



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 21st October 2018

Dear friends

In a recent chat with a good priest friend of mine we discussed the colourful preaching of Pope Francis. As odd as it seems, my mate mentioned how often Pope Francis mentions "parrots" in his talks and specifically in his homilies. At the heart of this concept Pope Francis warns that we can (at times) slip into becoming *Christian Parrots*; whereby we mindlessly just repeat words and gestures without any real thought or reflection. Much like a parrot. *Polly want a cracker? Polly want a cracker?*

To highlight this point, I thought I would include a couple of snippets from Pope Francis:

1. In our relationship with the Lord, in prayer — I ask — do we let ourselves be astonished or do we think that prayer is speaking with God as parrots do? No, it is trusting and opening the heart so as to let ourselves be astonished. Do we allow ourselves to be surprised by God who is always the God of surprises? Because the encounter with the Lord is always a living encounter; it is not a museum encounter. (15/11/2017)
2. There is a little prayer that we pray, the Gloria — "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit" — but we often say it mechanically, like parrots". Instead, this prayer is adoration, glory: I adore the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Adore, with little prayers, in silence before the grandeur of God, adore Jesus and say: 'You are the only One, you are the beginning and the end, and I want to be with you for all my life, for all eternity. (9/1/2017)
3. It is one thing to recite the Creed from the heart and quite another to recite it like a parrot: I believe in God, I believe in Jesus Christ, I believe... The Pope then suggested an examination of conscience: Do I believe what I say? Is this confession of faith true or I am saying it from memory because I have to say it? Or do I believe by halves? (10/1/2014)
4. If I say I'm Catholic and every Sunday I go to mass but then I don't talk to my parents, I don't help my grandparents, the poor, I don't visit the sick, then there's no point. In that way, we're nothing but a Christian parrot: words, words, words. (17/1/17)

God bless

Fr Thomas

Parish Diary:

Monday 22nd October

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 23rd October

Wednesday 24th October

St Ignatius of Antioch

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

Thursday 25th October

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 26th October

9:30am Mass with Prep & Year
6 students

Saturday 27th October

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 28th October

8:00am Mass with Prep & Year 1

*"We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give."*

— Winston Churchill

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Isa 53:10-11 – *If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.*

Psalm Response: Let your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we place our trust in you.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16 – *Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:35-45 – *The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*



Next week's Readings

First: Jer 31:7-9

Second: Heb 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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:

Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we then called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, 'let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You to do your will.'

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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, 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: Celsa Obligado, Michael Mossop, Paul Claussen.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donnelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, Laureen Smith, Dennis Manche, John McDonald, Susanne Conroy, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

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

Roster 27th & 28th October

Junior Ministers		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Music
6:15pm Volunteer needed		6:15pm (1st) Martin M (2nd) Don F (POF) Monica O	6:15pm John E, Therese E, Tom M, 2 <i>Volunteers</i>	6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 Powerpoint
8:00am Douglas M		8:00am (1st) School Rep (2nd) School Rep (POF) School Rep	8:00am Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Mark C, 2 <i>Volunteers</i>	6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M Counters: Gp 4 Clinton T, Stanis D, Jeff C
				Cleaning: Gp 4 Christian P
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: Our current rosters finish at the end of this month. If any changes are needed for the next roster, please contact the Parish Office on 38222139. New volunteers would be very welcome.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon: St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre from 11:30am on **Tuesday 6th November**. Only \$5 includes a glass of bubbly (or orange juice). Multiple Sweeps and raffle tickets to purchase (multiple raffle draws); Best Hat Prizes; Live Race Coverage. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for lunch. Good fun assured! 🐎🐎🐎

Mass All Saints and All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale on **Thursday 1st November at 6:00pm (All Saints) and Friday 2nd November at 9:30am (All Souls)**. Masses will be celebrated at St John Vianney, Manly on **Thursday 1st November at 9:30am (All Saints) and Friday 2nd November at 9:30am (All Souls)**.

Tree Removal we urgently need to remove the 40 trees behind the Parish Centre as they have become unstable and dangerous (a branch has already fallen onto the gutter of the Parish Centre). We have received an estimate of \$6,000.00 to remove all the trees and stumps and have them mulched (we will use the mulch for our gardens). I would be grateful for any donation of funds towards this project. Donations can be made at the Parish Office or can be placed on the collection plates at Mass in an envelope noted "tree removal donation". We need to have this project completed by **December this year**. I thank you in advance for your support. Your donation is greatly appreciated. **Fr Frank**

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 **\$12,457.40**.

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.

Fellowship of the Least Coin / Womens World Day of Prayer for 2018 This event will be held locally at the Redlands Church of Christ, 51 Allenby Road, Alexandra Hills on **Friday 26th October** at 10:30am. You are also ALL invited to stay and mingle afterwards while enjoying the supplied free lunch.

Palms Australia Could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more? **Palms Info Session:** Friday 9 November, 5:30 pm, Brisbane Square Library, 266 George St, Brisbane QLD 4000. Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

Vocation Discernment Weekend hosted by the CAPUCHIN FRIARS: 16-18 NOVEMBER 2018. a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. **Starts 7:30pm Friday** at the Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and **concludes at 3pm on Sunday**. Cost is **only \$30**. Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and useful advice. So if you're discerning, come along! No strings attached. Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au or 0432362052 to register or to get more info. Retreatants must register beforehand. More info at: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/brisbane-vocation-discernment-weekend/>

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: _____