



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 25th October 2020

That's how God works.... There is a story about a young girl who was in great distress because she had lost a sense of God in her life. She complained to her elderly grandmother, "Why doesn't God let me feel His presence? If only I could feel Him and know that He has touched me." Her grandmother said, "Pray to God, right now. Close your eyes and pray to him. Ask Him to put out his hand and touch you." The girl closed her eyes and prayed fervently. Then she felt a hand on her hand. "He touched me. He touched me," she cried out. Then she said, "You know, his hand felt just like your hand." "Of course it was my hand," her grandmother said. "That's how God works. He takes the hand that is nearest and uses that."

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus underlines the principle that Love of God means putting Him first, respecting His Name and we are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves because both of us bear God's image, and to honour God's image is to honour Him. The love of God has priority and is our source of love for neighbour. In our neighbour we experience something of God, His image and likeness that encourages us to show respect for others, their relationships, their reputations, and their property.

The readings of today easily remind us how God expresses His love for us. Most of the time, God shows His love for us through the people around us. God's love is there for all to share and we love God when we sincerely love our brothers and sisters. It is simply the commandment to love. It reaches out even to those who do not behave well or wish to hurt us.

However, God does not stop loving us and He constantly reaches out to our love. We are always certain that God's love is offered to human persons and is never taken back. It comes in the sunset, in creation, in friendship, in our service to others, and in our desire to reconcile. God expects us to respond to this love through our gratitude to Him and express it in our loving service to our brothers and sisters.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Exo 22:20-26 – *If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

Psalm Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10 – *You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia.



Gospel: Matt 22: 34-40 – *You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

Parish Diary:

Monday 26th October

1:00pm Rosary Group
and Private Prayer

Tuesday 27th October

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 28th October

Sts Simon and Jude

7:30am HeartFIT

11:00am Rosary Group
and Private Prayer

Thursday 29th October

6:00pm Mass

Friday 30th October

9:30am Mass

Saturday 31st October

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 1st November

All Saints

8:00am Mass

8:45am Sacramental
Workshop and
Mass

**Bookings for
Weekend
Masses are
essential**

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**"When you
know how much
God is in love with
you,
then you can only
live your life
radiating that love".
St. Mother Teresa.**

Next week's Readings

First: Mal 1:14 – 2:2

Second: 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Matt 22:1-12

Roster	Readers	Music
31 st October & 1 st November	6:15pm (1st) Tanina D (2nd) Mary S (POF) Mary S	8:00am (1st) Megan B (2nd) Maeghan N (POF) Maeghan N
		6:15pm CD Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M

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:

We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, yClara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, 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: Sam Catavitello, Catharina Mollee, Gloria Thorley.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Helen Masade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Lauren Smith, Dennis Manche, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Susanne Conroy, Dennis Manche, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

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

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.

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

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 currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

Catholic Mission Last week, the Universal Church, including this parish, celebrated World Mission Sunday. It was a time in the liturgical calendar when Catholics acknowledge, and give thanks for, the selfless sacrifice made by priests, brothers and religious sisters around the world. It is these people that model the compassion of Christ and the grace of God and who you were invited to support, by contributing to the Catholic Mission appeal campaign. If you have not yet made a donation, you can still do so, in any of the following three ways: **Text** the word *GIVE* to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts; donate online (catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or give via the traditional appeal envelope that are still available from your church. To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you.

All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 2nd November at 9:30am. Bookings essential**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-souls-day-mass-tickets-126364865715>

Garden Working Bee – Thank you to all who came to help tidy the Church gardens. **If you would like to help out, you are welcome to come and weed and tidy the Garden of Reflection or Columbarium area at any time!**

The following children celebrated their 1st Reconciliation this week.

Hudson Armstrong, Alexander Baker, Josephine Butler, Amelie Cadman, Amelia Cahill, Sarah Donahue, Hannah Featherstonhaugh, Jaleah Ferrer, Mitch Graeme, Jack Hammond, Seonaid Harkins, Dylan Harriss, Ava Harvison, Sebastian Hayward, Abbey Hindes, Aiden Hollier, Max Houghton, Mekhi Hunter, Freya Huston, Sienna Larking, Max Leben, Adrian Ledesma, Maximillan Michael, Georgia Mowat, Harry Poulson, Charlie Power, Emma Puljic, Jacob Puljic, Amelia Rodgers, Callen Ryan, Jakob Rybka, Zachary Sheirtcliff, Jacob Sheirtcliff, Chloe Smith, Thomas Stopa, Isobel Suddaby, Darragh Torrens, Kingston Ulugia-Faalua, Avey Walker, Aurora Werner, Leticia White, Tyler Wright.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their Sacramental Journey.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.'"

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'