



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 11th February 2018

Dear friends

Being afflicted with leprosy is horrendous and debilitating in so many ways. The most obvious manifestation of this contagious disease might be the mucous membranes and the lumps appearing all over the lepers' skin or in severe cases disfigurement and deformities of the limbs. As ghastly and no doubt painful as this side of leprosy is today's first reading and gospel shows us other ways leprosy debilitates.

The first reading from Leviticus details how the leper must yell out, "unclean, unclean", when people pass by and how they must live apart from the rest of the community. The gospel details how a desperate leper falls to his knees and pleads to be cured from his physical pain and the pain of isolation. What's Jesus' reaction to this nameless leper? Does he recoil in disgust and self-preservation? Does Jesus pretend he didn't see him? No! Jesus goes against every taboo and reaches out his hand to touch the leper. This touch does more than heal the leper from his physical affliction. Jesus' healing hand also breaks down the barriers of isolation and brings the leper back to community and communion.

In 2018 'leprosy' comes in many different guises. What will our response be to someone with a modern form of this ancient affliction?

God bless

Deacon Tom

Parish Diary:

Monday 12th February

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 13th February

10:30am Mass at Sylvan Wood

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Sacramental - Parent Meeting

Thursday 15th February

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 16th February

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass at Dutch Village

Saturday 17th February

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 18th February

First Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

— William James

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Lev 13:1-2, 44-46* – As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Psalm Response: I turn to you in times of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1* – Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45* – The leprosy left him and he was cured.



Next week's Readings

First: *Gen 9:8-15*

Second: *1 Pet 3:18-22*

Gospel: *Mark 1:12-15*

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

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

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

A VOCATION VIEW:

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper." Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society?

Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

Pastor: Fr Frank Jones

Associate Pastor: Fr Epati Tamati

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Winifred Linton, 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 February: Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Balbena Montgomery, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Peter Sherry, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.

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

Roster 17th & 18th February

Junior Ministers		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Music
6:15pm	Molly H Emily P	6:15pm (1st) Vern D (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Michael L	6:15pm Dcn Tom, Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P	6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 Powerpoint
8:00am	Robert M Sarah M	8:00am (1st) Brian C (2nd) Margaret C (POF) Emma M	8:00am Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Mark C, Volunteer	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			

Readers, Communion Ministers, Junior Ministers: The current rosters finish at the end of February. Please contact the Parish Office or email/phone Mary on maryj99@bigpond.com or 3207 4241 if you need changes made. NEW VOLUNTEERS TO THESE ROSTERS ARE NEEDED AND VERY WELCOME.

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **11th February** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Lenten Programme Be a part of this inspiring program in our own parish for Lent 2018 and prepare your heart for the most important event on the Church's calendar - the death and resurrection of Jesus. Join a discussion group or simply follow the programme yourself. Please email the parish office at birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3822 2139 and advise if you would like to participate in a group session or just order the booklet. The cost of the booklet used for the programme is **\$10.00**. For further information please phone the Parish Office on 3822 2139.

Sacramental Journey 2018 The Sacramental journey, commencing with Reconciliation, for baptised Catholic children in **Grade 4** commences with a Parent Enquiry evening on **Wednesday 14th February at 6:30pm** in the Parish Centre. Parents or guardians wishing to enrol their children for Reconciliation and the Sacraments of Initiation must attend this meeting. For children currently in Grade 3 we will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation only in August 2018 and these children will receive 1st Eucharist in 2019 in accordance with the Archdiocese Sacramental Guidelines. Enrolment for Confirmation will be in July 2018.

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer service will be celebrated here on **Friday 2nd March** at 10:30am followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. We hope you will be able to join us for the service and the lunch. We are in need of food for the lunch so even if you are not able to join us on the day we will welcome your donation of savoury or sweet finger food. Please contact Matty McKenna 0402 284 289 to advise your contribution.

Caritas - Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend – 3rd to 5th August 2018: relationship enrichment for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD. **For bookings/details contact:** Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

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: _____