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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

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6 DECEMBER 2020, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay  
Ancestral home of the  
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**Readings:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11;  
2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### Response:

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

### Alleluia Alleluia!

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

### Alleluia!



### Clergy Appointment

During the week Bishop Anthony appointed me (Fr Vince) as the Parish Priest of Terrigal Parish, from 15 January 2021. Fr Philip Thottam MSFS has been appointed as Administrator of Warnervale Parish. Fr Philip was here most of last year when I had my knee replacements. This move came as a surprise since my appointment here was till May 2021. I am sad to be leaving MacKillop, especially the people. I have only heard good things about Terrigal and look forward to the possibilities there. More later. Vince

### Message from Bishop Anthony Jesus Christ, our beginning and end

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony was issued last Sunday. It outlines the Bishop's six priorities our Diocese. Hard copies of the Pastoral Letter and an accompanying prayer card should arrive in the parish soon. The Letter can be viewed on the Diocesan Website or [online here](#).

### Reconciliation

We will not have a second rite before Christmas. During Advent Reconciliation is available on **Saturday** from 4 - 4.30pm and on **Tuesday** from 7 - 8pm.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - This Weekend

Due to COVID restrictions 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 this weekend. Donations can be placed in the Vinnies Box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you require a receipt ensure your details are recorded on the envelope. All cash place in the collection at the end of Mass will go to the appeal. Donations of non-perishable food for hampers can be taken to St Vincent de Paul, Howarth Street, Wyong (at the back of Wyong railway station).

### Preparing for Christmas

Thank you to those who have offered to help prepare the church, for our Christmas celebrations. The **working bee** is scheduled for Saturday 19 December from 10am till 1pm. We will have a list of jobs prepared. There are always plenty of cobwebs to clear and dusting. So come along if you have an hour or so to spare. We all need to keep social distancing etc.

We are seeking parishioners to be **COVID marshals** to welcome people and inform them of COVID-19 requirements. Please write your name on the clipboard at the back of the church.



### 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 Housing

Since we, as a Parish, strongly supported a Vinnies Social Housing Petition requesting heavy investment in social housing as a means of economic stimulus for New South Wales there has been mixed news on this issue.

While the Victorian government did make a positive initiative by investing \$5.3 billion over four years to build many new homes for social housing, the New South Wales government made only a token gesture by a modest investment. Our State government's response has been criticised as being inadequate by both the Vinnies Social Justice team and the Josephite Sisters.

More needs to be done in this area and we as citizens of this State need to demand more from the State government to address this problem.

### Are you interested in getting involved in social justice

Come along to our Mackillop Social Justice group and learn what we are passionate about.

In brief, we are trying to publicise and promote the social teaching of the Catholic Church and try to see how it can be put into practice in remedying many of the social problems of our society including homelessness, economic inequality, domestic abuse, ending cruel detention of refugees, and care for our environment.

Volunteering is an important way to start getting involved because it costs nothing but your time and can significantly improve the life of someone affected by the exact injustice our group is fighting against.

**Come along to Warnies Café Warnervale on Tuesday 8 December at 2.00pm and join us for a coffee to learn more or attend our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2pm in the church. Hope to see you there!**



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Social Justice Committee  
Warnervale Catholic Church  
[www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com](http://www.marvmackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com)

## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

5pm, 8pm, 10pm & Midnight

### Christmas Day

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

NO EVENING MASS

All Masses held in the church.



**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** by writing your name on the relevant Christmas Mass sign in sheets at the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. 8379 1740 or [warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Please do not arrive without booking!**

## Catholicism

The final presentation will be held Monday 7 December at 7pm in the church.

The topic is World Without End: The Final Things. Any questions, call Terry Pate 0408 973 316.

### **Wanted: Loving Married Couples Become a Sponsor couple**

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session:

Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT

[www.smartloving.org/webinar](http://www.smartloving.org/webinar)



### **Oceania Webinar: Advent Recollection - Reflecting On The Joys And Struggles Of 2020**

**Tuesday 8 Dec 11am – 12.15pm**

Register at [tinyurl.com/adventrecolleciondec8](http://tinyurl.com/adventrecolleciondec8)

### **Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy**

Starting November 29th you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information:

<https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>

Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## THIS WEEK

### **Monday 7 December**

#### **St Ambrose**

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

### **Tuesday 8 December**

#### **Immaculate Conception of Mary**

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

7pm Reconciliation Fr Vince

### **Wednesday 9 December**

7:30am Mass Fr Vince

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

### **Thursday 10 December**

9:15am Mass Fr Vince

### **Friday 11 December**

9.15am Communion Service

6pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

### **Saturday 12 December**

4pm Reconciliation Fr Carmelo

5pm Mass Fr Carmelo

### **Sunday 13 December**

8am Mass Fr Vince

10am Mass Fr Vince

5pm Mass Fr Vince

## Feast of St Ambrose



SAINT AMBROSE  
Pray For Us

The Ordinariate Parish is celebrating St. Ambrose's Day on Thursday, 10th December. During the 9 am Mass in St Mary's Church, Toukley a beautiful carved wooden statue of St Ambrose will be blessed. All Warnervale parishioners are welcome to attend.

## Coronavirus restrictions

The number of people permitted to attend a church service is **132**.

**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 breezeway. Please ensure you are signing in for the Mass.

The sign in sheet for **visits to the church** are on the table at the back of the church.

**Online Mass** is available at the Cathedral from the below link:

**[Watch now - Daily Mass on YouTube - Sunday 9.30am - Weekdays 7am](#)**

**Please remember our sick:** Dallas Reichal, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Cathryn Sharkey, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, June Dawson, David O'Connell, Mary Monaghan, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon, Amelia Wenn, John Ledger, Terry Hardman.

**Deceased:** Leo Galea, Jeanette Bancroft, Charlie Radford, Dean Cowell, Peter Larkin, Charlie Gatt, Gerard Paul, Yvonne Turner, Christine Cleary, Marie Newham, Tess Lawry, Judy Powell, George Kaifa.

**Mass Intentions:** Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico Arturo; Pio Edwin, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait; Elma Capacite, Hermigildo, Romualda Giba, Cara De Guzman, John Paul Ordora, Victor Carreon, Ma. Pqz Benitez.



# Readings at Mass

**First reading**

**Is 40:1-5, 9-11**

**The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it**

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.  
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her  
that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low.  
Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,  
‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 84:9-14**

**R Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
Justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
And justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper  
And our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
And peace shall follow his steps. **R**

**We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia !**

**Lk 3:4, 6**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

**A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:  
Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.