



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Dear friends

#### The Jacaranda Tree - the forerunner of Advent

The streets of Brisbane are alive with the beautiful purple flowers of Jacaranda trees. I always look forward to late October and November each year to see the seemingly invisible Jacarandas literally spring into life! I remember when I was studying at The University of Queensland (located in the midst of some of the best jacarandas) once the jacarandas started to flower, the students knew that the exam period was fast approaching.

As Catholics, we are geared towards seasons as well. In a somewhat similar way to the Jacarandas, we are in the midst of differing seasons. These seasons are climatic (like Spring) but they are also liturgical, and each has a particular focus or emphasis. We are about to finish one liturgical season (Ordinary Time) on the Feast of Christ the King (25 November) and then commence another one, Advent. As Catholics, I would say that we generally mark the season of Lent quite well. Just think of the 'Little Black Books' of Lent, Project Compassion, Lenten Groups and fasting, just to name a few.

What do we do for Advent? Or more importantly, what does God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, do *in* and *through* us? The Jacarandas have carpeted the streets Advent-purple in the anticipation. What are we doing to prepare for the coming of Christ?

**God bless**

**Fr Thomas**

#### Parish Diary:

##### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

*St Josaphat*

2:00pm Activities Group  
2:00pm Conversation Group  
7:00pm Rosary

##### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

7:00pm SVdP Meeting  
7:30pm Baptism Preparation

##### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

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

##### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

##### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am Mass  
10:40am Mass at Dutch Village

##### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

*St Elizabeth of Hungary*

6:15pm Mass

##### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November

8:00am Mass

*"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor."*

*(Pope Francis, 2013)*

#### ***This Week's Readings:***

***First Reading: 1 Kg 17:10-16*** – The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

***Psalm Response:*** Praise the Lord, my soul!

***(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):*** Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the broken hearted.

***Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28*** – Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

***Gospel Mark 12:38-44***– The poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.



#### ***Next week's Readings***

***Dan 12:1-3***

***Second: Heb 10:11-14***

***Gospel: Mark 13:24-32***

**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:***

Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before [us]" According to St. Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.'  
Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

#### **Parish Primary School**

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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:** Gert Smit, Celsa Obligado, Michael Mossop.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances November:** Michael Wellington, Joan Brown, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Emilia Battel, Michele Battell, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Alex Parlato, Alice Harmey, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleenon, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak.

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

**Roster 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November**

<b>Junior Ministers</b>		<b>Readers</b>		<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>		<b>Music</b>	
<b>6:15pm</b>	Molly H Volunteer	<b>6:15pm</b>	(1st) Tanina D (2nd) Michael L (POF) Suzanne G	<b>6:15pm</b>	Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P, Matty M	<b>6:15pm</b>	Gp 1      8:00am Gp 3
<b>8:00am</b>	Robert M Sarah M	<b>8:00am</b>	(1st) Brian C (2nd) Margaret C (POF) Lorraine K	<b>8:00am</b>	Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Monica O, 2 Volunteers	<b>Powerpoint</b> <b>6:15pm</b>	Lisa K      8:00am Clinton T
						<b>Counters:</b>	Gp 3      Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M
						<b>Cleaning:</b>	Gp 2      Volunteer needed
<b>Weekend Mass Times</b>		<b>Week Day Mass Times</b>		<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm	<b>St John Vianney Manly</b> Ph 3131 2610 Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am		<b>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b> Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm			
<b>Sunday</b>	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am	<b>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b> Ph 3822 2139 Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am		<b>St John Vianney Manly</b> Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm			
		<b>Carmelite Monastery</b> 7:00am Monday to Saturday		<b>St Jude Gumdale</b> Sunday following 7:00am Mass			

**Month of Remembering** November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Life will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Life on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated.

**Conversation Group** meets Monday **12th November** in the Parish Centre Meeting Room 2-4pm. All Welcome.

**Christmas Appeal** - The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Funds raised provides the community with a chance to help change lives by adding a little comfort, dignity, hope and warmth to the lives of those who are struggling. All money donated stays within the Birkdale Conference. Donation envelopes will be in the Church.

**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**.

**TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE - \$2,300.00. A special thank you to the Care and Concern ladies for their donation of \$1,000.00 from their fundraising projects this year.**

**Advent Books** *The Little Blue Books* are available at the Welcome Desk to help us pray and reflect in preparation of Christmas. **Books are \$5.00 each.**

**Redlands for Refugees** is holding a Musical Evening Fundraiser in aid of refugees and asylum seekers on **Saturday 24 November from 7.30 pm** at Star of the Sea Parish Centre, 53 Passage St, Cleveland. \$15 entrance includes light supper; pay at the door; byo alcohol. All proceeds will go to the Romero Centre to support refugee families. For further details go to [redlands4refugees.blogspot.com/](http://redlands4refugees.blogspot.com/) or contact Mike on 0422956224.

**Women's Discernment Retreat** Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018** from 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday. Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_