



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Third Sunday of Lent - Year B - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*Dear friends*

This week I thought I would include this Lenten prayer written by Fr Henri Nouwen who was a Dutch Catholic Priest and great spiritual writer. We have arrived at the 3rd Week of Lent and so we are halfway on our Lenten journey so I think this prayer is all the more poignant given the timing.

*How often have I lived through these weeks without paying much attention to penance, fasting, and prayer?*

*How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it?*

*But how can I ever really celebrate Easter without observing Lent?*

*How can I rejoice fully in your Resurrection when I have avoided participating in your death?*

*Yes, Lord, I have to die-*

*with you, through you, and in you-and thus become ready to recognize you when you appear to me in your Resurrection.*

*There is so much in me that needs to die: false attachments, greed and anger, impatience and stinginess.... I see clearly now how little I have died with you, really gone your way and been faithful to it.*

*O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones.*

*Let me find you again.*

*Amen.*

*(From A Cry for Mercy: Prayers from the Genesee, Orbis)*

**God bless**

**Deacon Tom**

### Parish Diary:

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

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

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

1:00pm Lenten Group Meeting

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

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

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music practice

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

5:00pm Adoration

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

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

9:30am Mass

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

6:15pm Mass

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

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Mass

10:00am Golf at Howeston followed by BBQ in the Parish Centre

*"The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better"*  
- Pope Francis

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** *Exo 20:1-17* – The Law was given to Moses.

**Psalm Response:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Second Reading:** *1 Cor 1:22-25* – We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, That all who believed in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** *John 2:13-25* – Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

**Next week's Readings**

**First:** *2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23*

**Second:** *Eph 2:4-10*

**Gospel:** *John 3:14-21*

**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:

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, 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, 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> March**

<u>Junior Ministers</u>		<u>Readers</u>		<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>		<u>Music</u>	
<b>6:15pm</b>	Ivan K Volunteer	<b>6:15pm</b>	(1st) Carolyn W (2nd) Emma M (POF) Mary S	<b>6:15pm</b>	Dcn Tom, John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M,	<b>6:15pm</b>	Gp 2      8:00am    Gp 3
<b>8:00am</b>	Theresa W William E	<b>8:00am</b>	(1st) Loretta M (2nd) Julie C (POF) Jane W	<b>8:00am</b>	Dcn Tom, Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Mark C, Anthony W	<b>6:15pm</b>	Lisa K    8:00am    Chris M
						<b>Counters:</b> Gp 2    Maria S & Tania M	
						<b>Cleaning:</b> Volunteer needed	

  

<u>Weekend Mass Times</u>		<u>Week Day Mass Times</u>		<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	
<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>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b> Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am	<b>Carmelite Monastery</b> 7:00am Monday to Saturday		<b>St John Vianney Manly</b> Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm	
				<b>St Jude Gumdale</b> Sunday following 7:00am Mass	

**Samoan Choir** we welcome Fr Epati and his Samoan choir and thank them for sharing their culture and music with us.

**Adoration** every Thursday evening during the time of Lent between **5:00pm and 6:00pm** ending in benediction and followed by Mass in the Chapel at 6:00pm. All welcome

**40 Hour Adoration PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!** As in previous years we will host this most precious devotion of grace by continuous silent prayer before Jesus. This year, Adoration will be at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale. Adoration begins **Friday 16th March at 6:00pm** and continues through until **8:00am Mass on Sunday 18th March**. Please consider spending one hour over the weekend in silent prayer before Jesus. A roster for the 40 hours of continuous Adoration is on the Welcome Desk.

**Sacramental Journey Reminder** Candidate Workshop on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March** at 9:15am. Please bring your workbook and pencil case to the workshops.

**Our new look website** Our website has been redesigned. Check us out at [www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au](http://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au)

**Lenten Programme** Group meetings are held at either 1:00pm on Tuesdays in the Parish Office or 10:00am on Wednesday in the Chapel. The cost of the booklet used for the programme is **\$10.00**.

**Little Black Books** – are now available. The books cover the Lenten period and walk you through the Sunday Gospels of Lent with explanations and reflections along the way. The cost of each book is **\$5.00**.

**Chrism Mass** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018** commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be celebrated this year for both parishes at St John Vianney's Manly on Tuesday 13th March at 6.30pm (after the 6pm mass). Several priests will be available for Confession. This will meet our obligation as Catholics to celebrate this sacrament at least once a year before Easter

**Date Claimer** Take Time For Timor, Fundraising Breakfast, Sunday 27th May, 2018 being hosted by St John Vianney, Manly Parish. More information in future newsletters.

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**Position Vacant** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre is seeking cleaning staff. This is a casual position and no night work is required. Please contact Mike Humphrys on 3324 3450 for more information.

**Caritas** - Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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