



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year C 9th December 2018

Dear friends

Seeing Salvation

When we look at the Christmas Crib, we see salvation. John the Baptist is calling us in this season of Advent to turn our hearts to Jesus, to come back to Him with all our hearts.

The three elements of prayer;

1. God,
2. the person who prays and
3. the relationship between the person and God

– all these elements make up the purpose of Advent and the preparation for Christmas. The love between the most important figures of Christmas, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are to be found within us, through prayer, charity and forgiveness.

This is the season to give. To give God time in prayer, even if it begins with a moment of silence as we begin and end our day. The Hail Mary or the Glory be to God. To give love to others through a home visit to an elderly or sick relative or friend. Better still to someone who lives alone. To give time for our family so that our relationships may deepen and become more intimate. Time given for God, time for others and time for family, these three are what matters.

God bless

Fr Frank

Parish Diary:

Monday 10th December

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 11th December

9:00am Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal
7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 12th December

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

Thursday 13th December

St Lucy

9:00am Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 14th December

St John of the Cross

9:30am Mass

Saturday 15th December

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 16th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass

*“In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey ... across the paths of time.”
- Pope Francis*

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 – Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Psalm Response: God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 – Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 – All people shall see the salvation of God.



Next week's Readings

First: Zeph 3:14-18

Second: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-8

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:

Today, God's Voice ring out "Go, prepare the way for the Lord". Is this call for you?

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, 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 December: Les and Ruby Richards, Alberto & Vittorio Poloniato, John Jorna Snr, Antonio Cailotto, Amalia Bandiera, John Williams, Madeline Gauci, Eve Buckmaster, Peter Moores, Carmen Jagga, Hans Adam, Fayline Fraser, Alma Prove, Mary Boyle, Josefina Wilcox, Rita Fantov, Michael Newman, Maria Bosso, Mark Ciavarella, Ron Tamatea, Meg Griffiths, Mal Carlson, Luigi Santarossa, Arnold Splatt, Arthur McCarthy, Ray Murphy, Sr Dot Newberry, Jack and Mary Ward, Graeme & Sonia Giles, David Boyd, Irene Kearney, Clare Rubach, Ivan Randall, Jordan Smith, Vladga Smith, Franco Peressini, Dorothy McInroy, Annie Neale, Fr Tom Boland.

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

Roster 15th & 16th December

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music	
6:15pm	Molly H	6:15pm	(1st) Michael L (2nd) Suzanne G (POF) Vern D	6:15pm	Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P, Matty M	6:15pm	Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3
8:00am	Robert M Sarah M	8:00am	(1st) Margaret C (2nd) Lorraine K (POF) Peter M	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Monica O, 2 Volunteers	6:15pm	Lisa K 8:00am Clinton T
						Counters: Gp 3 Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M	
						Cleaning: Volunteer needed	
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		St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm	
Sunday Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am		Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday				St John Vianney Manly Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm	
						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



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME Fr Frank will be accompanying a 15 Night/18 Day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome departing 29th September 2019 and returning Wednesday 16th October 2019. The tour is being organised by Harvest Journeys and will be visiting Amman, Jerash, Dead Sea, Bethany Beyond the Jordan, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Jericho, Jerusalem and Rome. Brochures available from the Parish Office. For more information please see Fr Frank.

Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Epati will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd December at 8:00am (celebration will also be held at St John Vianney Church, Manly on Saturday 22nd December).

Christmas Raffle Tickets are \$2.00 each (3 for \$5.00) and are on sale after Masses this weekend. To be drawn on Sunday 23rd December.

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 - \$2,670.00.**

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: _____