



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Dear friends

The first reading on this 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time is a short section from the book of Job. Job is an extraordinary book and you probably already know the story well. Job is an affluent fellow who experiences devastating losses in wealth, health and family. Job is rightly puzzled by his predicament and today we hear a short section whereby Job converses with one of his friends.

In the seminary, I was fortunate enough to have an initiative and gifted scholar from America who helped our class navigate the wide expanse that is the book of Job. Our professor cleverly paired Job, an ancient text from the Hebrew scriptures, with the modern-day movie by the Coen brothers, *A Serious Man* (2009).

The protagonist in the movie, *A Serious Man* is a fellow named Larry. Larry is by all accounts a modern-day Job. At the start of both texts, the protagonists have all the trappings of the material world. The parallel continues as both Larry and Job fall triumphantly from grace. In the midst of their respective experiences, both suffer tremendously. Thus, both texts enviably ask the big question; what is the role of suffering in the world? And, where is God in suffering? Larry, like Job, learns that suffering has a purgatory and humbling effect that can provide a new perspective on life and one's relationship with God. In the ending of *A Serious Man*, a mysterious whirlwind ironically gives the character of Larry hope because in his 'Jobian' world he yearns to be answered, as Job was, "the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind" (Job 38:1).

The wisdom revealed to both Job and Larry is true for us as well. That is, you are never alone in your suffering. Suffering is not proof of the absence of God as; "nothing can separate us from the love of God" (Rom 8:39). Jesus is Emmanuel, which means, God is with us.

God bless

Deacon Tom

### Parish Diary:

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

*St Agatha*

2:00pm Activities Group  
7:00pm Rosary

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

*St Paul Miki and companions*

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

10:00am Prayer Group  
5:00pm Music Practice

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am Mass – Opening  
School Mass  
10:30am Mass at Regis  
Grange

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

*St Scholastica*

6:15pm Mass

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

8:00am Mass  
10:00am Golf at Howeston

*"He who lives in harmony  
with himself lives in harmony  
with the universe"*  
— Marcus Aurelius

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7 – *I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

**Psalm Response:** I will praise your name, my king and my God; I will praise your name, my king and my God.

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 – *Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39 – *He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*



Next week's Readings

First: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

Second: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 1pm.  
Wednesday Closed.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** *The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?*

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Winifred Linton, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Celsa Obligado, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Jan Hurst, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Denise Hodgson, Patricia Haines, Kathy Stone, Christine Inch, Nicola Nociforo, Belinda Wheeler, Jim Gair, Cely Salisbury, Anne Delamere, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Dianne Charlton, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, John Schoites, Corrie Roser, Amelia Ramsay, Betty Reagan, Mary Chylewski, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Jeanette McNamee, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Hazel Webster, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather, Paul McKean, Marina Weightman.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** William Johannes, Ray Murphy, Carmen Jagga.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances February:** Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Balbena Montgomery, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Peter Sherry, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.

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

**Roster 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February**

<b>Junior Ministers</b>		<b>Readers</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>6:15pm</b>	Anthony K Ivan K	<b>6:15pm</b> (1st) Genevieve G (2nd) Mary S (POF) Carolyn W	<b>6:15pm</b> Dcn Tom, John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M	<b>6:15pm</b> Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
<b>8:00am</b>	Theresa W William E	<b>8:00am</b> (1st) Jane W (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Julie C	<b>8:00am</b> Dcn Tom, Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Vita L, Anthony W	<b>Powerpoint</b> <b>6:15pm</b> Lisa K <b>8:00am</b> Chris M <b>Counters:</b> Gp 2 Maria S & Tania M <b>Cleaning:</b> Volunteer needed
<b>Weekend Mass Times</b>		<b>Week Day Mass Times</b>		<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm	<b>St John Vianney Manly</b> Ph 3131 2610 Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am <b>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b> Ph 3822 2139 Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am <b>Carmelite Monastery</b> 7:00am Monday to Saturday		<b>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b> Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm <b>St John Vianney Manly</b> Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm <b>St Jude Gumdale</b> Sunday following 7:00am Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am			

**Readers, Communion Ministers, Junior Ministers:** The current rosters finish at the end of February. Please contact the Parish Office or email/phone Mary on [maryj99@bigpond.com](mailto:maryj99@bigpond.com) or 3207 4241 if you need changes made. **NEW VOLUNTEERS TO THESE ROSTERS ARE NEEDED AND VERY WELCOME.**

**St MMK Social Golf Club** will play their next game on Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> February** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

**Lenten Programme** Be a part of this inspiring program in our own parish for Lent 2018 and prepare your heart for the most important event on the Church's calendar - the death and resurrection of Jesus. Join a discussion group or simply follow the programme yourself. Please email the parish office at [birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3822 2139 and advise if you would like to participate in a group session or just order the booklet. The cost of the booklet used for the programme is **\$10.00**. For further information please phone the Parish Office on 3822 2139.

**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.

**Iona College** is now accepting enrolment applications for the 2020 for the Year 5 and 7 enrolment intake. Tours of the College are conducted on designated Friday mornings during the term at 9.00am Book a tour online at College Tours. Iona's next Open Day will be held on Monday 4 June 2018. Contact the College Registrar, Sharon Young on 3893 8801 or at [enrol@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrol@iona.qld.edu.au) for further assistance.

**The Little King's Movement THIS WEEKEND.** Once a year conducts a Door Knock and Church Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the call for our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. The appeal for our Parish will be conducted on the weekend of **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February**. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which volunteers are most grateful.

**NEW PARISHIONER? WELCOME!** If you are new to our Parish, you are most welcome. Please fill out the form below and place on one of the collection plates.

NAME(S): Mr / Mrs / Miss \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_