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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 7 FEBRUARY 2021, YEAR B

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7;
1Cor 9:16-19m 22-23; Mk 1:29:39

Response:

If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

Alleluia Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great
light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost
in death.

Alleluia!



Word of God Sunday

This Sunday marks Sunday of the Word of
God, a new observance to be celebrated in
Australia on the 1st Sunday of February
each year.

Pope Francis, in instituting this day, wrote
a letter *Aperuit Illis* (from the first line:
“He opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures”, Lk 24:45), which seeks to
remind us to receive the Scriptures “not as
a human word but as what it really is, the
word of God”. They are not just empty
words. It is the Holy Spirit that “makes
human words written in human fashion
become the word of God” (AI, 5).

A list of quotes from Pope Francis’
Aperuit Illis are available at the back of
the church.

Voice of the Bishop

I hope that my first *vox episcopi* message
for 2021 finds you well rested after a
somewhat hectic year. To read this
message click [here](#)

Monday & Wednesday Changes

On Mondays there will be a Communion
Service at 9:15am. Fr Philip will say Mass
at 7:30am and 9:15am on Wednesdays.

From Fr Philip

For every baptised the proclamation of the
Word of God is not an option but an
obligation.

Hebrews 4:12 reminds us “the Word of
God is alive and active, sharper than any
double-edged sword, penetrating to the
soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it can
discern the secret thoughts and desires of
the heart.” And in exhortation to the
Ephesians St. Paul instructs us , “ in all
circumstances hold faith as a shield, to
quench all the flaming arrows of the evil
one. And take the helmet of salvation and
the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word
of God” (Eph 6:16-17).

Parish Registration Forms

We have some new people in the parish
and other families who have been here for
some time, that we don’t have registered
in our parish records. We wish to welcome
you and hope you are enjoying being part
of our parish family. If you have not
completed a parish registration form
please find them available outside the
Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We have
attached some other forms relating to
parish life for your interest.
Please place completed
forms in the
green box
provided.



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 at 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.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

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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Baptism Preparation Evenings

With the easing of restrictions we are resuming the Baptism Preparation evenings on the third Tuesday of every month starting 16 February at 7pm in the church. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1740 to book in.

We would love a couple more helpers for our Baptism team - a very special ministry. Talk to Fr Philip if you can help.



Social Justice

Moving forward as a Church and a Society

In summary, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement on living life to the full continues:

Poverty, discrimination, trauma, and violence frequently result in or contribute to mental ill-health.

The leaders of the Church say sorry for the failings to protect and care for children and vulnerable adults through the trauma of sexual abuse, and the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and commit to share in the responsibility to address those situations.

Our Bishops commit to continue to advocate for the humane and just treatment of asylum seekers, refugees, and humanitarian entrants.

The sinful personal choices of many people over time can become entrenched in organisational culture, policies, social processes and in institutions. All of us who inherit these situations share in the responsibility to address them.

Together as Church we can and do commit to building up structures that might better mediate God's grace as part of our mission to transform the world.

Are you interested in Social Justice? You are welcome to come to our next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2:30pm in the Mackillop Church, Warnervale.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

LENTE PROGRAM Jesus Christ the Alpha & the Omega

A Lenten Program for the Diocese of Broken Bay This year, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will take part in a Diocesan Lenten Program, Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. This resource invites you to prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings in Lent together with the six priorities set before us by Bishop Anthony Randazzo in his Pastoral Letter to the community of the Church of Broken Bay, dated 29 November 2020.

Every Friday in Lent, Warnervale parish will be joining in this Lenten Program and will include Stations of the Cross. The first, held on Friday February 19 will be after 9:15am Mass. From the following Friday 26 February the program will be held at 6:30pm -7:30pm in the church.

If you would like to do this program at home with family and friends please speak to Fr Philip regarding resources.

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9.00am and a public Mass at 10:00am.

For registration or more information visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org Website: or alternatively contact the Vocations Office Broken Bay on 0418 522 449.



**Divine Retreat Centre
Flyers available
at the back of the church**

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised \$85.50

Please remember containers to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken; and must display 10c refund/ Please place glass in the crates provided. Thank you Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK

Monday 8 February
St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita,
9:15am Communion Service

Tuesday 9 February
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Wednesday 10 February
St Scholastica
7:30am Mass Fr Philip
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Thursday 11 February
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Friday 12 February
9:15am Mass Fr Philip

Saturday 13 February
9am Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh
4pm Reconciliation Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

Sunday 14 January
8am Mass Fr Philip
10am Mass Fr Philip
5pm Mass Fr Philip

ASH WEDNESDAY—17 FEBRUARY

MacKillop Luncheons

We are starting up our MacKillop Luncheons again this year.

Every 2nd Thursday of the month, starting 11th March, at the Doylo RSL.

Please come along and enjoy the company of fellow MacKillop friends.

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.

Masks are mandatory.

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: Trisha Noble, Dallas Reichal, Margaret Bailey, Sharon King, Richard Murphy, Nancy Foster, Anne Johnson, Doreen Winning, David O'Connell, Kathy Outlaw, Finn McConnon.

Recently Deceased/Anniversary: Fr Stephen Swift, Thomas Antony, Cathryn Sharkey, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Fr Tim Cahill, John Goddard, Eric Gibbons, Caterina Randazzo, Mike McQueen.

Mass Intentions: Rocco, Domenic, Marco & Benjamin Pasqale, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Ambait, Elma & Juan Capacite, Pantaleon, Timotea, Hermigildo & Romualda Giba, Kerry Mackey, Christopher, Timothy & Bernard Okon, Christine Scarlett, Leo Galea, Ruben Nunez, Dulca Gica, Richard Charleston.



Readings at Mass

First reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Lord of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixed the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

Second reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid to me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The Lord of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighboring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.