



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 23rd August 2020

There are five things we need to know: There is a beautiful story about a pencil. Just before putting it into the box, the pencil maker took the pencil aside. There are five things you need to know, he told it, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be. One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand. Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil. Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside. And Five: Every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write. The same applies to each one of us too. When we find an answer to Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" we will be able to make ourselves useful in our world. We have to undergo the process that the pencil undergoes. One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God's hand, and allow other human beings access to the many gifts we possess. Two: We will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but we'll need it to become a stronger person. Three: With God's help we will be able to correct any mistakes we might make. Four: The most important part of us will always be what's on the inside. And Five: On every surface we walk through, we must leave our mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to do our duties to the best of our abilities.

Let us accept Jesus as our Lord and personal saviour. Jesus is not merely the founder of a new religion, or a revolutionary Jewish reformer, or one of the great teachers. For us, He is the Son of God and our personal Saviour. This means that we see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Saviour, and the Redeemer. He is our beloved friend, closer to us than our dear ones. He is a living experience, who walks with us, loves us, forms us, helps us and transforms our lives and outlook. The joy, love and peace that we find in Jesus is reflected in the way we live our lives.

The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour is a living, personal experience for each Christian. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by talking with Jesus through daily, personal and communal prayers, by our offering our lives on the altar with Jesus whenever we attend Holy Mass and by our leading a sacramental life as a means of forgiveness and reconciliation. The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The step after that is to praise and thank God in all circumstances, both good and bad, realizing that God's loving hands are with us in every situation.

Congratulations on receiving the sacrament of confirmation....

Congratulations to all our 38 children on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 20th August by Auxiliary Bishop Kenneth Howell. Our thoughts and prayers are with all candidates of our parish family. In particular, thanks to all our sacramental team and teachers for your great work in preparing the children for this significant step in their faith journey. I thank the parents and sponsors for their dedication in preparing the children for this blessed event. Your efforts are much appreciated by the whole community of Birkdale Catholic Parish.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Isa 22:19-23* – I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Psalm Response: Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight;
may this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: *Rom 11:33-36* – From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia.

Gospel: *Matt 16:13-20* – You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**Good things come to those who wait,
Better things come to those who don't give up and
The best things come to those who believe.**



Next week's Readings

Jer 20:7-9

Second: Rom 12:1-2

Gospel: Matt 16:21-27

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.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Many of us fear people in authority as authority
can be used rightly or wrongly.
As Christians we are called to see power as service.
We shall all be judged on love.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Henk Hoonhout, 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 Swajczak, 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 29 th & 30 th August | Readers | Music |
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| 6:15pm (1st) Paulina P (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Tanina D | 8:00am (1st) Julie C (2nd) Margaret C (POF) Margaret C | 6:15pm CD 8:00am CD Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M |

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.

Fr Joe McGeehan the first Parish Priest at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale passed away Thursday 13th August. His funeral was celebrated in at the Cathedral on Thursday 20th August. Please keep Fr Joe in your prayers.

Congratulations to all our young people who received their Confirmation on Thursday evening.

Aston Begley, Kyden Britt, Charli Bromiley, Lincoln Cahill, Alice Chadburn, Chloe Chambers, Riley Chapman, Chloe Chuter, Hunter Cullen, Chelsea Ellison, Olivia Feher, Aoife Flanagan, Jacob Francis, Eva Gallagher, Katie Gude, Tarlia Harris, Timothy Hayward, Poppy Lawlor, Madelein Ledesma, Tahlia Losinski, Sienna McKennariey, Regan McNicholl, Arlen Miethke, Daisy Moore, Lara Mudnic, Addison Newman, Maddison O'Brien, Archer Olsen, Chloe Page, Billy Randall, Joshua Robinson, Samuel Stewart, Seb Stone, Jack Thomas, Isaiah Thrupp, Samuel Tutt, Joseph Villanueva, Levi Ulugia-Faalua
I would like to thank the following people for their time and generous spirit for the help they gave for the Confirmation preparation and celebrations. Christine Montgomery, David White, Megan Burke and Natasha Montgomery. Thanks also to Lisa K for her administrative support and the musicians who provided the music. Your individual and collective contributions ensured a meaningful and successful Confirmation Celebration for the children and their families.

Parish Diary:

Monday 24th August

St Bartholomew
1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 25th August

Wednesday 26th August

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

Thursday 27th August

St Monica

Friday 28th August

St Augustine
9:30am Mass

Saturday 29th August

The Passion of St John the Baptist
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 30th August

8:00am Mass

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

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

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.