



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 14th January 2018

Dear friends

A long time ago a village chief had three sons. Each son had a unique talent: one for raising olive trees; one for tending sheep; one for dancing. The chief had to leave the village to go on a long journey. He called his sons and instructed them to, in his absence, to use their talents to help the villagers. During his absence, the village suffered a severe winter. The people froze and starved. With immense regret, the first son cut down his olive plantation to provide the people with firewood. Likewise, the second sacrificed his sheep in order to feed the people.

When the chief returned he found the village almost empty. He called his sons and asked them to explain. The first two explained that they did all they could to help the people but it was not enough. The winter was too severe. The chief asked the third son what he had done to save the people. The lad explained that the circumstances were so dire that he thought it improper and insensitive to dance.

"Well," said the chief, "dance for me now." The third son went to get to his feet but his legs were stiff. He could not stand. He was no longer fit to dance. The chief said sadly, 'Our village might have survived without warmth and food but they could not survive without hope. You did not use your talent for the people. They are gone. You are crippled.'

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples. As these disciples begin to follow him they came to recognise him as the Messiah – the one who saves the people. Later, they realised that he gave them the responsibility to bring his message of hope to the people and to use whatever talents they had to spread the Gospel.

Every follower of Jesus Christ (you and me) is given the same task. Each of us has unique talents and gifts. We are to use them in the service of our fellow men and women and the Gospel. We do so in a personal and unique way. Some are called to exercise their gifts as priests, brothers and nuns. Most of us exercise them in secular society as mothers, fathers, office workers, electricians, nurses, teachers etc. Our vocation in life is also where we exercise our mission in life.

The choice and exercise of one's vocation in life is not a flippant, casual exercise. It is our response to Christ's call to follow him and serve the people. It requires reflection, discernment and prayer. It includes a frank assessment of our gifts and talents so as to best use them in the service of God and the people.

What one does in life is more than a job. It is our faithful response to Jesus' invitation to follow him. A job well done, a vocation well lived well is a path to God and a service to God's people.

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Parish Diary:

Monday 15th January

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 16th January

Wednesday 17th January

St Anthony

10:00am Prayer Group
No Music Practice

Thursday 18th January

Parish Office Closed

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 19th January

9:30am Mass

Saturday 20th January

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 21st January

8:00am Mass

"Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them."

– William Arthur Ward

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 – *Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

Psalm Response: Here am I, O God, I come to do your will; Here am I, O God, I come to do your will.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 – *Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42 – *They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*



Next week's Readings

First: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 1pm.
Wednesday Closed.

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Any visitors at Mass are invited to come to the Welcome Desk after Mass to sign our visitors' book and receive a small candle as a reminder of your visit to our community.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Celsa Obligado, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Jan Hurst, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Denise Hodgson, Patricia Haines, Kathy Stone, Christine Inch, Nicola Nociforo, Belinda Wheeler, Jim Gair, Cely Salisbury, Anne Delamere, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Dianne Charlton, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, John Schoites, Corrie Roser, Amelia Ramsay, Betty Reagan, Mary Chylewski, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Jeanette McNamee, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Hazel Webster, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather, Paul McKean, Marina Weightman.

May God embrace all who have recently died: William Johannes, Ray Murphy, Carmen Jagga.

Anniversaries & Remembrances January: Ray Tiernan, Lionel Browning, Nancy Greco, Alberto Bandiera, Joan Bevan, Pastor Calunod Obligado, Tom Curran, Philip Pitts, Alaister Pitts, Nicola Pasqualini, Serena Ragagnin, William Peterson, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Margaret Campbell, Else Peters, David Stark, William Maclean, Harry Copas, John Harrison, Br Pat Doolin, Barry Logan, Bette Risson, Garth Brown, Nancy Greco, Frank Shearif, Lionel Browning, John Pearce, Aleida Wishey, Mario Vitali, Charles Brown, Liam Maher, John Boon, Doris McInroth, Baby Samuel, Fre Caterina, Margaret Duncan, Ray Stephenson, Theresa & Laurence Gormley, Irene Harrison, Peter Knights, John Bergin, Gianna Santarossa., Winnie D'Souza, Frances Nell, Bill Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Roster 20th & 21st January

Junior Ministers		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Music
6:15pm	Molly H Emily P	6:15pm (1st) Mike A (2nd) Vern D (POF) Tanina D	6:15pm Dcn Tom, Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P	6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3
8:00am	Robert M Sarah M	8:00am (1st) Emma M (2nd) Volunteer (POF) Volunteer	8:00am Dcn Tom, Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Mark C, Volunteer	Powerpoint 6:15pm Lisa K 8:00am Clinton T Counters: Gp 3 Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M Cleaning: Gp 3 Jodie M & Therese B
Weekend Mass Times		Week Day Mass Times		Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday	Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm	St John Vianney Manly Ph 3131 2610 Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Ph 3822 2139 Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday		St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm St John Vianney Manly Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm St Jude Gumdale Sunday following 7:00am Mass
Sunday	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am			

Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 18th January for staff leave.

Music Practice there will be no music practice this week. Sessions will resume on Wednesday 7th February at 5:00pm.

Small Coins for East Timor The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$10,446.45**.

Volunteers for Sacristan Roster we are in need of more volunteers to help set up for Weekend Masses. Your commitment of approximately one hour every 3 – 4 weeks would be so appreciated. Full training will be provided. Please contact Veronica on 0439 300 750 or veronica1950@me.com if you can help or if you would like more information. All volunteers need to complete an Archdiocese Volunteer Form and read and understand the Code of Ethical Behaviour.

Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday 14th January at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Australia Day Masses on Friday 26th January will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale and 9.30am at St John Vianney, Manly.

The Little King's Movement Once a year conducts a Door Knock and Church Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the call for our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. The appeal for our Parish will be conducted on the weekend of **3rd & 4th February**. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which volunteers are most grateful

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history? Talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and/or guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. An information session will be held on 1 February 2018 at 10.30am. Contact Carmel at the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au by 25 January 2018.

NEW PARISHIONER? WELCOME! If you are new to our Parish, you are most welcome. Please fill out the form below and place on one of the collection plates.

NAME(S): Mr / Mrs / Miss _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____