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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 EASTER 7TH APRIL 2024, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Acts 4:32-35;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Response:

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his love is everlasting.

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have seen me; happy those who have not
seen me, but still believe!.

Alleluia, alleluia!



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter Sunday. The significance of the day can be attributed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced visions from Christ himself. Born in 1905, she served her parish well and communed with Jesus on several occasions where he communicated with her that he wished to be “a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.” St. Faustina, also known as the ‘Secretary of Divine Mercy,’ died in 1938 in Krakow at age 33 after suffering from Tuberculosis.

Pope John Paul II officially established Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church in 2000, when he canonized Saint Faustina and declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Parish will have Adoration from 2.30pm TO 3.00pm and then Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm (the Hour of great mercy) on Sunday 7th April

*“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment!”
Our Lord to St Faustina (Diary 699)*

Congratulations

The Parish congratulates all the children and their parents as they come to First Holy Communion this weekend. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that the children bring to our lives and the invitation they give us to open up our lives more fully to the grace of Christ.

Enjoy this special day, and a lifetime of receiving the love of Jesus in the Eucharist. God Bless.

Thank you!

The parish would like to thank Mrs. Kerry Power, Mr. Tim Snelling, Mrs. Abbie Field, and Mrs. Christine Hibbard who have supported the Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program throughout the past 6 weeks. Each of you have given the gift of your time and teaching, your faith and patience to help the children prepare for their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Thank-you!

New Banners—Thank You

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who generously contributed towards the acquisition of new banners for our church. Your support towards enhancing the beauty and sanctity of our sacred space are deeply appreciated. May God bless you for your selfless contributions and may these banners serve as a constant reminder of our shared commitment to our faith and community.

- 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, Thurs, Fri & Sat
9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
- Monthly BBQ**
4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass
- Devotions**
Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary
- St Joseph’s Men’s Group**
2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm
- Anointing Mass**
3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am
- Reconciliation**
Sat 4pm - 4.45 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 Sat/ 8am to 9am
- Parish Luncheon**
2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at The Ary (Ziva),
Main Rd, Toukley
- Men’s & Women’s Breakfast**
4th Saturday of the month at
8am at Warnies Café.
- Syro-Malabar Mass**
1st Friday at 6pm
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.

‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’

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

Monthly Parish Luncheon Change of Venue

We're excited to announce a change in venue for our monthly Parish lunch! Starting from the Thursday, 11th April, then every 2nd Thursday of the month onwards, we'll be gathering at The Ary, located on Main Road Toukley, at the wonderful 'Ziva' Restaurant. The lunch will commence at 12 midday.

We extend a warm invitation to all members of the Parish community to join us for this gathering.

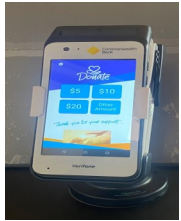
Details:

- **Venue:** The Ary at 'Ziva', Main Road Toukley
- **Date:** Thursday 11th April, then the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- **Time:** 12 midday

All are Welcome!

For any inquiries please feel free to contact Ria Firmstone at 0488943310. Looking forward to seeing you there!

New Tap n Go Terminals



We are thrilled to announce that the Parish has recently upgraded its donation system with the installation of two new tap and go terminals.

These terminals are designed to enhance your donation experience and offer greater convenience. With the introduction of these smart terminals, parishioners now have the freedom to choose the amount they wish to donate. Options include \$5, \$10, \$20, or an alternative amount of your choice.

- **Simply select your preferred donation amount on the terminal (\$5, \$10, \$20 or other, you will need to type in an amount then press donate) then**
- **tap your card to complete the transaction.**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners for your unwavering financial support, which enables us to continue serving our community with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to the Parish.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

The prayer meetings for **April on 4th and 18th, Thursday evening at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcomed.

Salesian Thought

The Saviour has instituted the most glorious Sacrament of the Eucharist, which truly contains his body and his blood, so that whoever eats it will live for ever. Therefore those who receive it frequently with devotion strengthen their spiritual life and well-being, to such an extent that it is impossible almost for them to be poisoned by any kind of evil attachment.
(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 20)

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS
Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week and give the boxes and envelopes to Fr Philip or hand to parish office during office hours.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**



SAINTS DAYS

Monday 8 April
The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday 9 April
St Waldegrudis

Wednesday 10 April
St Michael de Sanctis

Thursday 11 April
St Stainslaus

Friday 12 April

Saturday 13 April
St Martin

Sunday 14 April

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$34.60



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

Please remember;

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ cans and bottles must have 10c refund logo.



**Thank you
for your
continued
support!**

Find us on Facebook



Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](#), please "like" our page.

Please remember our sick: Christine Nemes, Antonio L. Macapaqal, Maria C Edwards, Cody Mann, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Finn McConnon, Lucy Hardman, Bill McGuinness.

Anniversaries: Anne Bonnici, Maria, Jaison Antony, Jennifer Scarrabelotti, Archibald Crippin, Susan Charleston, John Paul, Sheila Macaully, Noel, Tenggay, Certa Santos, Chiara Wallace, Beryl Moloney.

Recently Deceased: Helen Cohen, Paul Arkley, Rev Angelo Bartolo, Rita Borg, Modesto Romonz Castro, Steve McCallum.



Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the Sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

Second Reading

St John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth.

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Gospel Acclamation

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happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

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Gospel

John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my fingers into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hands into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hands; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him; 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There are many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord