



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

(This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws)



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 4th November 2018

Dear friends

Parsimonious

This week's Gospel is central to our Christian faith. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbour as you love yourself.

I notice that Jesus says that you are to love with all your heart, soul, mind and with all your strength. Loving our neighbour in totality. We cannot say we love God if we do not love our brother or sister. The emphasis is on all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

It is at times very human to be parsimonious. That is, to be frugal to the point of stinginess. Jesus teaches us that to be parsimonious has no place in the life of a Christian. For Christ, it is all or nothing. He was quite strong in telling His disciples that He wants our love to be full on. He spoke about being lukewarm in love and reprimanded His disciples that He would prefer us to be full of love or nothing at all. He reminds us to mean it when we say 'Yes' or 'No'. There is no space for "in-between".

Like a marriage, our love for Jesus and others must be full of fruits. "Yes" or nothing. We must mean what we say by our actions. That is why love of God cannot exist without love of neighbour. Real love is action. It is empty without my hands and feet taking me to love God in my brother and sister.

In this holy month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, our attention is drawn to the real communion we possess with those who have died, in what we call the "Communion of Saints."

The sacred memory of our loved ones who have gone before us, impels us to pray for them, to pray to them and to remember with gratitude all they have done for us. The pain of grief is sacred. Remember that "Jesus wept" after hearing the news of the death of his friend Lazarus. Our prayers and love go out to all our parishioners who grieve and we hold the sacredness of that love in every Mass, where we acknowledge the death and resurrection of all our loved ones, in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

God love you

Fr. Frank

Parish Diary:

Monday 5th November

2:00pm Activities Group
7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 6th November

11:30am Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Wednesday 7th November

9:30am Finance Council Meeting
10:00am Prayer Group
5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 8th November

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 9th November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:30am Mass

Saturday 10th November

St Leo the Great

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 11th November

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

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

– Oscar Wilde

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Deut 6:2-6 – Hear, O Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Psalms Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28 – This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

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 Mark 12:28-34 – This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

Next week's Readings

First: 1 Kg 17:10-16

Second: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

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

Pastor: Fr Frank Jones

Associate Pastor: Fr Epati Tamati

Associate Pastor: Fr Thomas Zaranski

12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Q 4159 ☎ 3822 2139 Fax 3822 4060.

birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au

Emergency Contact: 3207 4566

Safeguarding Officer: Lisa Knight ☎ 3822 2139

A VOCATION VIEW:

We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage.

Parish Primary School

Principal: Mr John Spillane

10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Q 4159

☎ 3822 5500 Fax 3822 5690

pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au

www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au



Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Lesley West, Rod Adams, 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, 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, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather, Paul McKean, Marina Weightman.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Gert Smit, Celsa Obligado, Michael Mossop.

Anniversaries & Remembrances November: Joan Brown, Michelle Batell, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Emilia Battel, Michele Battell, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Alex Parlato, Alice Harmey, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleenon, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooly, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak.

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

Roster 10th & 11th November

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

Month of Remembering November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Life will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Life on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated.

Cup of Tea Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee and refreshments after Masses this weekend.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon: St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre from 11:30am on **Tuesday 6th November**. Only \$5 includes a glass of bubbly (or orange juice). Multiple Sweeps and raffle tickets to purchase (multiple raffle draws); Best Hat Prizes; Live Race Coverage. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for lunch. Good fun assured! 🐎🐎🐎

Tree Removal we urgently need to remove the 40 trees behind the Parish Centre as they have become unstable and dangerous (a branch has already fallen onto the gutter of the Parish Centre). We have received an estimate of \$6,000.00 to remove all the trees and stumps and have them mulched (we will use the mulch for our gardens). I would be grateful for any donation of funds towards this project. Donations can be made at the Parish Office or can be placed on the collection plates at Mass in an envelope noted "tree removal donation". We need to have this project completed by **December this year**. I thank you in advance for your support. Your donation is greatly appreciated. **Fr Frank**.

TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE - \$2,000.00. A special thank you to the Care and Concern ladies for their donation of \$1,000.00 from their fundraising projects this year.

Christmas Appeal - The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on **17th & 18th November**. Funds raised provides the community with a chance to help change lives by adding a little comfort, dignity, hope and warmth to the lives of those who are struggling. All money donated stays within the Birkdale Conference. Donation envelopes will be in the Church.

Advent Books *The Little Blue Books* are available at the Welcome Desk to help us pray and reflect in preparation of Christmas. **Books are \$5.00 each.**

Women's Discernment Retreat Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! **Saturday 24th – 25th November 2018** from 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday. Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

Irish Community November Remembrance Mass Our Annual November Remembrance Mass, will take place on Sunday 4 November at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards – an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. For further information please contact our IASAQ Co-ordinator on 0432 087 328.

Palms Australia find out about assignments abroad. Could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more? **Palms Info Session:** Friday 9 November at 5:30 pm, Brisbane Square Library, 266 George St, Brisbane QLD 4000.

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: _____