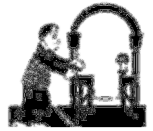


Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 16th February 2020

The essence of God's law....

The message of this weekend's Gospel is for us to understand the fundamental value of Jesus calling us to have a heart that is forgiving, faithful and trustful. This is the wisdom of God that comes as a gift from God. It is not mere human wisdom. In bringing the law of God to completion, Jesus calls us to live in love, a love that completes us and makes us whole because it is God's love. God calls us to a radical way of living. We are called to be more than just moral: God calls us to be virtuous. We become virtuous by faithfully choosing to do good. Naturally we are not perfect, but God calls us to reflect on how we live and to understand what He desires for us. Such reflection can lead us to insight that will help us to live better and be more virtuous in the future. Therefore, by reflecting on our experience in the light of faith we grow in wisdom.

In today's Gospel Matthew emphasizes the close relationship between Jewish Law and the teaching of Jesus. Here Jesus explains that He has not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. He tells us that the Law still has its force and will not pass away till it has achieved the purpose for which it was given. Jesus gives us the new law, namely the law of love. In the first reading Sirach affirms that God knows every human action. As a wise teacher he urges his listeners to make the right choice in life. They have the commandments to guide them. In the second reading Paul reminds us that God has many riches for those who love Him and tells us that the rulers of this age failed to recognize God's wisdom in Christ. True wisdom however is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

Today Jesus is sharing with us the wisdom of forgiveness, faithfulness and trustfulness. Let us pray today and everyday that we might be able to forgive, to be faithful and to be truthful. But let us also remember to first choose to love and be loved.

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20 - He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Psalms Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10 - God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt 5:17-37 - Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Parish Diary:

Monday 17th February

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 18th February

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 19th February

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

Thursday 20th February

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 21st February

9:30am Mass
10:40am Mass at Dutch Village

Saturday 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 23rd February

8:00am Mass (School ministered Mass)

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Pause and Remember

Every situation in life is temporary.
So, when life is good, make sure you enjoy and receive it fully.
And when life is not so good, remember that it will not last forever and better days are on the way.



Next week's Readings First: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

Second: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Matt 5:38-48

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:

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious - might you be one of them? Listen to the call!

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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: Mildred Ball-Wilson, John Mills, Betty Reagan, Russell Corrie, Fr Ray O'Leary.

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 22nd & 23rd February

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	Holly J Alesha J	6:15pm	(1st) Matty M (2nd) Martin M (POF) Emma 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) School Rep (2nd) School Rep (POF) School Rep	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		

Sacramental Journey We welcome the families and children on the Sacramental journey for Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist. Please remember to collect your workbook from Mass this weekend.

ASH WEDNESDAY Please join us for Ash Wednesday celebrations on 26th February – School Liturgy at 11:30am and Mass at 6:00pm. All Welcome.

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.*

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.

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.

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**.

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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: _____