



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 26th August 2018

Dear friends

We have exciting news to share. Australia has another religious woman (God willing) on the path to sainthood. Fr Frank has handed out holy cards of Eileen O'Connor, so our parish in a small way has helped promote her cause! Thanks be to God.

Below is a copy of a news release from the Archdiocese of Sydney (*edited for length*):

Australia is one step closer to getting its next saint with the Vatican advancing the cause for the beatification of Sydney woman Eileen O'Connor by awarding her the title Servant of God.

"Eileen's was a life of immense suffering and judged by today's standards many would have viewed it as lacking in dignity, value or hope," said Archbishop Fisher.

"That she is on her way to possibly being our next saint shows even a short life, marked by incredible suffering, can be an inspiration to all and reminds us of the dignity of every human life."

Former congregational leader and Eileen O'Connor Project Leader, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan oln, described the news as "simply wonderful" and the new Servant of God as a "very human, beautiful soul".

Fr Robbie (the postulator for her cause in Rome) said the Vatican green light means the task of formally presenting the co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor to the world as an outstanding Australian example of holiness and charity can now begin.

"With every passing year since her death a century ago, Eileen O'Connor has grown in the love and devotion of the people of Sydney and of all Australia," the youth and for the lay apostolate in particular.

"May she inspire many others to devote themselves to the needs of the outcast and forgotten as her own life becomes better known."

Sr Margaret Mary said that Eileen's is "a story waiting to be told and now we have the opportunity to tell it".

"Eileen has always belonged to the people of God, not us, and we pray that she becomes a ray of sunshine to the faithful today as she was in her short life.

"We are extremely grateful to Archbishop Fisher and Bishop Randazzo.

"The journey has finally begun!"

For Eileen to be beatified, a miracle would have to be rigorously investigated and scientifically approved by Vatican experts. Such miracles are usually medical cures of terminal illnesses which are scientifically inexplicable in the eyes of experts.

God bless

Fr Thomas

Parish Diary:

Monday 27th August

St Monica

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 28th August

St Augustine

7:00pm Deanery Meeting

Wednesday 29th August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 30th August

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 31st August

9:30am Mass

Saturday 1st September

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 2nd September

8:00am Mass

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

- St Augustine

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 – We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Psalm Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.*

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Eph 5:21-32 – This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 6:60-69 – Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*



Next week's Readings

First: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Second: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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:

Jesus, teach us about life everlasting: "Your words Lord are spirit and life ." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life.

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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: Michael Mossop, Paul Claussen, Tina Koevoets (Linck), Leonie Tonkin, Josie Romero, Ray Murphy.

Anniversaries & Remembrances August: Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Szwajczak, Patrick O'Connor, Giuseffina Garbuio, Valda Montgomery, Robert Peters, George Hayes, Ernie Mullan, Tom Power, Patricia Thomsen, Roxanne Allam, Peter Quinn, Christine McQuillan, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Max Ferris, Ragagnin Antonio, Ellen Hume, Michael Wellington, Rosa Rominelli, Margaret Ansell-Vosti, Mary Ward, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Modesta Santarossa, Raniero Citeroni, Angela Citeroni, Hazel Padget, Eileen Doherty, John Howard, Basilio Poloniato, Doris and Ray Sharp, Michael Czapkowski.

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

Roster 1st & 2nd September

Junior Ministers 6:15pm Isabelle L 8:00am Isabelle M		Readers 6:15pm (1st) Siobhan E (2nd) John E (POF) Tom M 8:00am (1st) Megan B (2nd) Maeghan N (POF) Rob B		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 6:15pm Lesley L, Paulina P, Matty M 8:00am Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B *** Fewer ministers will be required during flu season*****		Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 Powerpoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M Counters: Gp 1 Ken & Jan G, Kerry B Cleaning: Gp 1 Carole C & Marie P	
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			

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 23rd August:-
Danica Alonso, Lachlan Appleton-Seymour, Jenifer Bagster, Jonathan Bagster, Ruairi Brennan, Evelyn Bretherton, Sienna Brown, Archie Byrne, Evie Byrne, Rocco Cartella, Beau Castellari, Carter Chapman, Sean Clark, John Cowen, Lucas Cullen, Oscar Curtis, James Daley, Jacob De Monte, Isabella Donahue, Lucian Dupen, Lacey Elmore, Tate Elmore, Mackenzy Elms, Ciara Gallagher, Laura Gray, Jasmine Gray, Hugo Greer, Franki Greer, Ronan Grimes, Lily Harkins, Stephanie Harper, Matilda Harris, Jordan Harvison, Elleia Hawkins, Ryan Hindes, Emma Humphries, Alesha Jamison, Holly Jamison, Byron Jones, Tobias Jorna, Harrison Keogh, Jorja La Rosa, Lilliana Lambert, Sean Larking, James Lawlor, Thomas Lawlor, Eva Leben, Samuel Leotta, Owen Lewin, Bianca Logan, Angelina Majsakowski, Lucas Marsh, Eamon Mason, Aine McAuley, Mikayla McClurg, Hailey McClurg, Sam McKennanney, Erin McPate, Luciana Mudnic, Anneliese Musch, Emily O'Brien, Eve O'Connell, Michaela O'Leary, Emily Olsen, Lawson Olsen, Aila O'Rourke, Kai O'Rourke, Kate Ovenden, Tais Parry, Amalia Parry, Brendan Pearson, Luke Phelan, Niko Puljic, Oliver Puljic, Samuel Roberts, Josephine Rodgers, Carlos Rodriguez, Charlotte Roth, Harrison Skillender, Ellie Slater, Max Stawiarsk, Emily Sullivan, Alexis Sutton, Skyeler Sutton, Jacinta Taylor, Joshua Tesoriero, Hayden Tickle, Kobe Todman, Olivia Toon, Rhiannon Van Belkom, Gabrielle Van Belkom, Mia Van Kretschmar, Xavier Vickers, Josie Webster, Malcolm White, Ruby Wissemann. Congratulation also to Hugh Taylor and Jacob Rowling (at St John Vianney, Manly on Tuesday 21st August)

Mass of Anointing – will be celebrated at 9.30am in the church on **Friday 7th September**. Morning tea to follow in the parish centre. All parishioners are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.

Centralised safeguarding training for September 2018 is now available. Register using the website link & invitation code below, with 100 places available per session. This face-to-face training is only applicable to those registered volunteers who are:

- providing services for children & vulnerable adults
- engaging in activities mainly with children & vulnerable adults
- in a leadership/council/finance position
- also employed by their parish, faith community or the Archdiocese

All other volunteers are to defer training until online options become available by the end of 2018.

Upcoming Session: Date: Thursday, September 13th. **Time:** 12:30pm – 2:30pm. **Location:** Hanly Room – Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St Brisbane Qld 4000. Website Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/VAWT> Invitation Code: safeguardspring. Please printout individual tickets and either distribute in the lead up to each training session **or** retain the individual tickets and distribute at each training session. **Please note, attendees are required to produce their individual tickets for scanned entry.** To facilitate this process, attendees are requested to arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Training session, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or on 07 3324 3752.

The 2018 Annual Catholic Campaign will be held in our Parish the weekend of the 8th and 9th September. For more information go to catholiccampaign.com.au

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with their family and friends are invited to a special Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at Cathedral of St Stephens on Saturday 6th October 2018 at 10am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 28th September 2018 email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or Telephone 3324 3030.

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: _____