



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Dear friends

Today's feast of the Epiphany, which means the manifestation of God's divinity in the child Jesus, will mark the end of the Christmas season with the Baptism of Christ next Sunday. Already as this New Year begins, we have come to Mass to adore Jesus, truly present in His Word and the Eucharist. The red light of the sanctuary lamp manifests His presence as does the tabernacle veil. Our Church is full of the presence of Jesus. We too are asked to manifest, to be the epiphany to others of the presence of Jesus.

This year I encourage all of us to practise the Presence of God. A Carmelite brother, named Laurence of the Resurrection, who was born in 1614 in Hériménil in France, discovered what he called "the practice of the Presence of God".

Prayer is nothing else but a sense of the presence of God. Each one of us has His presence within us. We can be at times insensitive to God's presence within. This does not negate the reality that He is always with us and that He only waits patiently for us to invite Him into our hearts.

This practice of being aware of the presence of God is our greatest gift to Christ. This practice, which can be easily done by just simply repeating the Holy name of Jesus reverently or, as we did in Advent, breathe in and out the Word of God, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus. Repeating that mantra- Come Lord Jesus – will enable us to be sensitive, to become aware of the beautiful presence of Jesus within.

We receive Holy Communion in order to manifest His presence to everyone we meet. This simple prayer will help us to spend our whole day in His presence. St Paul encourages us to "pray at all times", this is possible through this holy practice of the Presence of God – "Come Lord Jesus."

We all need tranquillity and peace. For this Jesus came to bring us peace. In the middle of all our daily work and the moments of trials and adversity, the practice of the Presence of God will inspire within us a deeper self-estimation because of the joy of knowing that Jesus is always with us.

Like the three Kings who come today to offer their gifts in homage and adoration, so too, we offer to Jesus our hearts so He can live, and move and breathe in us. Give Jesus this year, the opportunity to make a real difference in your life. Offer Him each day, the practice of His Presence – Come Lord Jesus – and then begin the joy of being always in His presence.

God love you

Fr Frank

### Parish Diary:

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

7:00pm Rosary

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR FRIDAY MASS DETAILS**

[www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au](http://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au)

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January

6:15pm Mass

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

*The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00am Mass

10:00am Golf at Howeston

*"Goodbye forever to  
all old scores."*

*St Mary MacKillop, 1890*



### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading: Isa 60:1-6** – *The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

**Psalms Response:** All the ends of the Earth have seen the power of God.  
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**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.

**Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6** – *The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matt 2:1-12** – *We have come from the East to worship the King.*

**Next week's Readings**

**First: Isa 60:1-6**

**Second: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6**

**Gospel: Matt 2:1-12**

**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:

Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Charles Lilley, Brian Cannon, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Kade Battersby, 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 January:** Ray Tiernan, Lionel Browning, Nancy Greco, Alberto Bandiera, Joan Bevan, Pastor Calunod Obligado, Tom Curran, Philip Pitts, Alaister Pitts, Nicola Pasqualini, Serena Ragagnin, William Peterson, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Maree Kearney, Margaret Campbell, Else Peters, David Stark, William Maclean, Harry Copas, John Harrison, Br Pat Doolin, Barry Logan, Bette Risson, Garth Brown, Nancy Greco, Frank Shearif, Lionel Browning, John Pearce, Aleida Wishey, Mario Vitali, Charles Brown, Liam Maher, John Boon, Doris McInroth, Baby Samuel, Fre Caterina, Margaret Duncan, Ray Stephenson, Theresa & Laurence Gormley, Irene Harrison, Peter Knights, John Bergin, Gianna Santarossa., Winnie D'Souza, Frances Nell, Bill Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee.

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

**Roster 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Junior Ministers</b>		<b>Readers</b>		<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>		<b>Music</b>		
<b>6:15pm</b>	Volunteer needed	<b>6:15pm</b>	(1st) Mary S (2nd) Carolyn W (POF) Don F	<b>6:15pm</b>	John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M, Anne-Maree C	<b>6:15pm</b>	Gp 3 <b>8:00am</b> Gp 2	
<b>8:00am</b>	Theresa W	<b>8:00am</b>	(1st) Julie C (2nd) Jane W (POF) Loretta M	<b>8:00am</b>	Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Mark C, Anthony W, Volunteer	<b>Powerpoint</b>		
						<b>6:15pm</b>	Lisa K <b>8:00am</b> Chris M	
						<b>Counters:</b> Gp 2 Maria S & Tania M		
						<b>Cleaning:</b> 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		

**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.**

**Thank you** to everyone who gave of their time and talents to help make our Christmas celebrations special.

**Cup of Tea** Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee and refreshments after Masses this weekend.

**St MMK Social Golf Club** will play their next game on Sunday **13th January** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

**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.

**Recycle for Sight** part of the Lions International Eyeglass Recycling Programme in QLD. Spectacles, sunglasses and frames are distributed throughout the world to people in need. Please place glasses in the box on the Welcome Desk. Your gift will be very appreciated.

**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 **\$12,661.75**.

**CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS** Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au), by Friday 25 January 2019.

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

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme. Your commitment assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the parish, as well as the pastoral needs of the parish, not forgetting ongoing maintenance costs. To join our Planned Giving Programme, please complete this form and place on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139.

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