



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Second Sunday of Lent - Year A - 8th March 2020

"Lord, it is good for us to be here"....

Now as we enter the Second Week of Lent, our task is to continue to examine our hearts and to repent in order to prepare ourselves for the glorious paschal mystery. The Gospel this weekend speaks of the transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of His disciples, manifesting to them His divinity to strengthen them in their faith before He enters into His Passion and death on the cross. The invitation to "Listen to him" is directed to the disciples and us. We need to pray and listen to what God says during this Lent and yet we know God has no need of our prayer, in fact the very desire to pray be a gift from God. So I invite you during this Lenten season to spend an hour to be still before God in our Birkdale Chapel through the 40 Hours adoration on March 27th- 29th. You are invited to come and pray anytime during the 40 hours or commit to spend a specific hour with Jesus.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at Birkdale church starting at 9.00 am followed by Holy Mass.

Good News for kids

Our parish is aiming to start children's liturgy to explain the message of the Gospel and to stimulate involvement from the children so that they can relate to their own lives. The children's liturgy sessions are run by parish catechists and volunteers. They take place during the mass. The children are led out by catechists at the start of mass, and return during the Preparation of the Gifts. Each session is led by at least 2 Adult. Parents can also assist children to engage more fully in the Sunday Gospel by looking up the weekly readings prior to attending Sunday Mass.

Children's Liturgy will take place about every first and third Sunday. The sessions go for no more than 20 - 25 minutes during the 9:30am Mass at Manly and 8.00 am mass at Birkdale and that includes time for a themed activity. All children are welcome to join in.

Your presence here makes all the difference....

Our parish needs more volunteers for all the Ministries and volunteers play an important part in the day to day operation of the parish. If you are interested in any ministry, please email the Parish or talk to me. It's a great way to get more involved in the Parish.

About That Virus COVID-19

There is a message below from the Archbishop about a response to the coronavirus.

- Parishes should refrain from distributing Holy Communion from the chalice until further notice, with a reminder to the faithful that Christ is fully present under either species.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before and after distributing, and provision should be made for this.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact and perhaps an appropriate gesture.
- Holy water should be temporarily removed from fonts at the doors of churches, though still be available for people to take home.
- Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol based gels or rubs (or like products) available near the entrances.
- It would be preferable and perhaps prudent for people to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, but the decision on this is left with the communicant at this stage.

The Archdiocese will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further advice as required. In the meantime we pray fervently that the threat of COVID-19 will ease, that those suffering from the virus will be cured and that those working for its relief will be strengthened.

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4 – The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Psalm Response: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in You.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10 – God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Matt 17:1-9 – His face shone like the sun.

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Parish Diary:

Monday 9th March

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 10th March

Wednesday 11th March

7:30am HeartFit

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 12th March

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 13th March

9:00am Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

9:30am Anointing Mass

Saturday 14th March

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 15th March

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass

9:15am Sacramental Workshop

Next week's Readings

First: Exo 17:3-7

Second: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life is all about MOVING ON, accepting changes and looking forward to what makes you stronger and more COMPLETE.



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.

Anniversaries & Remembrances March Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Searson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooley, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Raferty, Rosa Tucket, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrok, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal.

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

Roster 14th & 15th March

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	Alesha J Holly J	6:15pm	(1st) Mary S (2nd) Carolyn W (POF) Don F	6:15pm	John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M, Anne-Maree C	6:15pm	Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2	
8:00am	Volunteer	8:00am	(1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Steven O (POF) Margaret C	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Kerry B, *** not all ministers required due to virus conditions***	Powerpoint		
						6:15pm	Emma M 8:00am Clinton T	
						Counters:	Gp 3 Matty M, Gilbert B, Dawn M, Nina M	
						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. Please remember to sign in. Dates for Workshops – **Sunday 8th March and Sunday 15th March** following the Masses.

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.

40 Hour Adoration As in previous years we will host this most precious devotion of grace by continuous silent prayer before Jesus. This year, Adoration will be at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale. Adoration begins **Friday 27th March at 6:00pm** and continues through until **8:00am Mass on Sunday 29th March**. Please consider spending one hour over the weekend in silent prayer before Jesus. A roster for the 40 hours of continuous Adoration is on the Welcome Desk.

Sunday Mass Communion Ministers needed - More volunteers are needed for Special Minister of Communion. If you can help with this Ministry please go to <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. *Thank you for your consideration.*

CHILDRENS LITURGY –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. I am looking for keen volunteers from Teens through to Grandparents, please don’t think this is only for parents with school age children, we are all a parish community and together as a community we can provide this valuable ministry to our smallest parish members. Sessions will be Sunday mornings during Mass at 8am for 20-25 mins the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. 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 R*

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

Project Compassion Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let’s Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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: _____