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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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5 JANUARY 2020, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
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Readings:

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Response:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his start in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!



The Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany was kept on 6 January in the East and in some Western Churches before being observed in Rome and was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced to Rome in the second half of the sixth century.

Epiphany means “manifestation” and celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem Jesus is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East. Christian tradition sees in the Magi the first fruits of salvation for the Gentiles and so this feast is an affirmation of universal salvation.

New Year Prayer for Rain & Fires

Heavenly Father, our need is simple – rain for our thirsty land and protection from bush fires – only you, and you alone can fulfil that need. Fires and drought are devastating our country. Livelihoods, lives and homes are being lost. We turn to you in faith and hope.

We pray for families, those who have lost their lives and our fire fighters. Please give them strength to overcome the challenges they face.

Let the support they need be available to them..

We pray for families affected by the fires in our parish last week. Amen.

Fr Philip's Last Week With Us

This week we say farewell and thank you to Fr Philip. He has given us much to ponder in his homilies and has enriched the parish with his ministry.

All are invited to farewell Fr Philip on Wed 8 January at 6:30pm at Indian restaurant Bollywood, Charmhaven. Cost: \$30 prepaid or \$45 at door Please contact Glenn D'cruz on 0413291129 or after 8am Mass.

Fr Philip is going home to India for a holiday and then returning to the Lower North Shore Parish (Northbridge, Naremburn and Willoughby) with Fr Brian Moloney. The current plan is that Fr Philip will be assistant priest and then Administrator when Fr Brian has long service leave at the end of the year.

Also, congratulations! Fr Philip celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Friday 3 January.



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

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.

Exposition

Of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays after 9:15am Mass

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Return and Earn

This week we raised \$134.20

Bags are available near the grassed area or under the table in the church foyer. Take a bag home for those unwanted recyclable items,

Thank you for **RECYCLING** Must state 10c refund! THANK YOU!

COLLECTIONS

The **First Collection** goes to the diocese to support the priests of the diocese.

The **Second Collection** stays in the parish and pays for the running of the parish. Credit Card or weekly planned giving envelopes provide a regular income and are the best ways to contribute to the parish. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

Contributions to the **CWF** are 100% tax deductible. Envelopes are at the back of the church.

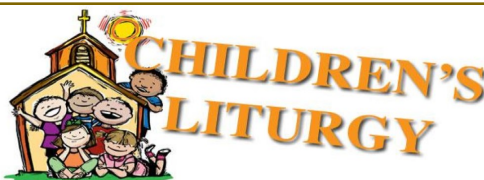
Some parishioners may not be able to contribute much to the parish now but may be able to include a **bequest** for the parish in your will. Booklets explaining this are at the back of the church. The following wording is recommended:

“I give, devise and bequeath (the sum of ... or my property known as ...) free of all duties and taxes to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Broken Bay (ABN 79 031 652 544) for the purposes of the Parish of Warnervale and I declare that a receipt for the same signed by the Bishop of the Diocese shall be sufficient discharge from my Trustees.”

Thank-you for your generosity.

Plenary Council 2020

How is God call us to be a Christ-Centred Church? This month's theme is "Prayerful and Eucharistic." Please take a handout from the table at the back of the church to reflect upon this theme. A box is available for you to share your views on **what action we can take** to become more *Prayerful and Eucharistic*.



The Children's Liturgy are having a break and will return Sunday 19 January 2020. Thank you to Cath and the team for your contribution to this special ministry.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Share the joy of faith with little children so eager learn about God. Resources are provided and you will be supported. Held during 10am Mass every Sunday. Roster would require your help once every 3 to 4 weeks. Contact Cath 0419 617 136.

School Holidays/Security

Access to the church will be via the top gate of the main carpark. The site will be locked at 4:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009).

Parish Office

The office will not have regular hours in January. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine 8379 1740 & we will return the call., for anything urgent call the parish mobile 0498 036 713



The Journey

This weekly program is developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the

only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio.

On Sundays or anyday

Tune in to 94.9 Rhema FM

SAFEGUARDING

We the people of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish Warnervale are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK

Monday 6 January
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Tuesday 7 January
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Wednesday 8 January
7:30am Mass Fr Vince
9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 9 January
9:15am Mass Fr Vince

Friday 10 January
9.15am Mass Fr Vince

Next Weekend 11/12 January
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

8:00am Mass Fr Vince
10:00am Mass Fr Vince
11:30am Baptisms Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

Social Justice

How Should We Respond?

At this time of gift giving, imagine A loved one gives you a gift, it is useful but also of immense beauty. The gift is given with love and deep affection.

How should we respond?

What if we appreciate the beauty and enjoy the wealth the gift provides but fail to maintain it!

If you were the loved one how would you feel?

God has given us a gift of immense beauty in His creation. We appreciate His gift of lakes, beaches, and prolific bird life. But are we actively seeking out the **best ways** to care for God's gift?

God is our loving Father whose creation was based on love. Our response of care is simply like that of a loving child to a loving parent.

Should we respond to God's love by caring for His gift?



Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Please remember our sick: Gen Jereb, Steve Rolls, Dr Louis Fourier, Evelyne Pavlides, Victor Carreon, Luzviminda San Pedro, Cara De Guzman, Vincent Shea, Koby Bourke, Michael Hunt, Sharon King, Adeline de Silva.

Deceased: David Kershaw, Geoffrey Ranson, Colin Randazzo, Mary Mahoney, Barry Howe, Helen McKeon, Delene Menzies, Kevin May, Kelvin McGuinness, Lorna Hancock, Alberto Go, Mary Mahoney, Alex Robinson, Leo Galea, Raymond Kaifa, Hannah McCool, Anne Snodgrass, Betty Mecelli.

Mass Intentions: Nacua, Panoncillo, Sedicol, Langbid, Disierto & Echevaria families, Arthur Armstrong, Joan Walter, Fr Peter Dwyer, Michael McQueen, Weiss Family, Sue Lauder, Peter Larkin, Dorothy Tinker, Peter Walsh, George Pantos, Helen Pantazopoulos, Linda Bond, Conchita Claramunt, Sr Alma Pollard rsj. Gibble, Alice Kumarasiwie, Andrew Barlow, Gerald Weeratunga, Diana/Alicia Mitchell, Cecil Mansfield, Christi Kunandour.

