



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 9th February 2020



Salt and Light.... Saint Therese of Lisieux, died at the age of 24, after living as an enclosed nun from her teenage years. Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the "Little Flower", and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians. Some of the other nuns thought that Therese had achieved nothing

at all in her short life. Yet within a generation, this young nun who had never left her convent was proclaimed patroness of the missions, not because she ever went anywhere, but because of her special love of the missions, and the prayers and letters she gave in support of missionaries. This is reminder to all of us who feel we can do nothing, that it is the little things that keep God's kingdom growing. Even from her cloister she let her light shine out.

Salt and light. This is what Jesus tells His disciples they are. This is what Jesus is telling us today that we are, namely, salt and light. "You are the salt of the earth." "You are the light of the world." Yes, you and me. That's who we are. In both instances Jesus is telling us that our lives need to be a source of inspiration, hope, joy, peace and life to the people around us.

We can make a positive difference in the world because both salt and light make a positive difference. Salt is essential for life and it was and still is used as a preservative and flavouring. So like salt, we help to preserve life or keep life good and Godly but we also make it pleasant and enjoyable – our presence should add joy and love to the lives of others. In the same way a light brings hope in the darkness and it provides guidance and direction, but light is also essential for life and so again as a light to the world our lives provide hope to those around us and to the culture in which we live.

Think how different our world would be right now if we all fully embraced these values and allowed this energy to shape our thoughts, words and deeds. By being friendly, kind and cheerful in our words spoken and shared on social media, our world would be different. We would look different. None of us in this Church can do everything, but all of us in this place can do something in our homes and parish communities that the light of Christ may shine more brightly in the world.

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

Parish Diary:

Monday 10th February

St Scholastica

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 11th February

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 12th February

St Agatha

7:30am HeartFit

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 13th February

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 14th February

St Cyril

9:00am Mass (note change of time for this week only)

Saturday 15th February

3:30pm Baptism

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 16th February

8:00am Mass

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

IT'S VERY EASY
TO GIVE EXAMPLE
BUT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT
TO BECOME AN EXAMPLE!!!

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Isa 58:7-10 – Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Psalm Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 2:1-5 – I come to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

The man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matt 5:13-16 – You are the light of the world.*



Next week's Readings First: *Sir 15:15-20*

Second: *1 Cor 2:6-10*

Gospel: *Matt 5:17-37*

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:

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, 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, 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 February: Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Balbena Montgomery, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Joseph McNamee, Peter Sherry, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.

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

Roster 15th & 16th February

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music	
6:15pm	Volunteers	6:15pm	(1st) Vern D (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Michael L	6:15pm	Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P, Matty M	6:15pm	Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3
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	Lisa K 8:00am Clinton T
						Counters:	Gp 3 Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M
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	

Opening School Mass will be celebrated in the Church at **9:00am** (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THIS WEEK ONLY) on Friday 14th February. Parishioners are most welcome to attend as there will be no 9:30am Mass in the Chapel for this Friday only.

Readers, Communion Ministers, Junior Ministers: Our current rosters finish at the end of this month. New rosters will be made up for March to October. If any changes are required, or if anyone would like to join one of these ministries (for new volunteers please go to <http://archbne.org/welcome> to complete the required documentation), please contact Mary on 0404 460 251 or the Parish Office. *Your contribution to our parish life is very much appreciated.*

SINCERE THANK YOU for your generous response to our recent St Vincent de Paul Bush Fire Appeal. Our retiring collection received \$2,500.00. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We are also continuing to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

Call For Volunteers the Parish is in need of volunteers. If you would like to help with the following duties please go to <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Full training will be given to all interested people.

SACRISTAN DUTIES (preparing the altar before and after mass), **MINISTERS OF THE WORD, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVERS, MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS.** Formation training will be provided by Fr Dantus for all new and existing Mass volunteers. *Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

Sacramental Journey 2020 The Sacramental journey for Penance and 1st Eucharist commences at the 8:00am Mass on **Sunday 16th February.** Parents or guardians wishing to enrol their children for Reconciliation and Eucharist must attend this Mass. Children must have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation to enrol for Penance and Eucharist.

THANK YOU to all who gave of their time at the Church Garden Working Bee. ***If you were not able to come 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!!***

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **9th February** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Little Black Books – are now available from the Welcome Desk. The books cover the Lenten period and walk you through the Sunday Gospels of Lent with explanations and reflections along the way. The cost of each book is **\$5.00.**

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.

Redlands4Refugees is a multi-denominational group, concerned that people seeking asylum and refugees are treated with dignity, compassion, respect and justice. We meet monthly at the Trinity Uniting Church 47-49 Marlborough Rd, Wellington Point. Our first meeting for 2020 will be held on Thursday 13 February commencing at 7pm. We normally share a cuppa and light refreshments from 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

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: _____