



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year A - 8th December 2019

Dear friends

As our two schools close for the Christmas Holidays, we all turn our attention to the coming birth of Jesus. This week's Gospel centres on reconciliation and being tolerant with each other. I encourage everyone to make available this opportunity to make a good confession in the sacrament of Penance before Christmas.

The gift of forgiveness is so important for every person to feel loved and to be able to make new beginnings and restore relationships.

As the "wolf lies with the lamb," with a "little boy to lead them." We hear that enemies become friends and "they do no harm, no hurt" to each other. What a beautiful image of the Christ Child leading us to be reconciled with God and with others.

Now at this Advent time, we try our best to be tender, loving and forgiving with each other.

It is now the time to leave past injuries done to us behind. It is with Jesus, the prince of peace, that we choose to forgive and get on with living our lives in the presence of God – Emmanuel – present in every person, especially those we find most difficult to love. It is what we do for them, not what they do for us, that matters.

May our generosity in forgiving be the start of a truly blessed Christmas.

God love you

Fr. Frank

Fr Frank Farewell

Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 15th December at 8:00am** followed by morning tea and refreshments. Please bring a plate of food to share. Donations towards a farewell gift for Fr Frank can be made at the Parish Office during business hours or by placing an envelope on the collection plates at weekend Masses marked "Fr Frank Farewell".

Everyone is welcome to come and share memories and wish Fr Frank farewell.

Parish Diary:

Monday 9th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

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

Thursday 12th December

3:30pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 13th December

St Lucy

9:30am Mass

Saturday 14th December

St John of the Cross

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 15th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass followed by Fr Franks farewell morning tea.

*"It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well."
– St Ambrose*

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Isa 11:1-10 – He judges the poor with justice.

Psalms Response: Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9 – Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt 3:1-12 – Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.



Next week's Readings

First: Isa 35:1-6, 10

Second: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matt 11:2-11

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:

Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Tessa Gorogo, Mick Gauci, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, 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, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Betty Reagan, Russell Corrie, Fr Ray O'Leary, Eileen Dickinson, Pauline Boevink, Avis Moore.

Anniversaries & Remembrances December: Les and Ruby Richards, Alberto & Vittorio Poloniato, John Jorna Snr, Antonio Cailotto, Amalia Bandiera, John Williams, Madeline Gauci, Eve Buckmaster, Peter Moores, Carmen Jagga, Hans Adam, Fayline Fraser, Alma Prove, Mary Boyle, Josefina Wilcox, Rita Fantov, Michael Newman, Maria Bosso, Mark Ciavarella, Ron Tamatea, Meg Griffiths, Mal Carlson, Luigi Santarossa, Arnold Splatt, Arthur McCarthy, Ray Murphy, David Kearney, Sr Dot Newberry, Jack and Mary Ward, Graeme & Sonia Giles, David Boyd, Irene Kearney, Clare Rubach, Ivan Randall, Jordan Smith, Vladga Smith, Franco Peressini, Dorothy McInroy, Annie Neale, Fr Tom Boland. **Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

Roster 14th & 15th December

<u>Junior Ministers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Music</u>
6:15pm James R Holly J Alesha J	6:15pm (1st) Don F (2nd) Mary S (POF) Carolyn W	6:15pm John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M, Anne-Maree C	6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
8:00am Robert M	8:00am (1st) Margaret C (2nd) Lorraine K (POF) Steven O	8:00am Julie C, Elaine H, Kerry B, 4 Volunteers	Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Clinton T
			Counters: Gp 3 Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M
			Cleaning:

<u>Weekend Mass Times</u>	<u>Week Day Mass Times</u>	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>
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

<u>Christmas Eve Mass Times</u>	<u>Christmas Day Mass Times</u>
5:00pm St John Vianney's Manly 7:00pm St Jude's, Gumdale 7:00pm St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale Midnight Carmelite Monastery Ormiston	8:00am St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale 9:30am St John Vianney's Manly



Parish Telephone we are currently experiencing telephone problems due to cabling issues. Telstra are working to restore the phone system as soon as possible. Calls to 3822 2139 are currently being diverted to an alternative line however, you will not be able to leave a recorded message. You can also contact the office by email at birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au Thank you for your patience during this time.

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **8th December** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. BBQ in the Parish Centre follows. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Christmas Raffle: As usual, our Parish will have a Christmas raffle with tickets going on sale in December. Meanwhile, if you would like to make a donation of anything that would be suitable for a Christmas hamper, please bring it in to the Parish Office or place it in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity

Christmas Pageant It is a tradition in the Parish for children to present the story of the birth of Jesus at Mass on Christmas Eve. We are looking for children who might like to be involved this year. There are a range of speaking and non speaking roles. Costumes are available. Children must be able to attend Mass at 7 pm on Christmas Eve as well as a number of rehearsals. These will be held at the Church from 3:30 – 4:30 pm on Thursday 12th December, Tuesday 17th December, Thursday 19th December and Monday 23rd December. For more information, please contact Lisa Knight in the Parish Office or Tania Logan on 0407436643 or britania@optusnet.com.au.

St Vincent de Paul - have Christmas cards, Christmas gifts and Columbian Calendars for sale after weekend Masses.

Christmas Tree Donations of food items, especially **sweet or savoury biscuits, Christmas food and tinned hams (not Spam), toys/gifts** for St Vincent de Paul will be gratefully received. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Sacristan Roster We need volunteers to join the sacristan team who set up for Masses each week. Please contact Veronica on 0439 300 750 if you are able to help. All volunteers need to complete an Archdiocese Volunteer Form on line at <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/> . Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

Meditation Invitation In preparation for Christmas, Advent Meditation' is organised in St. Anthony and St. Luke's parish 45 Degen Rd, Capalaba from Monday the 9th Dec.-Friday 13th as follows; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9-10.30 am and Wednesday and Friday 8.30-10 a.m. We welcome you to join the meditation. Kindly give a ring to the parish office on 3820100 to make a booking.

Connected Youth CY is a new and vibrant youth ministry @ Star of the Sea in Cleveland. If you're thinking "boring church nerds", think again! We're all about friendship and fun through exciting activities, camps, games, movies, parties and hangin' out @ our Chill Out Zone... but that's not all. We all know that deep down we're searching for more – our identity, a place to belong, friends who really care about us and not just our image, people who still accept us even when we mess up, exploring faith and those big questions... you know, the deeper stuff... You can find all of this @ Connected Youth! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram for the latest activities! For info contact Ella – 0499 024 309 or ConnectedYouth.Cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au

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: _____