



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 28th January 2018

Dear friends

A theme that is present in today's gospel is Jesus' authority. We hear that Jesus, "taught with authority" (Mk 1:22) and also a comment that Jesus' new teaching came, "with authority behind it" (Mk 1:27). So, what did Jesus do with this authority that was so evident in his ministry? Did he boss people around? Did he throw his weight around? I strongly suggest the answer is no, on both accounts.

What is evident in the gospel passage for this 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is that Jesus uses his authority to serve. Jesus came not to be served but to serve. The gospel today is very clear on this point. Jesus used his authority to heal the man possessed by the unclean spirit. Jesus uses his authority to reach out in service. Jesus' example is a reminder for all of us to use whatever authority we have to serve others.

Let us pray that our reputation as Christians spreads marked by our desire to serve.

God bless

Deacon Tom

Parish Diary:

Monday 29th January

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 30th January

Wednesday 31st January

St John Bosco

10:00am Prayer Group
No Music Practice

Thursday 1st February

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord

9:30am Mass
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange
10:30am Planning meeting
World Day of Prayer

Saturday 3rd February

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 4th February

8:00am Mass

*"I love a sunburnt country,
a land of sweeping plains,
of ragged mountain ranges,
of droughts and flooding
rains. I love her far horizons, I
love her jewel-sea, her beauty
and her terror – the wide
brown land for me!"*
— Dorothea Mackellar

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20 – I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Psalm Response: If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts;
if today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 – The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light;
A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28 – This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.



Next week's Readings

First: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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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A VOCATION VIEW:

Let us not get confused that power and authority are two very different things. We must imitate Jesus and use these gifts in service of the poor. It is this power that is at work in us.

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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 3rd & 4th February

Junior Ministers 6:15pm Isabelle L Ruby T 8:00am Isabelle M Emilie B		Readers 6:15pm (1st) John E (2nd) Tom M (POF) Therese E 8:00am (1st) Peter L (2nd) Hilda A (POF) Lorraine K		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 6:15pm Dcn Tom, Lesley L, Paulina P, 2 Volunteers 8:00am Dcn Tom, Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Mark C, Volunteer		Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am CD Powerpoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M Counters: Gp 1 Michael & Ann D Ken & Jan G Cleaning: Gp 1 Marie P & Carole C	
Weekend Mass Times Saturday Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm Sunday Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am		Week Day Mass Times 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		Sacrament of Reconciliation 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			

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 **\$10,693.10**.

Columbarium We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

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.



A warm welcome into our Catholic Community to Tahali Inman
Please keep Tahali and her family in your prayers.

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme. Your commitment assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the parish, as well as the pastoral needs of the parish, not forgetting ongoing maintenance costs. To join our Planned Giving program, please complete this form and place on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139.

SURNAME..... **CHRISTIAN NAME**.....
ADDRESS.....
PHONE.....

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: _____