



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 4th August 2019

Dear friends

People who focus on eternity are often the ones who do most in this world. Just think of our Australian saint and our patron at Birkdale, whose feast day we celebrate this Sunday, our, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Focusing on eternity doesn't mean that we are not concerned about the here and now. In fact, eternity means living in the present moment, forever. One writer says, if we live in the past, we tarnish the present and forget the future.

Living in the present moment, aware of God's presence and the divine providence. As St Mary says "How very good, God is to us all."

St Mary of the Cross often went through troubled and humble beginnings. Her one desire was to do God's will and help those in need. She was the eldest of eight children and met the burden of having to be responsible for helping her mother Flora provide for the family. St Mary experienced an unsettled childhood where the family home was neither happy nor prosperous due to the many failed and flawed business dealings of Mary's father.

Many family homes were sought and lost during Mary's childhood. A deep sense of hopelessness was always countered by Flora's sense of providence – the idea that "God will provide" became a staple for Mary and served her well and truly throughout her life.

"Never see a need, without doing something about it". This legacy of St Mary MacKillop is what we experience in our parishes at Birkdale and Manly. I want to thank all the good and generous people who make this saying of St Mary MacKillop, a reality in our parish life.

May we experience God's providence, His goodness and His faithfulness this feast day and throughout the year. Your commitment to our parish life is the source of real blessing to everyone.

Let us all be people of trust and gratitude in God.

"When I could not see my way, God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right" 1883.

*Fr Frank is very grateful for all the prayers and well wishes.
Please keep him in your prayers.*

Parish Diary:

Monday 5th August

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 7th August

7:30am HeartFIT
10:00am Prayer Group
5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 8th August

St Mary of the Cross

9:00am Mass
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 9th August

9:30am Liturgy

Saturday 10th August

St Lawrence

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 11th August

8:00am Mass
10:00am Golf at Howeston

*"Gratitude is the
memory of
the heart."*

- St Mary MacKillop

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 – What do people gain by all their work?*

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: *Col 3:1-5, 9-11 – Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 12:13-21 – To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*



Next week's Readings First: Wis 18:6-9

Second: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

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:

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth.

God is everything: the only thing.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Geoffrey Whall, 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 August: Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Szwajczak, Patrick O'Connor, Giuseffina Garbuio, Valda Montgomery, Robert Peters, George Hayes, Ernie Mullan, Tom Power, Patricia Thomsen, Roxanne Allam, Peter Quinn, Christine McQuillan, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Max Ferris, Ragagnin Antonio, Ellen Hume, Michael Wellington, Rosa Rominelli, Margaret Ansell-Vosti, Mary Ward, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Modesta Santarossa, Raniero Citeroni, Angela Citeroni, Hazel Padget, Eileen Doherty, John Howard, Basilio Poloniato, Doris and Ray Sharp, Michael Czapkowski.

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

Roster 10th & 11th August

Junior Ministers		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Music
6:15pm	James R	6:15pm (1st) Carolyn W (2nd) Don F (POF) Mary S	6:15pm John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M, Anne-Maree C	6:15pm Gp 2 8:00am Gp 3 Powerpoint
8:00am	Theresa W	8:00am (1st) Jane W (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Julie C	8:00am Lena B, April M, Walter G, Mark C, Anthony W *** Fewer ministers will be required during flu season*****	6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M Counters: Gp 2 Maria S & Lisa K 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 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



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.

Sacramental Journey Reminder Welcome all families. Workshops will be held on Sunday 18th August and 25th August. Please remember to sign in at all Masses and workshops.

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 of the Cross Feast Day Masses will be celebrated at 9:00am and 6:00pm on 8th August. All welcome

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday 11th August at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at **6:00pm on Thursday 15th August.**

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.**

Junior Minister Training - training sessions for children who would like to become Junior Ministers will start next weekend 10th & 11th August before the Masses. Saturday training starts at 5:30pm and Sunday training starts at 7:30am. Children need to have received their 1st Communion to be Junior Ministers. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 for further information. Parents/caregivers need to stay with the children during the training sessions.

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.

Peter's Pence Collection Each year a special charitable collection, 'Peter's Pence,' is taken up from the worldwide Catholic Church. **The 'Peter's Pence Collection' in our church will be on the weekend of the 10th & 11th August and will be a retiring collection.** The funds raised go to the Holy Father who distributes them for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Victims from natural disasters, wars, diseases and other catastrophic events receive assistance from 'Peter's Pence.' Economically strapped dioceses, hospitals and Catholic education programs are also among recipients of these funds.

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 appreciated.

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: _____