for clean blankets.

Like other Western NSW towns, Forbes can be cold and is, no doubt very wet from the flooding.

Fr Ken Hagan is collecting blankets to send to Sr Kathleen to help the people of Forbes. If you would like to donate clean blankets please leave them at the back of the Church in the breezeway (right hand side) and Fr Ken Hagan will collect them.

If you would like further information please telephone Fr Ken Hagan on 4399 3523.

The year of St. Francis de Sales

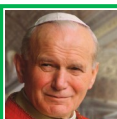
God does not forsake unless forsaken; He never takes away His gifts till we take away our hearts.

(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 2, Chapter 10)

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

This year we are only able to accept monetary donations or gift vouchers to help the needy in our community. There will be envelopes available at Masses over the next few weeks. Donations can also be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you require a receipt ensure your details are recorded on the envelope.

Beautiful Vinnies Christmas Cards will be available in the breezeway \$8



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not for Profit Organisations
We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

The Gifts of Christmas - Reflections for Advent



Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. Last Sunday, we saw the lighting of the first Advent candle, which symbolises Hope. This candle is also known as the Prophecy candle and represents the anticipation of the coming of Jesus. How are you preparing during this season of Advent? Our new Diocesan resource is available for reflection during Advent. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/advent-2022> or email the parish office on warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au to have a copy emailed to you.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 5 December

Tuesday 6 December

St Nicholas

Wednesday 7 December

St Ambrose

Thursday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9 December

St Juan Diego

Saturday 10 December

Our Lady of Loreto

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$52.30



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken.

Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!

Parking on school grounds

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Just a reminder coming up to the end of the school year. The church, school grounds and parking area will become very busy with end of school activities and extra activities in the church. This means that there will be an increased amount of cars moving around the area. During school time, if you need to come into the main carpark that you enter via the LOWER GATE (the one nearest Sparks Rd) and exit via the TOP GATE (nearest the church). This is VERY IMPORTANT and ensures that children who are moving around the area remain safe. Unfortunately during school time the car park area at the front of the Church is closed and locked for children's safety, so this is not accessible.

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Martina & Piet Lammers, Michael Conneely, Joseph & Mariamma, Uthup, Ettup, Mariam, Mathew, Varghese, Cherias, Mary Varkky, Charlie & Chelsea Gatt, Tina Keane.

Recently Deceased: Salmen Damanik, Terrence Mills, Vincent K, Alejandro Mabaquiao Jnr.



Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do not hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the seat.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to the 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.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scripture was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: 'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.