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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 ADVENT YEAR C , 9 DECEMBER 2018

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9;
Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Response:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Alleluia Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Second Sunday of Advent

God of hope, you call us from the exile
of our sin with the good news of
restoration; you build a highway
through the wilderness; you come to
us and bring us home.
Comfort us with the
expectation of your
saving power, made
known to us in
Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.



**Cleaning Bee
and Decorating the Church for
Christmas**

Parishioners are invited to help with the
Cleaning Bee and Decorating of the
Church in preparation for Christmas to be
held on Saturday 15th December, from
10am.

Christmas Timetable

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tues 18th Dec 7pm at The Entrance.

Wed 19th Dec 6pm at Wyong.
7pm at Toukley.

Thur 20th Dec 7pm at Warnervale.

First Rite of Reconciliation is
celebrated on Saturdays from 4 - 4.30pm.

Warnervale Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 5pm Children’s Mass in
the hall; 8pm Youth Mass; 12pm
Midnight Mass

Masses Christmas Day – 8am Mass;
10am Mass. NO EVENING Mass.

Advent Program

The program ‘Saviour’ from the
Wollongong Diocese is a series of daily
reflections for the whole of Advent that
can also be done as a group.

Sam French will be running a group on
Fridays in Advent (14, 21 December)
from 10:30am to 11:30am in the church.
All welcome!

Plant Stall

Plants are on sale this weekend 8th and 9th
December. All money raised goes to the
parish.

Welcome

Welcome to Jordan Stoker who will be
confirmed and make his First Communion
at the 8am Mass this week and to Jenice
Liou who will be baptised, confirmed and
make her First Communion at the 8am
Mass next week. Congratulations!

Thank you

Thanks to the parishioners who have been
quietly working to prepare for Christmas.
Special thanks to those who have replaced
the spot lights over the sanctuary,
installed the new votive candle stands,
cleaned the sanctuary of wax and begun
cleaning the windows.

Votive Candle

Place a coin in the offering slot to light a
‘candle’. The practice is then to say a
prayer. If you put a second coin in
immediately, it may not work.

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.

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SENIORS NEWS

THANK YOU

The committee would like to thank all the seniors and parishioners for your support over the last 12 months. We have had some very successful events.

We especially thank Ann & Anthony Murphy for opening their home to us for our annual Melbourne Cup event. Also MacKillop College for our two day retreat at the school library.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and Peaceful 2019. See you in February 2019.

Ria, Judy, Colleen, Marie F, Marie W, Jan and Anne R.

Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded **free of charge** to a computer/tablet/phone, offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year C-1 beginning with the First Sunday of Advent (Dec 2, 2018). Each daily Gospel has with it a reflection of some 750 words. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher given when he was Bishop of Parramatta. *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1* may be accessed at the following:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

THIS WEEK

Monday 10 December

9:15am Mass Fr Ken
10.30am Yr6 Graduation Mass in Hall Fr Vince

Tuesday 11 December

9:15am Communion Service Sam

Wednesday 12 December

7.10 am Morning Prayer
7:30am Mass Fr Vince
9.15am Communion Service Joan

Thursday 13 December

9:15am Mass Fr Vince
After Mass - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 14 December

9:15am Communion Service Sam
9.30am College End-of-Year Mass in Hall Fr Vince

Next Weekend 15/16 December

Sat 4pm Reconciliation Fr Carmelo
Sat 5pm Mass Fr Carmelo
8:00am Mass Fr Vince
10.00am Family Mass Fr Ken
5pm Youth Mass Fr Vince

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



Glass Frosting

On Friday frosting will be placed over some of the glass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This is to allow greater privacy and to decrease distractions for those praying in the chapel in the chapel. Any questions should go to Fr Vince.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Vinnies in the Parish is requesting your support this Christmas season. Hamper items such as tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned ham, fruit cakes, Christmas pudding, puddings, jellies, long life custard and cream, cordials, pasta and pasta sauces. Please do not donate toys, but donations of gift cards and cash are greatly appreciated.



Donations

Through the diocese, we have been given a donation of up to \$20,000 to spend on the parish. We have used this to put up some signs to make sure visitors know where the church is located; to improve our audio visual options; and to replace our inoperative votive candle stands. Thank-you to the anonymous donor.

Audio-Visual

We now have a new, programable mixer and the capacity to control the projectors using the desk-top PC in the sacristy; a lap-top PC in the church; an i-pad or i-phone through apple TV; or a blue-ray player. For musician and others who will use this we will have a training session early in the new year. If you would like to use one of these options before then, please contact Fr Vince.

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that every child is held in God's infinite tenderness, and God is present in each of their lives (Evangelii Gaudium).

Social Justice

Christmas Gifts with a Difference

Do your children and grandchildren have too many gifts for Christmas? Make your gift count by giving needy people independence.

Caritas Global Gifts can be purchased from as little as \$10.00 and come with a card for a friend or family member.

Take a look at the link and decide if this is for you.

<http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>
<https://gifts.actforpeace.org.au/>



Catholic Social Justice

Margaret Hagan
Social Justice
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Return & Earn

This week we raised \$56.20. The amount is increasing slightly each week. Thank you!

Please remember our sick: Conchita Claramunt, Guy Nucifora, Elton Gort, Natalie Blood, Pat Crook, Garnet Standing, Dick McCulloch, Alan Lucas, Jan Allen, Stephen Sweeney, Koby Thomas, Bourke, Virginia Cross, Sandra O'Connor, Trinidad Leal.

Deceased: Nives Morlin, Clint Donaldson, Sid Manns, Adam Zammit, Charlie Gatt, John Dormer, Scott Baker, Rose Flack, Kay Richardson, George Richardson, Stanley Redden, Marge & Geoff Daniels, Phil Waldon, Athol Kemp, Carmel Borg, Domonic Galea, Ben Hawdon, John Mason.

Mass Intentions: Helen Pantazopoulos, George Pantos, Peter Walsh, Christopher Dormer, Ettup & Mary Uttup, Cheviyan & Mary Aphvem, Varghese Matthew, Emma Campbell, Guy Breuer, Harry Grech, Frank Casson, Angelo, Mary, Louis and Peter Speteri, Mary and Nicholas Gatt, Victor and Joan, Phillip Gatt, Kathleen Nolan.

