



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Easter Sunday - Year C - 21st April 2019

Dear friends

Happy and Holy Easter to all of you. Especially at this time of Easter we keep in mind, in prayer and active charity, all those in our families and parish who have suffered the loss of loved ones. This season is the time of hope. We place all our desires and Hope in Jesus, Risen from the dead. Life is changed, not ended when we die. Dying, as Christ did for you and me, is His surrender to love. Jesus teaches us about the importance of patience and trust in God our Father, who will always shine through the darkness of suffering and by His light, Jesus, create new life and a new beginning. There is no obstacle that prayer cannot overcome. The stone in front of the tomb has been rolled away. So too, all forms of sufferings united with Christ, will roll away to transform us into an enlightened person of grace. Grace always follows suffering. In fact, the longer we live, the easier it is to understand the words of Therese de Liseanx "All is grace". Whatever happens to us is known beforehand by God our Father. We can be assured that He is waiting for us, to embrace us and affectionately pick us up when we fall. "Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ". The kingdom of God is within us, every morning "He awakens my ear" so that I may hear His voice. "Today you will be with me in Paradise".

We joyfully welcome our RCIA Candidate, Kerry Daley, to our Easter celebrations. Please pray for Kerry as she progresses on her journey.

In conclusion, Jesus has given us a taste of heaven, in every person, in every communion. Our response is to live our lives in joy, never missing an opportunity to help another in need and being grateful for our families and parish.

God love you

Fr Frank

Parish Diary:

Monday 22nd April

NO ACTIVITIES GROUP

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April

7:30am HeartFIT

10:00am Prayer Group

12 noon Fete Art and Craft Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 25th April

Anzac Day

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 26th April

No Parish Mass

Saturday 27th April

3:30pm Baptism Celebrations

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 28th April

Devine Mercy Sunday

8:00am Mass

"He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here."

- St Augustine

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 – We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.
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(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 – Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9 – The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Next week's Readings First: Acts 5:12-16

Second: Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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:

Christ is risen.

He has promises to take us to heaven too.

Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Kathy Stone, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, 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, Christine Inch, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, 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: Frances Bristow, Justin Mullan, Jim Gair, John Kelly, Lesley West, Anne Delamere, Jackie Watkins, Brian Cannon.

Anniversaries & Remembrances April: Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleeauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Vivian and Rodello Cabigquez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers.

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

Roster 27th & 28th April

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music					
6:15pm	Volunteers	6:15pm	(1st) Martin M (2nd) Emma M (POF) Matty M	6:15pm	John E, Therese E, Tom M, Anne Maree C, Suzanne G	6:15pm	Gp 3	8:00am	Gp 2		
8:00am	Doug M Xavier R	8:00am	(1st) Peter L (2nd) Hilda A (POF) Volunteer	8:00am	Lena B, April M, Walter G, Mark C, 3 Volunteers	Powerpoint		6:15pm	Lisa K	8:00am	David C
						Counters:	Gp 4	Clinton T, Stanis D, Jeff C			
						Cleaning:					
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 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					

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to help with the Easter Celebrations

Weekday Masses there will be no Parish Mass on **Friday 26th April**. Please note the Parish Office will be closed from **Monday 22nd April to Friday 26th April**.

ANZAC DAY MASS A special ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated in the Church on **Thursday 25th April at 6:00pm**.

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 see Fr Frank**.

St John Vianney's Manly Fundraiser for East Timor. Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after Mass from 27th April.

Prizes. 1st Apple i Pad MODEL 6GENMR6N2/A Value \$670, 2nd \$200 Cash, 3rd Bunnings Voucher \$100. Tickets. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 - Book of 10 tickets \$15.00. Drawn at Fundraising Breakfast for East Timor **26th May**. Also we will have Fundraising Breakfast tickets available \$35.00 per person.

Little WHITE Books – are now available from the Welcome Desk. The books cover the Easter Season and walk you through the Sunday Gospels from Easter to Pentecost with explanations and reflections along the way. The cost of each book is **\$5.00**.

Safeguarding for Volunteers to comply with the Archdiocese Safeguarding policy all volunteers must complete Level 1 Safeguarding Training. The training can be completed on line at <https://www.safeguardingaob.com.au/>. Once you have watched the presentation, you will need to complete the Confirmation of Completion for Safeguarding Essentials Presentation Form and return it to the Parish Office (or in a sealed envelope on the Collection Plates at Mass marked "SAFEGUARDING TRAINING"). The Level 1 Training will be presented in the Parish Centre on Monday 29th April 2019 commencing at 2:15pm for volunteers who are unable to complete it on line. **Thank you to all our volunteers.**

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 **\$13,492.45**.

Project Compassion 2019 Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. Please remember to bring back your compassion boxes and donations in the next couple of weeks or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Project Compassion boxes can be placed in the basket provided in the Church, envelopes can be placed on the collection plates.

Human Rights Forum, Saturday 27th April 2pm – 4.30pm, Redlands Performing Arts Centre, Middle St, Cleveland.

Come, listen and learn from an excellent panel of speakers about caring and humanity. Organised by Redlands for Refugees and the Human Rights Law Centre, this event is free to attend with online ticketing at eventbrite.com.au/e/59212180225

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: _____