



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 23rd February 2020

Perfect - made whole.... One day, Mother Teresa was asking a baker for some bread to feed the hungry children in her orphanage. The baker was furious with her request for free bread. Not only did he turn her down, he spat at her. In response to his outrageous actions, Mother Teresa calmly reached deep into her pocket, took out her handkerchief, wiped the spit off and said "That was for me; now what about some bread for my poor children?" The baker was touched by Mother Teresa's love and greatness, complied and thereafter provided bread for the children in the orphanage. What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as we deserve, but as God wishes us to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. I do not know if you have heard this already. An unknown author said something about what a Christian is all about. This is what was said:

A Christian... is a mind through which Christ thinks.
 is a heart through which Christ lives.
 is a voice through which Christ speaks.
 is a hand through which Christ helps.

This weekend's Gospel speaks of the essence of holiness. And why should we be holy? It's because God Himself is holy and we have been created in His image. The passage concludes with Jesus saying, "Be perfect, then, as your heavenly Father is perfect." This obviously is an ideal, a goal to be aimed at. And the perfection intended is not total perfection but rather to aim at that total impartiality of a God who extends His providential care and love equally to all. What Jesus wants is for us to adopt a divine perspective and to see other people as they really are. He wants us to pray for everyone and to love them as God loves them. Jesus understands perfectly well that the best way to get people to be more open is to treat them with dignity and to appeal to their better instincts.

So let's take up the challenge Jesus gives us today. Let's try to be perfect, in each decision we make and in all that we do. Strive to be perfect!

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 - *You must love your neighbour as yourself.*

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23 - *All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt 5:38-48 - *Love your enemies*



Next week's Readings

First: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Matt 4:1-11

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:

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

*Never Stop
 doing little things for
 others. Sometimes those
 little things occupy the
 biggest part of their
 Hearts.*

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 29th February & 1st March

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	Volunteer	6:15pm	(1st) Tanina D (2nd) Mary S (POF) Paulina P	6:15pm	Carolyn W, Lesley L, 3 Volunteers	6:15pm	CD 8:00am CD	
8:00am	Volunteer	8:00am	(1st) Maeghan N (2nd) Rob B (POF) Megan B	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Kerry B, 4 Volunteers	Powerpoint		
						6:15pm	Lisa K 8:00am Chris M	
						Counters:	Gp 1 Ken & Jan G, Kerry B	
						Cleaning:	Gp 1 Carole C & Marie P	
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 sign in. Dates for Workshops – Sunday 8th March and Sunday 15th March following the Masses.

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

Mass of Anointing – will be celebrated at 9.30am in the church on **Friday 13th March**. Morning tea to follow in the parish centre. All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.

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.*

CHILDRENS LITURGY – It has been a number of years since our parish has had a children's liturgy and I am putting together a team to lead and inspire our kids in a children's liturgy (the aim is to start Term 2). I am looking for volunteers who want to help engage our children and set small hearts a light with the beauty of our faith. Sessions will be Sunday mornings during Mass at 8am for 20-25 mins. All resources and instructions will be provided. No teaching experience is necessary just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in and answer those tricky questions that come up! All volunteers in our parish are required to undergo a police check and obtain a blue card (please go to <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections). Please don't let this be a barrier, our parish organises everything you just need to fill out some forms online. I am more than happy to walk you through the process step by step. Volunteers will be on a roster and rostered once a term (if I can get enough volunteers) for the 4 term school year. If you are keen or would like to have a chat about what is involved please drop me a line at hello@robinsoncreative.com.au or 0421 912 680. I am super excited to be getting this liturgy up and running! *Catherine Robinson*

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.*

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**.

Parish History Book - St Anthony's Catholic A small supply of *Semper Fidelis*, celebrating 40 years anniversary books are available to purchase for \$10.00 per copy. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you would like to buy a copy.

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: _____