



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B - 25th November 2018

Dear friends

According to "statista.com" the most liked member of the British Royal Family in 2018 is Prince Harry. The question that *statista* asked members of the general public was, "which members of the Royal Family do you like the most?" The results show that Prince Harry is liked by 42% of British respondents and 23% of worldwide respondents. Judging by the crowds and the buzz Prince Harry stirred up on his recent trip to Australia, it appears that these statistics are pretty accurate. Harry was in the news every day for a week which culminated in his role in the Invictus Games – in the adoring public's eyes, Harry could do no wrong. The monarchy's stocks rose considerably due to Harry's Australian tour. It seems that the House of Windsor headed by Elizabeth II will be governing Australia for quite some time to come. This is despite the next monarch, Prince Charles not ranking very highly on the popularity stakes. Prince Charles is liked by 9% of British respondents and 8% worldwide.

This Sunday, which is the final Sunday in our liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The full name for this solemnity is Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. When we think of a King or Queen, we might think of the British monarchy because of their connection to Australia. If this is the case when we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, our image as Jesus Christ as a King, is likely to be somewhat distorted. Christ's kingship contrasts to an earthly kingship in almost every possible manner. Jesus Christ came to serve and not to be served. Today's solemnity asks us the question of which kingdom do I want to be a part of?

God bless

Fr Thomas

Parish Diary:

Monday 26th November

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 27th November

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 28th November

10:00am Prayer Group
4:30pm Music Practice
6:00pm Grade 6 Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday 29th November

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 30th November

St Andrew

9:30am Mass

Saturday 1st December

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 2nd December

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass

"Let us try to keep God with us by charity in thought, word and act."

- St Mary MacKillop (1890)

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Dan 7:13-14 – His sovereignty is eternal.

Psalm Response: All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God;
All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Apoc 1:5-8 – The ruler of the kings of the earth...make us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 18:33-37 – You say that I am a king.

Next week's Readings

First: Jer 33:14-16

Second: 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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:

Christ is King ... the faithful Witness. He loved us ... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to be called forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Lesley West, 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: Rod Adams, Valda Grey, 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 Gilhooly, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Josie Romero, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak.

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

Roster 1st & 2nd December

<u>Junior Ministers</u>		<u>Readers</u>		<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>		<u>Music</u>	
6:15pm	Isabelle L	6:15pm	(1st) Therese E (2nd) Siobhan E (POF) John E	6:15pm	Lesley L, Paulina P, Matty M, Suzanne G, <i>Volunteer</i>	6:15pm	Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3
8:00am	Emilie B	8:00am	(1st) Megan B (2nd) Maeghan N (POF) Rob B	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Monica O, 2 <i>Volunteers</i>	Powerpoint	6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M
						Counters:	Gp 1 Ken & Jan G, Kerry B
						Cleaning:	Gp 4 Christian P

<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

Christmas Eve Mass Times

5:00pm St John Vianney's Manly
7:00pm St Jude's, Gumdale
7:00pm St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale
Midnight Carmelite Monastery Ormiston

Christmas Day Mass Times

8:00am St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale
9:30am St John Vianney's Manly



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.

Look Out For Our Parish Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale in December!!!!

End of School Year Mass - will be celebrated at **9:00am on Friday 7th December** in the Church. Parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass as there will be no 9:30am Mass on this day.

Christmas Tree Donations of food items, especially **sweet or savoury biscuits, Christmas food and tinned hams (not Spam)** for St Vincent de Paul will be gratefully received. We have already received enough toys/presents from the generous donations from St Mary MacKillop Primary School and Carmel College to meet our needs this year but still need food items for hampers. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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 - \$2,500.00.**

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.**

Children's Christmas Pageant 2018 - will be presented at the Christmas vigil Mass on **24th December at 7:00 pm**. Children wishing to be a part of the pageant will need to be at the following rehearsal sessions in the Church:-

Tuesday 11th December - 9am to 10am and Thursday 13th December - 9am to 10am

Tuesday 18th December - 9am to 10am and Thursday 20th December - 9am to 10am

Some parent helpers would be very much appreciated. Some costumes will be provided. Thank you so much for all the generous donation of children's dress up items, clothing and fabrics received in previous years. We are still in need of the following items. **Children's dress up items:** angel wings & halo; white dresses; crown; shepherd's tunic, soldier's shields.

Toys: Sheep.

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: _____