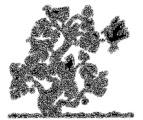


Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 17th June 2018

Dear friends

This Sunday the Lord speaks to us of the smallest of all the seeds, the mustard seed, and how it grows into the biggest tree of all. In Ezekiel, God reminds us of His preference for the small, the humble. In His words "I cut down the tall trees and make the low trees grow tall." In all of these parables, Jesus is referring to our faith. Even though it may be small and therefore weak or vulnerable, He can make it grow and yield abundant fruit.

In fact, small is beautiful in God's eyes. Faith, Jesus says, is like a seed... "sprouting and growing... yet man does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit." The soil of course refers to God's grace. Invisible yet so powerfully effective. All we have to do is plant our faith in the heart of Jesus. St Mary MacKillop devoted her life and her sisters under the care of St Joseph and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St Mary of the Cross honoured the heart of Jesus in her love for the little ones of Australia, especially the poor. Emulating the justice and gentleness of St Joseph she said "seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard" (1900). She knew, even when times were very tough and her own security as a religious congregation was at risk her faith, planted in the heart of Jesus, would urge her to say "God will provide for the future" (1877).

True devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, consists in placing our trust in His mercy and His infinite love. Jesus, through St Margaret Mary Alacoque, who received the visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in France in the seventeenth century, evokes in us, confidence in a God who truly answers our needs. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is infinite in charity and boundless in mercy. So too, in all our little acts of daily forgiveness and small acts of love we are co-operating with grace and silently growing stronger in our faith. People can only come to know God, through our small acts of compassion and mercy. In this way our hearts are joined to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and He becomes really present to those in need.

Please continue to pray for Deacon Tom on his journey towards his Ordination.

God love you

Fr. Frank

Parish Diary:

Monday 18th June

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 19th June

10:30am Mass at Sylvan Wood
7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 20th June

10:00am Prayer Group
5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 21st June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 22nd June

Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

9:30am Mass

Saturday 23rd June

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

8:00am Mass

"Bear with the faults of others as you hope God will bear with you."

- St Mary MacKillop (1906)

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Ezek 17:22-24 - *I have made the small tree great.*

Psalm Response: We give thanks unto you, O God of might: for your love is never ending.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10 - *Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower: all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 - *The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 49:1-6

Second: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

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:

Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are the potential to be like a growing tree, bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Lesley West, Rod Adams, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, 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, 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, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather, Paul McKean, Marina Weightman.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Leonie Tonkin, Josie Romero, Gina Rosa, Iris Dyer, Hazel Webster, Neville Davis, Ray Murphy.

Anniversaries & Remembrances June: Maria Topatig, Mary Lawes, Angelo Garbuio, Marjorie Tough, Tess Pellow, June Flynn, Veronika Wagner, Molly Kennedy, Rosalia Biscontin, Jack MacNamara, Des O'Connor, May Morrison, James Hume, Levina White, Luigina Basso, Trevor Bignell, Marguerita Freeman, Nellie Sheehan, Ray Bandiera, Peter Potts, Amedio Aquili, Billy Abrahams, Michael Hickey, Rita Freeman, Mary McCourt, William Webster, Evelyn Newman, Waclaw Kupidura, Paul Sklyarov, Ayda Daboin, Charlie Barry, Margaret Crichton, Richard Ashton, Lenore Thompson, Ernie McCullagh, Dick Curran.

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

Roster 23rd & 24th June

<u>Junior Ministers</u>		<u>Readers</u>		<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>		<u>Music</u>	
6:15pm	Volunteers needed	6:15pm	(1st) Martin M (2nd) Don F (POF) Suzanne G	6:15pm	Dcn Tom, John E, Therese E, Tom M, <i>Volunteer</i>	6:15pm	Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
8:00am	Douglas M Volunteer	8:00am	(1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Peter L (POF) Hilda A	8:00am	Dcn Tom, Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Mark C, <i>Volunteer</i>	Powerpoint 6:15pm	Emma M 8:00am Chris M
						Counters:	Gp 4 Clinton T, Stanis D, Jeff C
						Cleaning:	Gp 3 Jodie M & Therese B
<u>Weekend Mass Times</u>		<u>Week Day Mass Times</u>		<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>			
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 Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm			
Sunday	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am	St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Ph 3822 2139 Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am		St John Vianney Manly Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm			
		Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday		St Jude Gumdale Sunday following 7:00am Mass			

Deacon Thomas' Ordination will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane on Friday 29th June at 7:00pm. All parishioners are welcome. Dcn Tom will remain with the Parishes of Birkdale and Manly until the end of this year.

Garden Working Bee - The gardens and grounds are in need of a tidy up. We need helpers on **Saturday 7th July from 8:00am**. Please bring along tools, hats and sunscreen. Refreshments and water will be provided. If anyone has a trailer available to take rubbish to the dump that would be appreciated. Remember many hands make light work. **If you are not available on 7th July but would like to help out, you are welcome to come and weed and tidy the Garden of Reflection or Columbarium area at any time that suits you!!**

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal — 23rd & 24th June The cold winter months are particularly hard for the most disadvantaged people in our community. Vinnies Changes Lives Every Day. Be part of that change by donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal through our Parish. Envelopes will be available in the Church or visit www.vinnies.org.au or 13 18 12 to donate.

Peter's Pence Collection Each year a special charitable collection, 'Peter's Pence,' is taken up from the worldwide Catholic Church. **The 'Peter's Pence Collection' in our church is the weekend, 30th June & 1st July and will be a retiring collection.** The funds raised go to the Holy Father who distributes them for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Victims from natural disasters, wars, diseases and other catastrophic events receive assistance from 'Peter's Pence.' Economically strapped dioceses, hospitals and Catholic education programs are also among recipients of these funds.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal June 9th and 10th 2018 - Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha, to provide quality, child-centred education to children. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact. **Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar**

Survey of Catholic families attending non-Catholic schools The Archdiocese of Brisbane is conducting research into the reasons that some Catholic families choose to send their children to non-Catholic schools. We know that there are many reasons for this. We are seeking families who have chosen to send their children to state, independent or other denominational schools to take part in a short, anonymous, online survey. We hope the responses will give us a better understanding of the needs of the families in our parishes. It is estimated that the survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you would like to help our community in this way, please access the survey at this web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3P7TJQ> The survey will be open until 24 June. Thank you for your assistance.

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: _____