



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, YEAR A 8 DECEMBER 2019

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings:

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

Response:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and
fullness of peace for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

“PREPARE THE WAY” says John the Baptist. Jesus and John the Baptist – How they loved each other! But the austere John and the sociable Jesus were both destined to be rejected. They were radically different in personality but united in love. If we follow their example, our appreciation of difference will grow and our judgement decline.

God’s Kingdom is near. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas. In this season of Advent, let us wait in hope and joyful expectation.

HOPE sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second (communal) rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

Tues 17 Dec 6pm at Toukley

Wed 18 Dec 6pm at Wyong

Thu 19 Dec 7pm at Warnervale

Fri 20 Dec 6pm at The Entrance

First rite of Reconciliation available every Saturday from 4pm to 4:30pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children’s Mass 5pm
(In the Hall) Fr Vince

Youth Mass 8pm
Fr Philip

NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day

Mass 8am
Fr Vince

Mass 10am
Fr Philip

NO EVENING MASS

Christmas Flyers

We have printed some lovely Christmas flyers with our Mass times. As parishioners, we have the bulletin for this information. The flyers are for families in your neighbourhood. Please take a few and place in letterboxes in your street or in a new area around you. This is a nice way to promote the parish and welcome anyone new to the area.

Cleaning Bee and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Parishioners are invited to help with the cleaning bee and decorating the Church in preparation for Christmas. The cleaning bee will be held on Saturday 14th December from 10am.



Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass

9.15am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7.30am Wed

Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4.00pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday @ 10am
Includes children’s liturgy

Youth Mass

Every Sunday @ 5pm

Seniors Anointing Mass

Third Saturday of the month
at 9.15am.

Men’s Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of the month
at Warnies Café.

Baptisms

Most Sundays @ 11.30am
Attendance at Information
Evening is required

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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PPC: Ann Jackson, Glenn d’Cruz, Antony Joseph, Bob Madafiglio, Michael McCarthy, Bill Mifsud, Paul Moir, Maureen Mulheron, Christine Owen.

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$59.60

Bags are available near the grassed area or under the table in the church foyer. Take a bag home for those unwanted drink cans, plastic/glass bottles, poppers

♻️ Thank you for ♻️ & flavoured milk cartons. **THANK YOU!** **Must state 10c refund!**



Plenary Council

How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church This month's theme is "Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal" please take a handout from the table at the back of the church to reflect on this theme. A box will be at the back of the church for you to share your views on **what action we can take** to become more *Inclusive Participatory and Synodal*.

Men's Breakfast December

Breakfast to be on the 3rd Saturday (21 December) - not the 4th (28 Dec).

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux

The relics will visit the following parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

- 5 March: St Ives Parish
- 6 March: The Lakes Parish
- 7 March: Hornsby Cathedral
- 8 March: Gosford Parish
- 9 March: The Entrance Parish

Find out more about this significant event by visiting: catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-there-se-of-lisieux

Filipino Chaplaincy Launch of "Simbang Gabi"

The Filipino Chaplaincy of our Diocese will hold a Mass to Launch this Filipino tradition on 14 December at 7:00pm at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. See the Flyer on the notice board for Central Coast celebrations at Wyong.

Walk the Camino!

Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages 2020. Small group led by an experienced guide. Phone Sr Veronica Rosier OP (0451 387 906) for more details. www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

Nativities & Gifts in the Piety Stall

We have a nice selection of Christmas gifts in the Piety Stall. If there is a coloured sticker next to the price there will be a box for the item under the table. If unattended talk to Fr Philip or Fr Vince.

St Vincent de Paul Thank you

Many thanks for donations for Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Envelopes remain available at the back of the church. Non perishable foods items will be sorted into the hampers in the coming week for our less fortunate. Thank you for making their Christmas a little more merry and bright



The Divine Retreat Centre

Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby is the spiritual arm of the Vincentian Missionaries. The Diocese of Broken Bay invited the Vincentian Priests of the Marymatha Province of the Vincentian Congregation who use to visit and conduct continues yearly retreats in Australia. It is the same Vincentian priests who run the Divine Retreat Centre in Kerala, India which is the largest Catholic Retreat Centre in the world.

See the notice board for the December schedule.

Plant Stall this weekend

Rita and Ed are holding the final plant stall for 2019 this weekend. Thank you Rita & Ed for your time and dedication to keeping this lovely parish occasion going.



Ed 0427 002 164 for plant donations

SENIORS NEWS

Monday 9 December
Christmas Party (sorry no seats left!)

Saturday 21 December
Healing Mass 9:15am - No Morning tea

New Seniors Committee needed

Moving into 2020 we need new volunteers (including a group leader) to start off the year in February. The regular outings are welcoming, fun social occasions enjoyed by all. **If you are interested in helping keep things rolling put your name on the list in the foyer.**

THIS WEEK

Monday 9 December
The Immaculate Conception
9:15am Mass

Tuesday 10 December
9:15am

Wednesday 11 December
7:30am Mass
9:15am Communion Service

Thursday 12 December
9:15am Mass

Friday 13 December
St Lucy
9.15am Mass

Next Weekend 14/15 December
Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Vince

8:00am Mass Fr Vince
10:00am Mass Fr Philip
11:30am Baptisms Fr Vince
5pm Mass Fr Philip
7pm Syro Malabar Mass Fr Bineesh

Social Justice

What Do Swaddling Clothes And A Manger Tell Us?

Swaddling clothes were tight wrappings around the child, usually rags to straighten the babies body. These emphasised Christ's humanity. Christ came into His world to participate in people's everyday lives. His birth and life reflect His concern with the human condition, peoples health, fairness, and their ability to be fed. Social Justice aims to following this pattern.

The manger can be a feeding trough but it was also an open area for animals. It was used at the time of the nativity, for itinerants and travelers. It was the equivalent of a recognised place of rest for the homeless. This symbol recognises a place for the homeless and links Christ to them.



Social Justice Committee holic Social Jus
Warnervale Catholic Church
www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Please remember our sick: Carmeno Arena, Evelyne Pavlides, Victor Carreon, Luzviminda San Pedro, Cara De Guzman, Vincent Shea, Koby Bourke, Michael Hunt, Sharon King, Adeline de Silva, Neville Brown, Zenaida Ambait.

Deceased: Kevin May, Kelvin McGuinness, Lorna Hancock, Alberto Go, Mary Mahoney, Alex Robinson, Leo Galea, Raymond Kaifa, Hannah McCool, Anne Snodgrass, Betty Mecelli, Lily Wood, George Portelli.

Mass Intentions: Dorothy Tinker, Peter Walsh, George Pantos, Helen Pantazopoulos, Linda Bond, Conchita Claramunt, Sr Alma Pollard rsj, Reg/Beryl Gible, Alice Kumarasiwie, Andrew Barlow, Gerald Weeratunga, Diana/Alicia Mitchell, Cecil Mansfield, Christi Kunandour, Charlie Gatt, The Gatt & Mercieca families, Frank & Dulce Gica, The Polito & Aloisi families, Joan/John Walter & families, Guillerma/Thomas Quilling, Cesar/Celestina Fanio, Telesford/Soledad Gaoiran.

