



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 19th July 2020

Letting God's word take deep root in the heart....

There is a story called, "Two Wolves." It goes like this: A grandfather is teaching his grandson about life. A fight is going on inside me, he said to the boy. It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. He continued, the other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too. The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, which wolf will win? The grandfather simply replied, the one you feed. Today's Gospel parable reminds us that we are a mixture of good and evil and, hence, instead of judging others we are called to try to lead exemplary Christian lives and leave the judgment to God.

Each one of us is a combination of wheat and weeds. In us there are elements of good and elements that are deeply opposed to it. St. Paul recognised that struggle within himself. So we need to learn how to be tolerant and accepting of our own weaknesses. God told Paul that it was precisely through his weaknesses that He could reveal His glory. "My power is made perfect in weakness". Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of His word which He has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. On that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart? Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

A proposal from Monsignor Peter Meneely, Vicar General....

Dear parishioners, on Tuesday 14th July, Monsignor Peter Meneely, Vicar General, and Mrs Lisa Forbes, his Executive Officer, met at Birkdale with the priests, school principals, Pastoral Council members and Finance Council chairs from Birkdale and Alexandra Hills Capalaba parishes to discuss the future of the region. Currently Manly and Birkdale are separate parishes sharing an Administrator and Associate Pastor, and Alexandra Hills - Capalaba is a single parish. Monsignor Peter spoke of future pastoral planning needs, when there may not be the same number of clergy available for parish ministry, and where parish administration costs will need to be rationalised. He then put forward a proposal that Manly maintain its status as a separate parish and Fr Emanuel Ayankudy become the Administrator of Birkdale Parish in addition to his role as Parish Priest of Alexandra Hills Capalaba. Fr Prem Kumar would continue as Associate Pastor of Birkdale and Chaplain to the Carmel. The proposal at this stage is for a sharing of administration, not a formal amalgamation. The meeting discussed some of the pros and cons, and participants have been asked to provide written feedback to the Archbishop. The next step will be for a small Working Group, including members from both parishes, to be established to consider the proposal, consult with parishioners, and provide advice to the Archbishop in due course. You can also talk either to our Parish Pastoral Council members or me about your thoughts and concerns.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19 - In the place of sin, you give repentance.

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

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: 8:26-27 - The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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 13:24-43 - Let them grow together until the harvest.



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

*Life is like making tea.
boil your ego;
evaporate your worries;
dilute your sorrow;
filter your mistakes;
and get a taste of
happiness!*

Next week's Readings First: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second: Rom 8:28-30

Gospel: Matt 13:44-52

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)

Reconciliation: By appointment only

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

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A VOCATION VIEW:

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, 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: Ann Duran, Mona Quantock, Angelina Grasso, Jack Cochrane, Dolour Barnes, Peter O'Donnell.

Anniversaries & Remembrances July: baby Belle Woolfe, Cliff Friswell, Kathleen Miles, Roy Longwill, Thomas Czapkowski, Kerry McPeake, Mary Baldacchino, Margaret Adkins, Alice Webster, Charles McCourt, Michael Mossop, Emilia Stephenson, Dulcie Perera, Nancy Hogan, Harry Elliott, Trevor Myatt, Norah Butler, Antonio Giavedoni, Peter Trevethan, Mick McLain, George Amown, Fre Celestno, Marie Welsh, Marco Peressini, Sr Mary Robinson OSU, Nugget and Thelma Sweeney, Val Tranter, Alex Crimmins, Rose Mills, Anton Sz wajczak, Ezilda Souza, Patricia Logan, Patricia Stevens, Francesca De Souza, Peggy Myatt, Noreen McGrath, Isabel Henry, Bart Sz wajczak, Eileen Scanlan, Sydney Stone, Ranier Daboin, Fr Gerry Ronayne, Robert Bae, Gino Lippi, Kannika Bagster, Concetta Ragonesi, Doris Sharpe, Peg Knight, William Daley, Harry Kirkman, Jose Mangana.

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

Roster 25 th & 26 th July	Readers		Music	
	6:15pm (1st) Janet B (2nd) Matty M (POF) Matty M	8:00am (1st) Hilda A (2nd) Peter L (POF) Peter L	6:15pm Gp 3 Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M	8:00am Gp 2 8:00am David C

Mass Celebrations In line with the Government's social distancing guidelines, we are allowed a maximum of **80 people in attendance** at each Mass. 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 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

When you arrive at Mass you must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided when you enter and leave the Church.
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members (family groups may sit next to each other)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions that are currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

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. The Parish Office is open on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) between 9:00am and 1:00pm**. 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

Feast Day the decision has been made to not go ahead with the usual Parish Feast Day Celebrations due to the restrictions currently in place for COVID - 19. We will still have a special Mass on Sunday 9th August with a special liturgy to honour our Patron but we will not be having the usual fanfare afterwards (sausage sizzle, jumping castle, drinks etc). Once restrictions have been lifted we will also celebrate the 25 year Anniversary of our Church.

HeartFIT is back Next Wednesday 22 July. Mature Age Fitness - Now is a great time to resume or begin!! It NEVER too late, age strongly, live life to the full. **Wednesday's 7:30am-8:30. St. Mary McKillop Parish Hall.** Exercise will renew your body & mind at any age. Improve your strength, balance, confidence & your mood. Exercise at your level - relaxed, friendly & safe environment & a whole lot of FUN while you improve your health. Interested but have a question? Call Bruce 0408740543.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."