



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Nativity of St John the Baptist Year B - 24th June 2018

Dear friends

“His name is John”. And they were all astonished (Lk 1:63). These are the words of Elizabeth which we hear today as we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist. Why were the excited crowd gathered around Elizabeth astonished at the choice of the name John? They were astonished because; “no one in their family has that name” (cf. Lk 1: 61).

The passing on of names is something we know quite well. It marks our identity. Our name is our special word that not only identifies us, but it also joins us to others, just think of our surnames or family names.

It might be a little old fashion to say that our “first” name is our “Christian” name, or our “baptismal” name but that is what it is. The name we were baptised with grafts us onto the Holy name, the name of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Before we were baptised the priest (or deacon) would have said (insert your name), “I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. In this moment we become God’s children and become part of God’s family.

The name “John” is a Hebrew name which means God has been gracious; or God has shown favour. This name now makes a lot more sense for a couple that thought that, in their old age parenthood was beyond them.

God bless

Deacon Tom

Parish Diary:

Monday 25th June

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 26th June

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 27th June

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

Thursday 28th June

St Irenaeus

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 29th June

Sts Peter and Paul

9:30am Mass
7:00pm Tom Zaranski - Ordination at St Stephens Cathedral

Saturday 30th June

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 1st July

8:00am Mass

“Anyone with two tunics should share with him who has none.”

- John the Baptist

This Week’s Readings:

First Reading: *Isa 49:1-6 – Behold I will make you a light to the nations.*

Psalm Response: I will praise your name, my king and my God; I will praise your name, my king and my God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Second Reading: *Acts 13:22-26 – Christ’s coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 1:57-66, 80 – John is his name.*



Next week’s Readings

First: *Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24*

Second: *2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15*

Gospel: *Mark 5:21-43*

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, Amedeo 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 30th June & 1st July

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	Volunteers needed	6:15pm	(1st) Paulina P (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Mary S	6:15pm	Lesley L, <i>Volunteers</i>	6:15pm	Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3	
8:00am	Isabelle M Emilie B	8:00am	(1st) Maeghan N (2nd) Rob B (POF) Megan B	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B	Powerpoint		
				*** Fewer ministers will be required during flu season*****		6:15pm	Lisa K 8:00am Chris M	
						Counters:	Gp 1 Michael & Ann D, Ken & Jan G	
						Cleaning:	Gp 1 Marie P & Carole C	
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 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.

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.

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!!**

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.

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.

Rev Kevin McGovern, Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics and Lecturer in the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law at the Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, will present a seminar on Catholic Ethos and Ethics at the **O'Shea Centre, Lovedale St, Wilston, on Tuesday 10 July, 9am – 4pm. Topics include:** Perinatal palliative care, accepting sickness, treatment refusal, pain control, dementia, euthanasia and basic skills development for responding in these situations. The seminar is primarily targeted for those working in pastoral care and clinical care in hospitals and in aged care institutions but is open to any person with an ethical interest in these areas. **Cost \$25 (pay on the day). For more information and registration please contact** Judy Norris (judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193. Registrations close Wednesday 4 July). Morning tea and lunch provided-please advise dietary requirements at registration.

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: _____