



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Third Sunday of Lent - Year A - 15th March 2020

Celebrations of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is officially called the Sacrament of Penance. In the past, it was also called Confession. These titles are all aspects of the meaning of the Sacrament. The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration of God's love and mercy. It celebrates the call to repentance after a process of conversion of heart. This includes confessing our sins and receiving the forgiveness of God through the ministry of the priest. Through this process, a person is reconciled with the Church and continues to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

How do we celebrate reconciliation?

There are three forms of the celebration of penance.

- Reconciliation for Individual Penitents (Rite I)

This form is celebrated by an individual person in the presence of the priest. The place where this happens is usually a Reconciliation Room (what used to be called a "Confessional"). A bible, a crucifix and candle are placed on a table in the centre of the space. The person may choose to sit facing the priest or to sit behind a screen and remain anonymous. The Rite begins with a greeting, followed by words of encouragement from the priest. After short reading from scripture, the person reflects on his/her circumstances and confesses his/her sins and seeks reconciliation. The priest offers advice and gives a penance that is meant to help in starting a new life and to remedy any weakness. The priest pronounces absolution and the rite concludes with a short thanksgiving.

- Reconciliation for Several Penitents with individual confession and absolution (Rite II)

This form of the Rite begins with a celebration of the Word – readings from scripture, hymns, prayers, a homily and an examination of conscience, followed by a call to repentance. Private confession and reconciliation follow. The Rite concludes with a short thanksgiving, and a blessing and dismissal of the gathered assembly.

- Reconciliation for Several Penitents with general confession and absolution (Rite III)

This form of the Rite follows the same pattern as Rite II, but does not include individual confession and reconciliation. It includes a communal prayer of confession and general absolution. The use of this form is restricted to emergencies and other special circumstances.

When do we celebrate reconciliation?

Individual Reconciliation (Rite I) is usually celebrated at set times during the week in parishes (often on Saturday afternoon) and may be arranged at other times by appointment.

This Rite is meant to give people the opportunity for personal prayer and individual spiritual direction to enable them to 'set their lives on track'!

Communal Reconciliation (Rite II) is usually celebrated in parish communities during Advent and Lent and at other appropriate times during the year.

Who celebrates reconciliation?

Baptised members of the Roman Catholic Church who feel called to be reconciled with God and with the faith community can take part in the sacrament of penance.

This call to conversion and reconciliation occurs when one considers, judges and changes one's life in the light of God's love revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Prayer and participating in the Eucharist are the regular means of asking for forgiveness and being reconciled with God and the community. However, there are times when the faithful need the sacrament of penance/reconciliation in their struggle to be forgiven and forgiving, to discover anew the gift of God's saving action in their lives and to be strengthened to continue living as disciples of Jesus.

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Parish Diary:

Monday 16th March

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick
7:00pm SVdP Meeting
7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 18th March

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

Thursday 19th March

St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Sacramental - 1st Reconciliation

Friday 20th March

9:00am Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
9:30am Mass
10:40am Mass at Dutch Village

Saturday 21st March

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 22nd March

Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00am Mass

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life itself is a journey after all, and what matters most is not what you are getting, but who you are becoming.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Exo 17:3-7 – Give us water to drink.*

Psalm Response: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your heart;
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(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 – The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *John 4:5-42 – The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*



Next week's Readings

First: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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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 March Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Seanson, 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 21st & 22nd March

Junior Ministers		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Music
6:15pm	James R	6:15pm (1st) Tanina D (2nd) Michael L (POF) Vern D	6:15pm Lesley L, Alan B, Roisin B, Paulina P, Matty M	6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 Powerpoint
8:00am	Sarah M	8:00am (1st) Peter L (2nd) Hilda A (POF) Jeff C	8:00am Lena B, April M, Walter G, Mark C, 3 Volunteers	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 Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday	St John Vianney Manly Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm St Jude Gumdale Sunday following 7:00am Mass

CELEBRATION TIMES FOR THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

<p>Holy Thursday 9th April 7:00pm Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale 7:00pm Mass - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly</p> <p>Good Friday 10th April 2:30pm - Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Service - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale 2:30pm - Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Service - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly</p>	 <p>PASCHAL TRIDUUM</p>	<p>Holy Saturday 11th April 6:00pm Easter Vigil - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale 6:00pm Easter Vigil - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly</p> <p>Easter Sunday 12th April 7:00am Mass- St Jude's Church, Gumdale 8:00am Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale 9.30am Mass - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly</p>
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COLLECTION PLATE—as the Corona-virus can remain on surfaces and the plate goes through many hands, we need to mitigate the associated health risk to parishioners. Until further notice, Collectors will be positioned at the Church exits at the conclusion of Mass and **FIRST AND SECOND** collections can all be placed in the same collection plate. Thank you for your continued financial support towards the running of our 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.

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*

REMEMBERING JOHN BATHERSBY The retired Archbishop of Brisbane, John Bathersby, died on Monday March 9, following a recent stroke. Archbishop John led the Archdiocese from 1991 until 2011, retiring upon reaching 75 years of age. With his passing we recall with gratitude the episcopal ministry of our sixth bishop, which was characterised by a deep desire to know and love Jesus and to share this with all. It is also a time of thanksgiving as now he is released from the debilitating illness that has been with him in these latter years. The liturgies that will usher Archbishop John into eternal life are being held at the Cathedral with a Funeral Vigil Liturgy at 5.00pm on Sunday March 15, Morning Prayer for the Dead in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral at 8 am on Monday morning, and a Solemn Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal at 11.00am on Monday (n.b no public parking available on this business weekday). A number of tributes will be offered at the Sunday night Vigil. Webcasts of the Vigil and the Mass can be watched live at www.archbne.org/bzw