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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

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 OCTOBER 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
Darkinjung people

**Readings:** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

### Response:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

### Alleluia Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord; because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

### Alleluia!

### Reflection

The tenants in today's Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.



### St John Henry Newman

A video will be shown in the church on this very new saint, on his feast day 9 October at 7pm in the church

He started out life as an Anglican even being ordained a priest in that tradition before being converted to Catholicism.

All welcome to attend. Any questions, call Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

### Message from Bishop Anthony

In a hymn cited by Saint Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation: *even death on a cross.*" (Phil 2:5-8)

Click [here](#) for the full message.

### Holidays

Fr Vince will be on holiday leave from Monday 18 October to Friday 30 October. There will be communion services during the week and supply priests to celebrate Masses on the weekend.

### Peter's Pence

Peter's Pence Appeal is an annual collection taken up all over the world around the time of the feast day of St Peter and St Paul (29 June). This year, due to COVID-19, His Holiness Pope Francis has asked the annual appeal take place on 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis Assisi. Through donations all people can support the activities of the Holy See and its initiatives to express solidarity with those most in need. This weekend all monies collected at the door of the church will go to Peter's Pence and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

### Ordinations

Please remember in your prayers the following men who will be ordained as deacons, on their last step towards priesthood for the diocese of Broken Bay.

- Roger Delmonte, 7 October
- Aldrin Valdehuesa, 14 October
- Sam French, 22 October

### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of our Lady of the Rosary.



### 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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## Social Justice

### Social Justice: Seasons of Creation

#### St Francis of Assisi

During this weekend we conclude the Seasons of Creation with our remembrance of St Francis of Assisi whose Feast we would normally be celebrating today if it were not a Sunday. Pope Francis said in *#10 of Laudato Si*, "I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically... He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast... He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace". This concluding Sunday invites us to prayer, petitions, and thanksgiving while issuing strong warnings to the leaders of faith communities and nations that they have been entrusted with care for Earth, are failing at it, and will be held responsible. It will be taken away from them and given to those who will produce its fruit.

We invite you to look at a short video by Bishop Barron on 'Laudato Si' at <https://youtube/zWEK8JXQoOM>.

Our Creator God is the ultimate source of everything, the loving and self-communicating foundation of all that exists.

May God bless us with deep gratitude for our relationships with all creatures in the vast web of life. Amen.

And may God bless us with a spirit of global solidarity flowing from the Mystery of the Trinity, Creator, Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Our next meeting is on 17 November at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.**

Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church

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



## Social Justice Petition

Last weekend the Social Justice Committee received 163 signatures across the four Masses *Thank you*

## Coronavirus restrictions

The **number of people** permitted to attend a church service is **100**.

**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. We are all encouraged to **wear a mask** when visiting the church.

**Sign in sheets for Mass** are in the two folders in the breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass you are attending.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure the date and time are also recorded.

## Catholicism

After this course was enjoyed several years ago, we will be presenting it again. Starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7pm and continuing on successive Mondays over ten weeks.

The series explores the whole faith in light of the Transcendental Virtues – Truth, Goodness and Beauty. The beauty of the filming makes these very attractive, visible and presents examples from all around the world. Bishop Barron's commentary illustrates the points very well. You will be most welcome to attend any or all sessions.

Any questions, call Terry Pate  
0408 973 316.

## St Vincent de Paul

### The Rosalie Rendu Forum

You are invited to take part in the Rosalie Rendu Forum (online) with a line-up of inspirational female leaders who will encourage us to reflect on the theme: Reimagining the future: Can we create more equitable communities post pandemic?

The poster is attached, and registration is at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rosalie-rendu-2020-tickets-117725605455>



## THIS WEEK

### Monday 5 October

9:15am Communion service

### Tuesday 6 October

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

### Wednesday 7 October

#### Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30am Mass Fr Vince

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

### Thursday 8 October

9:15am Communion Service

### Friday 9 October

9.15am Mass Fr Vince

### Saturday 10 October

4pm Reconciliation Fr Ken

5pm Mass Fr Ken

### Sunday 11 October

8am Mass Fr Vince

10am Mass Fr Vince

11:30am Baptism Fr Vince

5pm Mass Fr Vince

## First Holy Communion

Preparing for First  
HOLY COMMUNION



Will be celebrated for those in Year 4 or older who have made their Reconciliation. **Enrolment forms** are available now through the College and the Parish Office or at the back of the church.

### Classes for MacKillop

**students in Year 4** will begin at MCC in Term 4, with Sr Ji Ji.

### Classes for students older than

**Year 4 or attending other schools**

will be run by Sr Ji Ji after Sunday 10am Mass on 25 October and 1 November. Much of the preparation will be done at home, with parents using the booklet you will receive when the enrolment form is lodged with the parish.

First Communion will be celebrated at **special Masses** at 2pm on Sat 7/11 and Sun 8/11; and then at 2pm on the following weekend, Sat 14/11 and Sun 15/11

There will need to be a limit of four guests for each child. Those who want to have more guests will need to arrange a weekday or another Sunday Mass. Any questions please contact the parish office 8379 1740 or email [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Please remember our sick:** Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Judy Powell, Amelia Wenn, Mary Swift, John Ledger, Amelia Wenn, Marites Lawry, Terry Hardman, Tracey Mulheron, Ursula Barker, Anna Savia, Helen Elliot.

**Deceased:** Francis Rooney, John Paul, Joel Dark, Maureen Casey (Fr Vince's Mum), Margot Beckett, Fred Butterfield, Darrell Travis, Dorothy McGinlay (Karen's mother), Brian Shanks, Mary Kelly, Anne Bonnici.

**Mass Intentions:** Leo & Dominic Galea, Carmel Borg, Leah & Jessica Carroll, Tricia, Kylie, Amelia & Rebecca, Joan Firmstone, Ruben Nunez, Dulce Gica, George Pantos, Peter & Frank Walsh.



# Readings at Mass

**First reading**

**Is 5:1-7**

**The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20**

**R** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.  
Visit, this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

## **Second reading**

**Philippians 4:6-9**

**Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**John 15:15**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 21:33-43**

**He leased his vineyards to other farmers.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

The Gospel of the Lord.