



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Baptism of the Lord - Year C - 13th January 2019

Dear friends

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord as He begins His public ministry. There is a question that could be asked as to what was Jesus doing before His baptism? He began His public ministry around the age of 30 and by tradition He was crucified at 33 years of age.

Tradition places Jesus as living the life of a carpenter's son. It was in the seclusion of Nazareth that Jesus spent the greatest part of His earthly life. He grew in strength and wisdom and grace with God and man. Jesus as a young person under the direction of Joseph and Mary learnt and acquired the Shema and Hallel. This refers to the Scriptures and Psalms and Prophetic Books. He would have learnt Aramaic and Greek. The scriptures show Jesus was a close observer of the sights and sounds of nature and the habits of all classes of men and women. He acquired the necessary skills for life from Joseph and Mary. Above all He was a young man of intimate union with God our Father, whom He called with affection Abba.

Here lies the secret, hidden life of Jesus – prayer, contemplation, work, family life and community. Prayer and service, humility and generosity were his formation.

May this New Year renew in us the call to prayer, service and holiness. Placing God as the first of our love puts every day in His Providence.

God love you

Fr Frank

Parish Diary:

Monday 14th January

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 15th January

Wednesday 16th January

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 17th January

St Anthony

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 18th January

9:30am Mass

10:40am Mass at Dutch Village

Saturday 19th January

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 20th January

8:00am Mass

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

– Micah 6:8 (NIV)

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Isa 40:1-5, 9-11 - The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.*

Psalms Response: Bless the Lord my soul, who heals the broken hearted.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 - He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 - When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*



Next week's Readings

First: Isa 62:1-5

Second: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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: The literal meaning of the word Vocation is a "call". The Universal call to holiness is rooted in our baptism. Today we remember our own baptism, and our call to love and serve the Lord through a specific vocation God calls us to. Priest, Religious, Consecrated Single or Married, Where are you going?

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Charles LilleyAnn 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: Brian Cannon, Rod Adams, Valda Grey, Gert Smit, Celsa Obligado.

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 19th & 20th January

Junior Ministers 6:15pm Molly H 8:00am Robert M Sarah M		Readers 6:15pm (1st) Suzanne G (2nd) Vern D 8:00am (POF) Tanina D (1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Peter M (POF) Margaret C		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 6:15pm Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P, Matty M 8:00am Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Monica O, 2 <i>Volunteers</i>		Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 Powerpoint 6:15pm Volunteer 8:00am Clinton T Counters: Gp 3 Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M Cleaning: Gp 3 Jodie M & Therese B	
Weekend Mass Times Saturday Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm Sunday Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am		Week Day Mass Times 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		Sacrament of Reconciliation 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			

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.**

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**.

Trees – removal of the trees and stump grinding has been completed within budget. Thank you to all who donated funds towards this project. **Fr Frank**

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, 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: _____

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