



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C - 30th December 2018

Dear friends

This weekend is my last in the parish before I take up my new appointment at Ipswich. As many of you know I was appointed to the parishes of St John Vianney, Manly and St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale in November 2017 as a Deacon. I was then reappointed in June 2018 as a priest until the end of the year. Since my time here I've been particularly blessed to be in the company of generous and faithful people. During my initial formation at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo I was often offered the advice that my first appointment will be instrumental in laying the foundations of my ministry and my ongoing formation. This was indeed good advice and exactly what I have experienced during my time in these neighbouring parishes. The last 13 months here have been filled with many firsts; my first baptism, my first funeral and hearing my first confession. In these graced moments your hospitality, prayer and friendship have helped shape my ministry for which I'm very grateful.

St Therese of Lisieux describes prayer as a "surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned towards heaven". This quote captures quite well how I feel about my time here. My prayer for these parishes is one of gratitude, it's a surge of the heart in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings that have come my way in your midst.

God bless, Fr Thomas Zaranski

Parish Diary:

Monday 31st December

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 1st January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 2nd January

St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 3rd January

NO Reconciliation

NO Mass

Friday 4th January

NO Mass

Saturday 5th January

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Mass

"We all make mistakes and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes -I say - plates are smashed, harsh words are spoken but please listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me", and then you start over." - Pope Francis

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 – For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Psalm Response: Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 – He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 – His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 60:1-6

Second: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matt 2:1-12

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

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

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

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Is there a priest, deacon, brother, or sister from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation! Jesus also loved his vocation – his father's affairs – do you love your vocation?

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Charles Lilley, Brian Cannon, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Kade Battersby, Lesley West, 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: Rod Adams, Valda Grey, Gert Smit, Celsa Obligado, Michael Mossop.

Anniversaries & Remembrances December: Les and Ruby Richards, Alberto & Vittorio Poloniato, John Jorna Snr, Antonio Cailotto, Amalia Bandiera, John Williams, Madeline Gauci, Eve Buckmaster, Peter Moores, Carmen Jagga, Hans Adam, Fayline Fraser, Alma Prove, Mary Boyle, Josefina Wilcox, Rita Fantov, Michael Newman, Maria Bosso, Mark Ciavarella, Ron Tamatea, Meg Griffiths, Mal Carlson, Luigi Santarossa, Arnold Splatt, Arthur McCarthy, Ray Murphy, David Kearney, Sr Dot Newberry, Jack and Mary Ward, Graeme & Sonia Giles, David Boyd, Irene Kearney, Clare Rubach, Ivan Randall, Jordan Smith, Vladga Smith, Franco Peressini, Dorothy McInroy, Annie Neale, Fr Tom Boland.

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

Roster 5th & 6th January

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	Isabelle L	6:15pm	(1st) Therese E (2nd) John E (POF) Tom M	6:15pm	Lesley L, Paulina P, Matty M, Suzanne G, <i>Volunteer</i>	6:15pm	Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3	
8:00am	Emilie B	8:00am	(1st) Maeghan N (2nd) Rob B (POF) Megan B	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Michael D, Kerry B, Monica O, 2 <i>Volunteers</i>	Powerpoint	6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M	
						Counters:	Gp 1 Ken & Jan G, Kerry B	
						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		

New Year Masses Tuesday 1st January

9:30am St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale and **6:00pm** St John Vianney's Manly

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME Fr Frank will be accompanying a 15 Night/18 Day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome departing 29th September 2019 and returning Wednesday 16th October 2019. The tour is being organised by Harvest Journeys and will be visiting Amman, Jerash, Dead Sea, Bethany Beyond the Jordan, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Jericho, Jerusalem and Rome. Brochures available from the Parish Office. **For more information please see Fr Frank.**

Weekday Masses there will be no weekday Masses from 27th December. Regular weekday Masses will recommence on Thursday 10th January at 6:00pm (Reconciliation at 5:30pm).

Parish Office will close on Friday **21st December at 11:00am** and reopen on Monday 7th January 2019 at 9:00am. Telephone messages will be checked periodically during this time.

Christmas Raffle Results - 1st: John & Therese Evans, 2nd: Brendan McNulty, 3rd: Brian & Margaret Cannon, 4th: Paul Boevink and 5th: John Jorna. Thanks to all who donated items for the hampers and who bought tickets.

Tree Removal work on the tree removal has been completed with stump grinding to be completed in the New Year. We are very grateful for all donations received and particularly thank the St Mary MacKillop School P & F and the St Mary MacKillop Care and Concern Group for their donations. **TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE - \$5,279.55. Fr Frank.**

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.

Recycle for Sight part of the Lions International Eyeglass Recycling Programme in QLD. Spectacles, sunglasses and frames are distributed throughout the world to people in need. Please place glasses in the box on the Welcome Desk. Your gift will be very appreciated.

Small Coins for East Timor The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$12,661.75.**

Thank you - Fr Frank, the office staff and the Parish Pastoral Council members would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have been involved in our many and varied ministry groups at St Mary MacKillop, for their commitment and dedication over the year. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to your continued support in 2019.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas and many blessings for the coming year.

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: _____