



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 9th August 2020

Fight fear with faith.....A business man was late for his flight. He reached the boarding gate just before it closed. Sweating and out of breath, he scanned his boarding pass at the counter and quickly made his way to the plane. Arriving at his seat, he greeted his companions including a little girl at the window side. After the flight took off, he began a conversation with the little girl. The little girl appeared to be about the same age as his daughter and was busy with her colouring book. He asked her a few of the usual questions, and he found it strange that such a young girl would be traveling alone.

About an hour into the flight, the plane suddenly began experiencing extreme turbulence. The pilot announced that everyone should fasten their seat belts and remain calm, as they had encountered rough weather. Some people began crying and the man was sweating and clenching his seat as tightly as he could, and exclaim Oh my God! with each increasingly violent shake of the plane. Meanwhile, the little girl was sitting quietly beside him in her seat. Incredibly, she didn't seem worried at all.

The pilot came on a few minutes later to apologize for the uncomfortable ride and to announce that they would be landing soon. As the plane began its descent, the man said to the little girl, "You are just a little girl, but I have never met a braver person in all my life! Tell me, dear, how is it that you remained so calm while all of us adults were so afraid?" Looking him in the eye, she said, "My father is the Pilot, and he is taking me home."

Let us approach Jesus with the same strong faith in His ability and availability to calm the storms in our life. It is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the worst situations: times of sorrow, doubt, tension and uncertainty, when we are overwhelmed with anxiety and dread, filled with anger and despair, or struggling with temptations. Storms reveal to us our weakness, or inability to save ourselves and lead us to rely on the infinite ability of God to rescue us. When we take notice of Jesus in our turbulent times, we find that we gain strength to do the seemingly impossible.

St. Mary MacKillop whose feast is on 8th August, had this most extraordinary trust in the providence of God. The deep relationship that St Mary of the Cross had with Jesus Christ led her to face her many situations of heartache and disappointment with an amazing attitude of hope and perseverance. Her faith did not only encourage her to face whatever needed to be faced but also to overcome the difficulties.

Our 25th anniversary of the parish in 2020 will be well remembered as the year when, as a result of the COVID-19 corona virus, our churches were closed for a significant period of time and we learnt new ways to connect with each other and to nourish and grow our faith and our relationship with our loving God. Thank you, all dear parishioners, for your support and love towards our parish family. **Happy feast day to all**

Following on from the Newsletter note a couple of weeks ago, this week we convened the first Working Group meeting to consider the proposal for the closer collaboration between the Birkdale and Alexandra Hills Capalaba parishes. The meeting was an open and frank conversation with robust discussion on the topic. The outcome of the meeting is that we need to gather more information and ensure that we are considering the best option, so that we might deliver a considered recommendation for the right way to move forward in the region. Overall, it was a very positive session with a lot of talking and a lot of listening.

The next Working Group meeting will be in three weeks' time. Feel free to engage with our parish representatives (Chris Mahoney and Steve Kemp) if you would like to know more.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 – *Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

Psalm Response: Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5 – *I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matt 14:22-33 – *Command me to come to you over the water.*



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Unexpected results and problems are part of life. Never lose hope in any condition, Because darkness of night always ends with light of the day.

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 56:1, 6-7

Second: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matt 15:21-28

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:

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord. Pray for vocations on this National Sunday for Vocations Awareness. Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392 E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Tessa Gorogo, 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: Mick Gauci, Eric Thompson, Ann Duran, Mona Quantock, Angelina Grasso.

Anniversaries & Remembrances August: Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Szawczak, Patrick O'Connor, Giuseffina Garbuio, Valda Montgomery, Robert Peters, Lorenza Fenech, George Hayes, Ernie Mullan, Tom Power, Patricia Thomsen, Roxanne Allam, Peter Quinn, Christine McQuillan, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Max Ferris, Ragagnin Antonio, Ellen Hume, Michael Wellington, Rosa Rominelli, Kathy MacLellan, Margaret Ansell-Vosti, Robert Squires, Mary Ward, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Modesta Santarossa, Raniero Citeroni, Angela Citeroni, Hazel Padget, Eileen Doherty, John Howard, Basilio Poloniato, Doris and Ray Sharp, Michael Czapkowski.

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

Roster 15 th & 16 th August	Readers	Music
6:15pm (1st) Vern D (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Tanina D	8:00am (1st) Margaret C (2nd) Lorraine K (POF) Lorraine K	6:15pm Gp 1 Powerpoint 6:15pm Alan B
		8:00am Gp 3 8:00am Clinton T

Feast Day 8th August *HAPPY FEAST DAY ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH!!!!*

Mass Celebrations 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.

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

Mass-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.

Birkdale Scout Group is proud to be selling top quality organic Queensland-produced fertiliser & garden products to the Redlands! Together, let's make the Redlands bloom this spring! Our product range includes fertiliser, mulch, compost, lawn & plant food, and more! Visit our website <http://birkdale.scoutsgld.com.au/fertiliser> to order online. Order now and we will deliver it FREE to you on Saturday 5th September! You don't have to be home - we will leave the products where you want us to. Orders close 25th August, so don't delay - order yours today!

Parish Diary:

Monday 10th August

St Lawrence

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 11th August

St Clare

Wednesday 12th August

7:30am HeartFIT
11:00am Prayer Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 13th August

Friday 14th August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

9:30am Mass

Saturday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 16th August

8:00am Mass

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'