

We have a lot of A Grade mulch after the removal of the unsafe trees around the carpark. You are

FREE MULCH

welcome to come and collect the mulch from the piles in the grassed area outside the Parish Office (please avoid school drop



off and pick up times when collecting.





In September and October, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is holding SYNOD24 to discuss, debate and vote on action plans that will help us implement the decrees of the Australian Fifth Plenary Council.

We have been on this Plenary Council journey since 2018, when thousands submitted responses to what they heard the Holy Spirit asking of the Australian church at this time.

It is important to remind ourselves of what has been said up until now, so head to "What is SYN0D24" at

www.aobsynod2024.com to watch the takeaways of the 2019 Brisbane Plenary Assembly and to read the contents of the Plenary Council Decrees.

Catholic Mission invites World Mission May Rosary Prayers sessions

corpuschristibrisbane.com

Embrace the power of prayer with the World Mission Rosary Prayers throughout May, a time to honor Mother Mary, Join us online as we unite in faith and mission, offering our prayers with the global Catholic community.

Prayer Schedule:

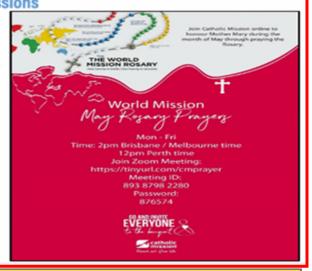
When: Monday to Friday during May

Time: 2 pm Brisbane / Melbourne time | 12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting: https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280

Password: 876574



Support Your Parish

Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows:

BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027

Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank).

Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number.



The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.



St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish Birkdale

"Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish is called to be a community of faith, hope and love centred on Christ, seeking to recognise the relevance of God in our lives., to live our Christian faith in a way that demonstrates and communicates the relevance of God in our lives, our Parish and the wider community"

Our Priests

28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs (Parish Priest) Email: gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au Fr Prem Kumar (Associate Parish Priest) Emergency Contact: 3822 2139, Option 3

Parish Office

12 Hardy Rd Birkdale, Qld 4159, Phone: 3822 2139 Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au www.stmarvmackillopparish.org.au. Facebook: stmarymackillopparishbirkdale Office Hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 2pm Lisa Knight (Parish Secretary, WH&S and Safeguarding officer) William Burton (Chair, Parish Finance Council)

Education

Chris Mahoney

(Chair, Parish Pastoral Council)

Members: Therese Evans, Cathy

McGrath, Nicole Cole

St Mary MacKillop Primary School Principal: Nicole Cole 10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Old 4159 Phone: 3822 5500 Email: pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au St Mary Mackillop OSHC (Before - After School/Vacation Care) 10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159 Phone: 0477 550 445 Email: birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society 1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm. Next meeting 30th April 2024.

STOPline

To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: aob@stopline.com.au Phone: 1300 30 45 50

Dear Parishioners and visitors.

After meditating upon the relationship of sheep and shepherd last Sunday, we hear the connection of the vine and the branches this time. Jesus always used ordinary realities in life to



explain the divine-human relationship. The end result of this relationship is same as its way, stay united, stay in communion, live in and live for eternity.

The vinedresser prunes the branch that bears fruit and cuts off the branch that does not bear fruit. We live in the lord not just to be kept safe from all the physical dangers and challenges. God does not cut us off from him. It is the result of human freedom to choose or deny God. The difficult moments in life can be those of pruning, through which the fruitfulness in life is achieved, such as greater patience, endurance, brotherhood and holiness.

We can't share what we don't have. To stay united assures us the source of unending resources for the journey of life. Christ is the source of all goodness. It seems so obvious to us that we need to be united to Christ to bring him to others. But we get so busy in doing things for our family, spouses, or others, that we forget where the real Power of Love comes from.

We have God's life, God's love within us. When we are united to this love, our families and friends will come in contact with the Love of Christ. And once the Love of Christ flows into them, it will flow through them to others and a world filled with the love of Christ.

What really matters in our lives? Is it the way others treat us? Often that motivates us to return what we receive. But what others say and do is really secondary to what really matters in life. What matters is the Love of Christ that we have been empowered to make real in the world. When that love becomes our focus, then we really don't care about ourselves. We just want everyone truly experience the strength of the kindness and compassion, that we are enabled to share.

During Easter time we celebrate the gift of the Lord's life we received at Baptism. We are invited to be determined to strengthen this life within us, to be more faithful, more prayerful. We are called to try harder in our baptismal call. That is how we are called to bring God's love to others. Christ is the vine; we are the branches. Let us stay united, let us produce fruits in abundance.

....Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi

		MASS TIMES	29th April - 5th May
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA	
TUESDAY		NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS	
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHUR	CH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
FRIDAY	9.30 AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP	CHURCH, BIRKDALE (2nd Friday of each month is Anointing Mass)
SATURDAY	4.30 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHUR	CH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
	6.15 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP	CHURCH, BIRKDALE
SUNDAY	7.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, C.	APALABA
	8.00 AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP	CHURCH, BIRKDALE
	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHUR	CH, ALEXANDRA HILLS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Eucharistic Adoration
MONDAY 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba SATURDAY, 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills. 5:30pm: St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)	First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE. Next Adoration 3rd May

Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 10th May.

Anointing Mass

We remember and pray

For recently died: Julie Chivers, Agatha Ravaneschi, Arcangelo Tomasi, Walter Graves, Arrigo Dal-Maso, Luigi Zanatta. Anniversaries for Remembrances April: Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Corrie Rosa, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleehauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Kay Whitby, Evelyn O'Sullivan, Vivian and Rodello Cabigguez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Kathleen Stone, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers.

Peter Murphy, John Tucker, Brian Prove, Tessie Gorogo, Michael McGrath, Dawn Montgomery, Bill Welsh, Andrew Hodgson, Cody-Lea Knight, Gwen Dillon, Raymond Davis, Michelle Russell, Ned Robinson, Hilda Adam, Ava Voorn, Finn Voorn, Mike Quilty, Heather Voigt, Maureen Phillips, Terry Coles, Jo Murphy, Rosita Ganac, John Jorna, Liana Lo Presti, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Clara Elms, Henk Hoonhout, Paul McKean, Kevin Harrop, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Lucia Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Noela Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Gina Mather.

We pray for the sick

Roster 4th & 5th May

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Therese E	Rob S
Second Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R
Welcome & POF	John E	Melissa D
Communion Ministers	Mary D, Tom M, Vern D	Lena B, Elaine H, Christine M
Music	Group 1	Group 2
PowerPoint	Volunteer needed	Chris M
Counting		Group 1

Scripture Readings

This Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Psalm: 21:26-28, 30-32
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

Next Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm: 97:1-4 Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Parish Diary

Monday 29th April

1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities

11:00am

9:00am

Tuesday 30th April

7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday 1st May

Rosary Group Friday 3rd May

Rosary

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on *the first* Friday of every month.

Weekday Masses

There will be no Tuesday evening
Masses or Reconciliation for the month of April
at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale.
Reconciliation is available on
MONDAY at 8.30am at St Luke's Church,
Capalaba and
SATURDAY at 4.00pm at St Anthony's Church,
Alexandra Hills and
5:30pm at St Mary MacKillop Church,

Birkdale
OR by appointment: phone 3822 2139

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from
Friday 3rd May
until 9th May
(reopen on Friday 10th May).
For staff annual leave

COLUMBARIUM

We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

Workshops:





Eucharist Celebration:
Parish Masses on 18th and 19th May 2024
Please keep these families in your prayers

Sacramental Journey for Eucharist 2024

Children's Liturgy

Volunteers wanted for leading Children's Liturgy on Sunday during 8:00am Mass. Please contact the Parish office. Training and resources will be provided. You will be required to hold / obtain a Blue Card and complete relevant Safeguarding Training.

Safeguarding Training - Archdiocese of Brisbane (brisbanecatholic.org.au)



WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome the St Vincent de Paul Pilgrims to our Mass on Friday 3rd May at 9:30am. Please join us for Morning tea in the Parish Centre following Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

ALL WELCOME.

THANK YOU
FOR PROVIDING ANNA WITH
HOPE AND A HELPING HAND.

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MASS COUNT During the month of May the Archdiocese asks each Church to provide information regarding our weekend Mass attendance. The annual Mass Count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level.

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Mass Intentions:

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church.

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If you are new to the Parish, please fill this form and drop it in the collection box or give us your details by phone, on 3822 2139 or email, birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly new sletter.

NAME:__

PHONE:

EMAIL: