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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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6 FEBRUARY 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Is 6:1-8; 1Cor 15:1-11;
Lk 5:1-11

Response:

In the sight of the angles I will sing your praises, Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!



2. 'Pray as You Go' App: Start your day with one of the day's Scripture

3. Join a bible study or reflection group. Take some time to get to know and understand our foundational texts.

Word of God Sunday

This Sunday marks Sunday of the Word of God, an occasion to celebrate God's word in our Sacred Scriptures. We remember that when we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed, we are entering into a true dialogue with God, both individually and communally. God continues to speak, and we are encouraged to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures so as to enter into this dialogue and grow in our friendship with the risen Lord. Pope Francis tells us, "A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (cf. Rom 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection." (Aperuit Illis #7)

Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year. Some ideas follow:
1. 'The Bible in A Year' Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz:

Catechist Recruitment

Today we are starting our recruitment campaign for catechists to go into the public schools. You might ask - what is a catechist? Catechists are ordinary people who are called to go to the public primary schools and tell the children via the scriptures about the love of God and the life of Jesus and to let them know that Jesus loves them no matter what.

Catechist helpers assist them by helping the children with their work, e.g. colouring in, encouraging the children and doing other tasks help the children learn the purpose of the lessons within the short time frame.

They share their faith and give of their time voluntarily to provide Special Religious Education to the children through teaching, prayer, and witness.

We have an authorised curriculum for the Diocese of Broken Bay. *WALKING WITH JESUS*. It has been designed for catechists to use in the classroom and has appropriate plans provided for each lesson, as well as PowerPoints for every lesson. Training is also provided.



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

Pastoral Discernment Project

Thank you for your input over the last weeks and written responses. We will keep you updated.



Pastoral Discernment

Central Coast

Children's Liturgy

Held with 10am Mass is continuing this Sunday. Thank you to Cath Kyle and the team for bringing the Word of God to the children. If you would like to help please see Fr Philip or email



Air Conditioning

We have been feeling the cool comfort and warmth of the new air conditioning system which has been a great addition to our church. The system cost \$36,000. If any parishioners would like to make a donation towards this cost to help the parish, it would be most gratefully received. Thank you to several people who have donated.

Account details: Warnervale Parish,
BSB 062 784
A/c number 10000 5628
Ref: Air Con

RCIA Course Thursdays 7pm

For those interested in becoming a catholic or renewing their faith Fr Philip has started a RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on Thursday nights at 7-8pm in the church. All welcome to come.

RCIC Course Saturdays 3pm

For those children interested in becoming a catholic, classes are for RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) continue this at 3pm in the church. All welcome to come along.



Social Justice

Laudato Si, Our Next Steps

Continuing from last Sunday, we have a link to the Laudato Si Action Plan which is:

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org>.

We encourage each parishioner to look at this website and enroll as it is a guide to how we can contribute in our own families and homes towards the necessary changes to care for the earth and care for the poor.

At the national level, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will continue its journey of conversion by taking three steps:

- Renaming the Office for Social Justice the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace to better reflect contemporary Catholic Social Teaching, especially the teachings of *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli Tutti* on integral ecology and peace.
- Embarking on a seven-year journey towards the Laudato Si Goals articulated by the Dicastery for the promotion of Integral Human Development's Laudato Si's Action Platform.
- Promoting the annual celebration of Laudato Si Week (16-24 May) in Australia during this journey by providing suitable prayer and reflection materials.

As we set out on our seven-year journey, we hope that Catholic families, schools, and organisations will join us. We invite you to start planning your next steps too.

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



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THIS WEEK

Monday 7 February
St Paul Miki

Tuesday 8 February
St Jerome & St Josephine Bakhita

Thursday 10 February
St Scholastica

Friday 11 February
Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February



For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$116.30

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken. Please place glass the crates. Cans and Bottles must have the 10c refund logo.



Coronavirus restrictions

All public Masses have been reinstated. Density limits within the church is 275 people (2sq metre)

Social Distancing is recommended

Face masks are mandatory particularly when social distancing is not possible.

Please remember to always use the QR code when entering the Church

Please continue to use hand sanitiser.

If you or any family member are feeling any cold or flu like symptoms please stay at home.

Please remember our sick: Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Maria Soledad DelValle, Thomas Antony, Trinidad, Emilio Sr, Alberta, Alfonso, Ian Okon, Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings, Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru, Chris Cleary, Trinidad, Alberta, Genina, Clive & Family, Alex Robinson, Sue Lauder, Michael McQueen, Michael McQueen (Snr).

Mass Intentions: Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Hector Serpes.





LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual journey whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the faithful (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Given the challenges of the past two years and the turbulent disruption for so many in our community of the Church, Lent 2022 will be a particularly important time to reconnect with the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, it is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to “Turn away from sin and believe the good news”. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God’s grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God’s mercy and compassion.

DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. During this time of pandemic, pastors of souls will be particularly vigilant as to encourage the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.



On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways;
2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or deserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media; or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community; or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (2 March 2022) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (14 April 2022) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (12 June 2022), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Given the disruption to community gatherings that can occur during the pandemic, Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make a special effort this year by making available to the faithful the first form of the Rite of Penance.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer and adoration. Stations of the Cross are also a splendid spiritual devotion in our tradition, providing us with the occasion to walk the way to Calvary with Christ. While individuals can follow the *Via Crucis* on any day of Lent, the Stations are particularly meaningful on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

6 February 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the Kings, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On this day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's way:

'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you—believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me to; it was a though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats—it was Simon's—and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signaled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when they came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.