



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 19th January 2020



HIS HAND IS BIGGER THAN OURS

Dear Parishioners, My first week has been a good experience; thank you for your open-arms welcome to the Parish family over the last two weekends. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful work you are doing in the parish and I pray that we will continue to work together in this faith family of St Mary MacKillop and St John Vianney

Catholic Parish. Here I would like to share with you a beautiful story that I received in the New Year and it starts with a thought provoking message. "Whatever comes your way as you journey into the New Year, remember the lesson of this story"...

A little boy and his father went into a country store, and as they were leaving, the owner of the store offered the little boy some free Sweets. "Get a hand full of sweets", the shopkeeper said to the boy.

The boy just stood there looking up at his father. The owner repeated it: "son get a hand full of sweets... it's free." Again the boy did not move, continuing to look up at his Dad.

Finally the father reached into the candy jar and got a hand full of sweets and gave them to his son.

As they walked back home, the father stopped and asked his son why he did not grab a hand full of the free candy. The boy with a big smile looked into his father's face and said: "Because I know that your hand is bigger than mine."

So dear friends, whatever your needs are for 2020, please place them in the FATHER'S HAND IN HEAVEN, because HIS HAND is BIGGER THAN OURS. My Prayers and Best Wishes for you are that you have a blessed time as you journey through 2020.

This weekend we begin again the Sundays in the Ordinary Season of the year A. Two thoughts emerge from today's readings. The first is John the Baptist's dramatic declaration, 'Behold the Lamb of God'. The second is an invitation to do a personal stock-take during this first month of the New Year, and make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives. This weekend John the Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives.

Let us ask the Lord to pour His Holy Spirit upon us to deepen our faith, hope, and love for God and to reveal the plan He has for our life.

Blessings, Fr. Dantus Thottathil

Parish Diary:

Monday 20th January
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 21st January
St Agnes

Wednesday 22nd January
10:00am Prayer Group
5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 23rd January
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 24th January
St Francis de Sales
9:30am Mass

Saturday 25th January
The Conversion of St Paul
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 26th January
8:00am Mass

*Smile and Soft Words
are real Debit Cards
of Life, pay First &
get benefits later...
Anger and Hard Words
are Credit Cards of life,
Use first & pay later
With Interest...*

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Isa 49:3, 5-6 - I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Psalm Response: Here am I, O God, I come to do your will; here am I, I come to do your will.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Here I am Lord: I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3 - The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34 - This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



Next week's Readings First: Isa 8:23 - 9:3 Second: 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Gospel: Matt 4:12-23

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's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Alicia Black, 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: John Mills, Betty Reagan, Russell Corrie, Fr Ray O'Leary, Eileen Dickinson, Pauline Boevink, Avis Moore.

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, Brian Cannon, 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 25th & 26th January

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music	
6:15pm	Holly J Alesha J	6:15pm	(1st) Emma M (2nd) Matty M (POF) Martin M	6:15pm	John E, Therese E, Tom M, Anne Maree C, Suzanne G	6:15pm	Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
8:00am	Sarah M Eddie M	8:00am	(1st) Hilda A (2nd) Jeff C (POF) Peter L	8:00am	Lena B, April M, Walter G, Mark C, 3 <i>Volunteers</i>	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: Sincere thanks to the Mass Ministers and all the volunteers who gave of their time to make our Christmas Masses so meaningful. A special thank you to the children who presented the Gospel Drama at our Christmas Vigil Mass. We are grateful to you and your families for taking the time for practices and to participate in this beautiful Mass. May you all be richly blessed for your efforts.

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE: Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that **special collections will be taken at Masses on 25th and 26th January (Australia Day weekend)** to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

Garden Working Bee - The gardens and grounds are in need of a tidy up. We need helpers on **Friday 7th February from 4:00pm**. Please bring along tools, hats and sunscreen. Refreshments and water will be provided. Remember many hands make light work. **If you are not available on Friday but would like to help out, you are welcome to come and weed and tidy the Garden of Reflection or Columbarium area at any time that suits you!!**

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 **\$14,879.20**.

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.

Celebrating 40 Years of St Anthony's Church Alexandra Hills Saturday 1st February, beginning the celebration with MASS at 5.30pm followed by complimentary Sit-Down Buffet. Drinks available for purchase in the San Antonio Centre, St Anthony's School. Numbers attending are essential for catering purposes. Please notify number of adults and children attending by Saturday **25th January 2020** by phoning Margaret 0412 161 924, Jackie 0412 999 744 or Lorraine 0419 785 994

The Little King's Movement - Once a year conducts a Church Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the call for our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. The appeal for our Parish will be conducted on the weekend of **1st & 2nd February 2020**. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which volunteers are most grateful.

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: _____