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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*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9 JANUARY 2022, YEAR C

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Response:

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Alleluia!



Reflection

The Baptism of Jesus is a significant moment in the mission of John the Baptist and the mission of Jesus. For John, in many ways, it is the end times of his prophetic ministry and for Jesus; baptism is the call to his mission and beginning of his ministry.

The account of the baptism of Jesus is shared through all three of the synoptic gospels and in some ways referenced in the gospel of John. It is a significant moment in all accounts beginning Jesus' journey and mission. An aspect of all account is the heavenly commissioning of the Father for the Beloved of which the Father is 'well pleased'. This is somewhat echoed later in Jesus' journey at the Transfiguration where the Father again speaks of the beloved but this time we are called to 'listen to him'.

Prayer

Father,

*May the Grace of our Baptism ground us
in our faith, open us to
hope and guide us in love.
Amen*



Parish Office

The office will not have regular hours during the holidays. You can leave a message on the parish answering machine (8379 1740) and someone will return your call. Fr Philip can be reached on the parish mobile (0423 279 263).

Farewell Mass for Alf Beer

The anointing Mass of 15 January will also be a farewell and thank you to Alf and Margaret who are moving to Kincumber. Alf has donated much of his time to the maintenance of the church. All welcome for a cuppa after Mass and to say farewell to Alf and Margaret.

Collections

The regular collections at Sunday Mass are essential for the parish to function.

Contributions to the First Collection support the priests.

Contributions to the Second Collection pay for the running of the parish. Credit Card or weekly planned giving envelopes are the best ways to contribute to the parish since they give us a more regular income and so help us to plan. Application forms are available at the back of the church. If you wish to contribute directly. Account details are:

Warnervale Parish

BSB: 062 784, A/C: 100005628

Add your surname and/or envelope include the number **as reference.**

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

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

Priest: Fr Philip Thottam MSFS, Administrator (philip.thottam@bbcatholic.org.au)

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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

Evangelisation Challenge

This month we ask parishioners to:
Share with somebody how the parish has welcomed you into the church community.

We Stand United with Lebanon Caritas Australia - Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Fuel and food prices in Lebanon have skyrocketed since 2019, leaving the population struggling to pay for basic essentials like groceries, electricity, healthcare and education.

Give now to help Lebanese families with healthcare, education support and cash grants.

We stand United with Lebanon and are accepting donations now. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

All donations made through Caritas Australia are tax deductible.



School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009)

Podcast 'The Bible in a Year'



The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on Podbean, <https://www.podbean.com/pa/dir-345tk-245138>

Find us on Facebook

Keep up with parish happenings on Facebook at [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryoftheCrossMacKillopParish)

Social Justice

Further programs available from Catholic Care in Our Diocese

Our Domestic Violence Response Enhancement (DVRE) team provide after-hours crisis support to women and children who have left, or are wanting to leave, a violent relationship.

This team, located at our *Family Centre in Waitara* is available 365 evenings a year for assistance which can include emergency accommodation, practical items, safety planning and access to specialist domestic violence, visa and immigration services.

Call (02) 9488 2400 (business hours) or 9488 2588 (after hours and weekends)

Our Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service is run out of our Naremburn Family Centre. It provides women and their children with information on how to get protection from the court.

This service covers the Upper and Lower North Shore of Sydney and the Northern Beaches.

Call (02) 8425 8700

www.catholiccareddb.org.au

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

Catechist Corner



Make a new year's resolution that you can keep! Become a Catechist in 2022!

Self directed online and Zoom training available early this year to get you ready and in a classroom as a Catechist or an assistant for the start of SRE classes in term 1.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Kerrie Dederer on 00402815633 or email kerriedederer@westnet.com.au or Fr Philip.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 January 2022
The Baptism of the Lord
10am—Mass Fr Carmelo

Monday 10 January

Tuesday 11 January

Wednesday 12 January
No 7:30am Mass

Thursday 13 January
St Hilary

Friday 14 January

Saturday 15 January

Sunday 16 January

Tap N Go



Thank you to all our parishioners utilising the tap n go device near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Just a reminder that you need to place your credit card near the terminal and when the beep is heard a \$5 donation has been made.

Return and Earn

This fortnight we raised **\$138.80**



If you have recycling from your New Years celebrations keep your empty cans, plastic and glass bottles and juice boxes that have the 10c refund logo to donate to this parish fundraiser.

Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken. Please place glass the crates. Cans and Bottles must have the 10c refund logo on.



Coronavirus restrictions from 27 December

All public Masses have been reinstated. There are no density limits within the church.

Face masks are mandatory particularly when social distancing is not possible.

Please remember to **always use the QR code** when entering the Church Please continue to use hand sanitiser.

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

Deceased/Anniversary: Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru, Chris Cleary, Trinidad, Alberta, Genina, Clive & Family, Alex Robinson, Sue Lauder, Michael McQueen, Michael McQueen (Snr), Peter Larkin,

Mass Intentions: Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte, Mary Spiteri, Polito & Aloisi Families, Hector Serpes, Brandi & Jessica Lozario.



The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with aloud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the town of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 10:1-2, 24-25, 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R**

How many are the works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **R**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

The Baptism of the Lord

Second Reading

St Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his sown compassion that he saves us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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John said: he who is to come is mightier than I;
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Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptised you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.