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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*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 6 MARCH 2022, YEAR C

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
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Readings: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

Response:

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



Reflection

In Luke's Gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

Daily Mass during Lent –9:15am

Commencing 7th March and continuing during Lent Fr Philip will celebrate Mass every weekday morning at 9:15am.

Way of the Cross

All welcome to join Fr Philip on Friday evenings at 6:30pm during lent for Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Reflection

Please join us on Thursday after 9:15am Mass during the season of lent for a Lenten Reflection program.

Lenten Resources

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a great Lenten resource called Mercy and Healing Await. www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Donations can be made online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate/>

Happy Birth to Fr Philip



Happy Birthday to Fr Philip for Monday 7th March

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

Social Justice

No One Should be left Behind

For the theme of this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which we will be celebrating on September 25, Pope Francis has chosen the title, "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees".

The Holy Father said, "Building with' means recognising and promoting the role that migrants and refugees have to play in the work of construction, because only in this way will it be possible to build a world that ensures the conditions for the integral human development of all".

Leading up to the event the Pope's message will be divided into six sub-themes that "will explore some essential components of how migrants and refugees are able to contribute - now as well as in the future - to the social, economic, cultural and spiritual growth of societies and ecclesial communities".

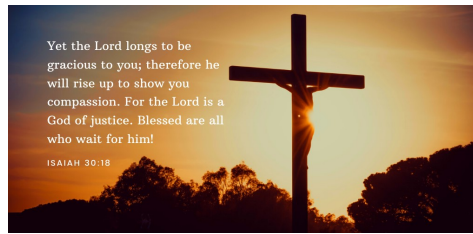
In preparation for the celebration a communication campaign will be starting at the end of March. Of course, since the original message of Pope Francis we have had the refugee and humanitarian crisis as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. That can only exacerbate the problem

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



Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

ISAIAH 30:18

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new planned giving envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continual generosity.

If you would like to receive envelopes please fill out the form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr Philip or put it on one of the collection plates.

Donations for Tonga Drive

On behalf of the Warnervale Rugby Club, thank you to everyone who has donated to the Tonga Drive. Donations of non-perishable food, bottles and cash donations are desperately needed. The drive will continue until 27th March.

COLLECTION
DRIVE FOR TONGA

Counselling Services



CatholicCare, our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit. **We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages.** At the heart of your journey with us, you and your best interests are the focus. We walk alongside you, providing a genuine and non-judgmental space. You can be assured our counsellors will meet you where you are at, go at your pace and we will not jump to conclusions. You can expect to receive kindness, empathy and compassion. Accessing our counselling services is very simple. Simply call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au. We have Family Centres in Artarmon, Brookvale, Tuggerah and Waitara, and offer sessions in-person and online.

THIS WEEK

Monday 7 March

9:15am Mass

Tuesday 8 March

9:15am Mass

Wednesday 9 March

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

Thursday 10 March

9:15am Mass

Lenten Reflection

Friday 11 March

6:30pm—Way of the Cross

Saturday 12 March

9:15am Mass

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March



A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Return and Earn



This week we raised \$6.80

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.

Sacrament—Reconciliation



First Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Parish on **5th, 6th & 7th April 2022** for children in

year 4 and above. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 or email warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au for enrolment forms.

MacKillop Pray Group

Fr Philip will be commencing a MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on **Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer sessions will continue at 6pm every week. Everyone is welcome to join.

Ukraine Appeal—Caritas

Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. Visit caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



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

Deceased/Anniversary: Maria Taype, Patricia Parker, Maria Toronczak, Thomas Antony, Trinidad, Emilio Sr, Alberta, Alfonso, Ian Okon, Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings, Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru.

Mass Intentions: Angelo & Mary Spiteri, Daminh, Rafael Santos, Mrs. Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte.



1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: ‘My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptian ill treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, and toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with might hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.’ You must then law them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says the Lord: “My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!” **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: “I am with you.”
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says; those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek; all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands, in case you hurt your foot against a stone.

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.