



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A - 14th June 2020

Jesus is the "bread of life"..... This weekend the Church is celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This special Feast is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in His memory. Most of our parishioners have a strong desire to gather together again. I've heard lots of people talk about their longing and excitement for the grand reunion that will take place once life gets back to normal. As we are aware under the current restrictions we may not be able to come to the Church as a Eucharistic community but every time we gather for the Eucharist, it's like being in that upper room with the first disciples, and the Lord is present again to support and to challenge us. The more we become aware of Christ living and acting in and through us as His Body, the more meaningful will be our gathering around His table of the altar.

The feast of Corpus Christi has always reminded me how real and close Jesus is as present to us. I think it is important that I bring you this for your reflection. How often do we receive Holy Communion as a force of habit, in order to be seen by others, in order to be counted pious? Do we really have a deep faith in the Eucharist? Do we prepare, through prayer and recollection for Mass and Communion. Are we thankful to God for this marvellous gift? We are reminded not to be careless in our adoration and belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Every single particle of the bread of the host, and every single drop of the wine in the chalice, even to the smallest particle, is the Real Presence of our Lord Himself, fully present in Body, Soul and Divinity. To strengthen our faith, from time to time, God has allowed visible Eucharistic Miracles to occur in various parts of the world so that we may believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Dear friends, therefore today, as we commemorate this great Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us all rediscover our understanding and respect for the Lord who has given us His own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Let us all start from deep within, by striving to participate more actively in the celebration of the Holy Mass, and by receiving Him humbly and reverently in the Eucharist.

There are few notices for your attention.

We are now able to have 100 people in our churches for Masses, baptisms and funerals remain capped at 50 attendees though the need for distancing and sanitising will still apply. We have protocols in place in each church that is a register to record your contact details, sanitiser at entrances and antibacterial spray which will be used to sanitise the chairs after you leave the Church. A marshal will be at each mass to guide you and a sign will be placed on the pews to show you where to sit. So please phone or email the parish office to register which Mass you would like to attend, Friday 9.30 am at Birkdale and Saturday vigil Mass at 6.15 pm or Sunday 8.00 am by emailing the parish office at birkmack@bne.catholic.net.au or phoning 07 3822 2139. If you have already registered you do not need to make contact again.

We had a number of Baptisms postponed during COVID-19, so as restrictions are eased in Qld, you are invited to contact the parish office to re-register your Baptism over the coming months.

The collection plate will be placed at the entrance of the church rather than be passed around at this stage. Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our Parish.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 – He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17 – Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:51-58 – My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Be strong enough to walk away from what isn't best for you, and be patient enough to wait for the blessings you deserve.

Next week's Readings First: Jer 20:10-13 Second: Rom 5:12-15 Gospel: Matt 10:26-33

Mass Times: Weekend Masses Cancelled until further notice

Reconciliation: Cancelled until further notice

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am to 2pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation
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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Henk Hoonhout, Pat Cochrane, 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: Angelina Grasso, Jack Cochrane, Dolour Barnes, Peter O'Donnell.

Anniversaries & Remembrances June: Maria Topatig, Mary Lawes, Angelo Garbuio, Marjorie Tough, Tess Pellow, June Flynn, Veronika Wagner, Molly Kennedy, Rosalia Biscontin, Jack MacNamara, Des O'Connor, May Morrison, James Hume, Levina White, Luigina Basso, Trevor Bignell, Marguerita Freeman, Nellie Sheehan, Ray Bandiera, Peter Potts, Amedeo Aquili, Billy Abrahams, Michael Hickey, Rita Freeman, Mary McCourt, William Webster, Evelyn Newman, Waclaw Kupidura, Paul Sklyarov, Ayda Daboin, Charlie Barry, Margaret Crichton, Richard Ashton, Lenore Thompson, Ernie McCullagh, Dick Curran.

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

Private Prayer in the Church the Church will be open for Private Prayer on Mondays from **1:00pm to 1:45pm** and Wednesdays from **11:00am to 11:45am**. You will need to contact the Parish office by email birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3822 2139 to register. You will also need to adhere to the same restrictions as with Mass Celebrations (see next item). Please **ensure you register before you attend!!**

Mass Celebrations With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions we will be returning to our normal Weekend Mass schedule from 20th June 2020. However, in line with the Government's social distancing guidelines, we are allowed a maximum of 100 people in attendance at each Mass (including the Priest and any ministers).

We have set up an online system to manage Mass registrations. Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system please call the parish office to register.

Parish Mass on Friday at 9:30am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-friday-tickets-109264685616>

Parish Mass on Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Parish Mass on Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:-

You must NOT

- have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath

You must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people
- refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided in the Church when you enter and leave the Church
- Record your name and contact details in the register at the entry of the Church
- Sit in the rows of chairs which are numbered in the church (family groups may sit next to each other)

Keep in touch with your parish We are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, help to stay connected with the parish community or more information about sacraments please contact the parish office. **Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

BSB: 064 786 Account No: 100017027 Account name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving

Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Thank you very much for your generous financial support and prayers for our Parish. The Parish Office – open on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) between 9:00am and 2:00pm** until further notice. The preferred contact method is by phone 3822 2139 or email birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au. If you require a priest IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY ONLY please phone 3396 0742

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another:

'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'