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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 5 DECEMBER 2021, YEAR C

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Response:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Second Sunday in Advent



The Liturgy of Advent is dominated by two extraordinary persons, Mary, the mother of Jesus is present in the Liturgy of Advent in the Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrated on 8 December. With Mary, we prepare to welcome Jesus anew into our hearts. Also John the Baptist with the message from today's Gospel: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Advent 1:23

This week, you are encouraged to start offering an invitation for people to come to Christmas Mass. As Christians, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all. What is important here is the invitation rather than the response. Let's find the courage to invite others back home this Christmas. Prayer cards on the way.

Message from Shayne

Thank you for your warm welcome and encouragement. I have had a wonderful time so far in the parish. Next weekend I am attending a Catholic Youth Conference where my primary responsibility is to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Please send me your prayer request by email sdunha11@gmail.com or text 0434533246 as I would love to pray for you..

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm (Hall), 8pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS



Farewell Mass

On Sunday 12 December at the 10am Mass we will farewell Steve Todd the College Principal.

2022 Bible Diary

We have 50 copies of The Joy of the Gospel in the breezeway. \$15 each.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who received First Eucharist yesterday.

New Life in Christ Reflection

Parishioners are invited to join Shayne for "New Life in Christ" - Advent prayer, reflection and discussion at 10:15am each Tuesday. All welcome to attend.

Working Bee 18/12 @ 10:30am

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee to prepare the Church for Christmas. Come along if you have an hour to spare please bring your cleaning equipment.

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 - Fri 9.15am

Wed 7.30am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass

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

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Doylo

Men's Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:15am
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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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.

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

MacKillop Luncheon 9/12/21

The MacKillop luncheon will resume just in time for some Christmas cheer on Thursday 9/12 (then every 2nd Thursday of the month). See you at 12 noon at the Doyle.

Social Justice

Domestic Abuse the Silent Pandemic

We hear many women say, "but he didn't hit me so it's not domestic violence". Domestic violence is when one person uses their power and control over another. It includes yelling, throwing things, using finances to control the other person, restricting someone from seeing their friends and/or family, telling someone where they can and cannot go, making someone feel that the abuse is their fault, checking phone messages and social media, using tracking devices, hidden cameras and microphones to monitor their partner, using children as pawns during separation, and threatening to take their own life, sexual assault and physical abuse. It can be one, two ... or all the above.

If you suspect someone is experiencing such violence, the first thing you can do to support them is to listen – without judgement. Validate their concerns. We hear many women say "I didn't think anyone would believe me because they are a great person to everyone else". Assure them that what is happening is not acceptable.

Catholic Care's Central Coast Family Centre in Tuggerah have two domestic violence programs available. More on these programs next week.

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/news/domestic-violence-rife

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

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church

www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com



Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:
Invite a friend or family member to attend Church with you.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal Final weekend.



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 the next two weekends. 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 \$7

RECONCILIATION

Fr Philip will be available for Reconciliation from 5pm to 7pm 21, 22, and 23 December.

Fr Philip will assist Fr Bill with Second Rite of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance on Tuesday 14 December at 6pm. All welcome.



Catechist Corner

For all our wonderful Catechists and Assistants:

REFLECTION MORNING

COMING UP: For details please contact Kerrie Dederer on 0402815633 or email kerriemdedera@westnet.com.au



Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email tribunal@bbccatholic.org.au



Disability & NDIS Supports

The NDIS has opened up possibilities you may not have thought about. However, it's not always straightforward. Let CatholicCare (our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese) work with you to develop the skills and access the support you need to maximise your independence & achieve your personal goals. For more information visit

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/disability-futures/ or call (02) 9488 2500.

THIS WEEK

Monday 6 December
St Nicholas

Tuesday 7 December
St Ambrose

Wednesday 8 December
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 10 December
Our Lady of Loreto

Sunday 12 December
Third Sunday of Advent

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY
MASS OF INCLUSION 2021



9.30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

Return and Earn

We raised **\$34.70 this week.**

Thank you for your continued support! Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.

Please place glass in the crates.

Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.



Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been re-instated. The church capacity is 275 people (2sq metre rule) The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until 1 December.

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

Masks must be worn in the church

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals maybe celebrated and adhere to the 1 person per 2sq meter rule.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church Please continue to **social distance** and use hand sanitiser.

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: Peter Larkin, Peter Conneely, Tina Keane, John Gatt, Charlie Gatt, Thresiamma, Thomas, Leo Galea, Walter Davis, Moore & Langliey Families, Pamela Skewes, Victor B Carreon, Burnette Vassallo, E Vassallo.

Mass Intentions: Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, , Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario, George & Helen Pantazopoulos.





December 2021

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

Vivian Alcock
Julianne Alquiza
Ethan Ampoma-Gyamfi
Taylah Barrow
James Beach
Audrey Beresford
Grace Beresford
Audrey Bilsborough
Bronte Borg
Ethan Bridgett
Khloe Campbell
Scarlett Clark
Cruz Cooke
Grace Cravero
Bridgette Cummings
Sophia Cummings
Cooper Daniels
Lucy Dedman
Allira Dyer
Bronte Eivers
Indigo Gatt
Aila Gavin
Alexander Gavin
Emily Gibson
Ella Gillett
John Gillett
Samantha Grace
Ashleigh Gurney
Kynan Hancock
Georgia Harris
Ruby Howieson
Mikayla Jones
Byron Koop-Folkes
Josephine Laka
Krystal Lees
Bailey Leicester

Alannah Lennox
Cora Logan
Patrick Logan
Olivia Lorusso
Natalie Lorusso
Aiden Lowe
Abel Marsh
Liam McCann
Alyssa McCarthy
Emily-Rose McCaw
Danika McGovern
Luke McKinnon
Bayley Michael
Jedediah Miller
Charlie Moore
Chloe Morris
Ava Noah
Riley Norris
Kaylee Passafaro
Harper Pickett
Filip Raguz
Emily Rea
Matilda Rouse
Lucas Sadler
Adelle Sagar
Lilly Scott
Isaiah Senat
Ellexis Thomas
Mason Truscott
Jett Ventura
Ryder Ventura
Dean Wheeler
Patrick Wilesmith
Elijah Wilks
Evie Williamson
Nicholas Yorke

Congratulations

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem –God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name of God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade of Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good news from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the land of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.