



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 28th July 2019

Dear friends

This week the Word is teaching us to be people of prayer and justice. It is reaffirming the value of giving time to God in prayer. Above all things in this world, prayer can obtain for us, what is impossible for the human person. That is because prayer is engaging with the Divine. Grace flows through the power of prayer. That is, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Only prayer can really bring about real change. Only prayer can enable me to be my true self. Only prayer can obtain the miracle I need in order to finally live by the will of God which is the purpose of my life.

Prayer is spending time with your best friend – God. It is taking time to listen to Him and to speak with Him. It provides protection, guidance, blessing and forgiveness. Prayer enables enemies to become reconciled with each other. It brings healing and joy.

We will only be truly happy when we are free from the tyranny of self. Prayer encourages me to forget myself and place my energy where it can be transformed into grace. That is, living in the awareness and presence of God. It provides us with confidence and wisdom.

Poetry, music, art, theatre, dance are all evolved from the creative power of prayers. One of my favourite prayers is the prayer of serenity.

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And Wisdom to know the difference.*

Just remember, we are always beginners when it comes to prayer.
One small step in prayer each day will lead us to the Kingdom.

Fr Frank's health is improving steadily. He is very grateful for all the prayers and well wishes. Please keep him in your prayers.

Parish Diary:

Monday 29th July

St Martha

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 30th July

Wednesday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola

7:30am HeartFIT

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 1st August

St Alphonsus Liguori

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 2nd August

8:30am Grandparents Day

School Liturgy

9:30am Mass

10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 3rd August

St Dominic

NO MASS

Sunday 4th August

8:00am Mass followed by Feast
Day celebrations and School Fete

*"The past is no longer yours;
the future is not yet in your power.
You have only the present
wherein to do good."
- Alphonsus Liguori*

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Gen 18: 20-32 – Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Psalm Response: Lord, on the day that I cried out for help, you answered me, you answered me.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Col 2:12-14 – He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 – Ask, and it will be given to you.



Next week's Readings First: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Second: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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:

God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern.

God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Ann Duran, Kevin Harrop, 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, Patricia Haines, 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.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Dulcie Perera, Maria Aelsemgeest, Hazel Quilty, Les Moroney, Nell Elliott, Alfonso Laner, Denise Hodgson.

Anniversaries & Remembrances July: baby Belle Woolfe, Cliff Friswell, Kathleen Miles, Roy Longwill, Thomas Czapkowski, Kerry McPeake, Mary Baldacchino, Margaret Adkins, Alice Webster, Charles McCourt, Michael Mossop, Emilia Stephenson, Nancy Hogan, Harry Elliott, Trevor Myatt, Norah Butler, Antonio Giavedoni, Peter Trevethan, Mick McErlain, George Amown, Fre Celestno, Marie Welsh, Marco Peressini, Sr Mary Robinson OSU, Nugget and Thelma Sweeney, Val Tranter, Alex Crimmins, Anton Szwajczak, Ezilda Souza, Patricia Logan, Patricia Stevens, Francesca De Souza, Peggy Myatt, Noreen McGrath, Isabel Henry, Bart Szwajczak, Eileen Scanlan, Sydney Stone, Ranier Daboin, Fr Gerry Ronayne, Robert Bae, Gino Lippi, Concetta Ragonesi, Doris Sharpe, Peg Knight, William Daley, Harry Kirkman, Jose Mangana.

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

Roster 4th August

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	NO MASS	6:15pm	(1st) NO MASS (2nd) NO MASS (POF) NO MASS	6:15pm	NO MASS	6:15pm	NO MASS 8:00amGp 3	
8:00am	Sarah M Eddie M	8:00am	(1st) Rob B (2nd) Megan B (POF) Maeghan N	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B	6:15pm	No Mass 8:00am Chris M	
				*** Fewer ministers will be required during flu season*****		Counters: Gp 1 Ken & Jan G, Kerry B		
						Cleaning: Marie P & Carole C		
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		



St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop Feast Day - Sunday 4th August 2019

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations commencing with

Mass at 8:00am (One Mass only for this weekend)

followed by cup of tea and Feast Day cake and St Mary MacKillop School fete.

REMINDER: There will be no Mass on Saturday evening 3rd of August as we will be celebrating the St Mary MacKillop Feast Day on Sunday 4th August.

Sacramental Journey Welcome all families. Please remain in the Church after Mass on Sunday for the information session regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation.

St Mary MacKillop School Fete Come one, come all! St Mary MacKillop Primary School is pleased to welcome you to our Annual Fete on Sunday 4th August 2019. This inclusive event promises fun for the whole family, complete with a sideshow alley, rides and attractions, arts and crafts, delicious food, and prize-packed auctions!

St Mary MacKillop school fete Sunday 4th August – LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE Art Union TICKETS drawn at 3pm. Tickets \$5 each. 1st Prize: \$5000 cash. 2nd Prize: Vuly Trampoline (valued at \$750). 3rd Prize: Weber Q BBQ (valued at \$329). Selling them after church from weekend Saturday 29th June until Saturday 3rd August. (Or tickets can be purchased at the school office during school hours.)

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 **\$13,947.35**.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is open to Conversion, renewal and reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Respondents also affirmed the important role of the clergy, expressing their appreciation for their vocation and recognising the need for support and ongoing formation and accompaniment. Some asked for a consideration of alternative approaches to ordained ministry, some for a greater inclusion of laity and different groups in the Church's life, some for new models of governance and leadership, and some for a renewed fidelity to the Church's teachings. There was also a call for a renewed life of prayer and communion with one another, including understanding the many different ways in which we encounter God and experience a conversion of heart. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Catholic Mission would like to thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the free call: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

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: _____