



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A - 29th December 2019

A short introduction....

My full name is Fr. Dantus Thottathil. I am delighted that the Archbishop appointed me to this great parish community. It is my hope and prayer that we be filled with blessings through our journey together as disciples of Jesus Christ. I was born on 27th February 1982. Sadly, my beloved father Joseph and my elder sister Sr. Joe Maria. C. M. C who inspired me to become a priest passed away in January 2019 and November 2018 respectively. I miss them so much. In my home, I have my mother, one older sister who is also a nun and my twin brother who is married with two kids. I come from the southern part of India called Chandanakampara, in the state Kerala. I was ordained to the priesthood on 30th December 2008, in India. The Religious order of priests to which I belong, is the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS). I was then appointed as the associate pastor in one of the parishes in Kerala. I have worked as a pastor in different parts of India. Finally, I was appointed as the administrator in our minor seminary. Then I came to Australia in 2015. My first appointment was to Ipswich Parish for one year. My second to Burleigh Heads for the term of two years as associate priest. I've been Administrator of Stanley River Parish for two years. I am filled with hope that this new journey will bring abundant blessings, joys and spiritual fulfilment as we begin the new year. Thank you for welcoming me into your wonderful parish community. So please keep me in your prayers as I begin the next part of my journey, my ministry in this parish. I look forward to meeting and working together with you all. God's blessings and peace be upon you and

Happy New Year.... Fr. Dantus Thottathil.



Parish Diary:

Monday 30th December

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 31st December

Wednesday 1st January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30am Mass

Thursday 2nd January

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

NO Reconciliation

NO Mass

Friday 3rd January

NO Mass

Saturday 4th January

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 5th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Mass

“You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.”

– Desmond Tutu

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 – Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

Psalms 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): Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading: *Col 3:12-21 – Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matt 2:13-15, 19-23 – Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*



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.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Families are where kindness, humility, patience, and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Tessa Gorogo, Mick Gauci, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, 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, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Corrie Roser, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Betty Reagan, Russell Corrie, Fr Ray O'Leary, Eileen Dickinson, Pauline Boevink, Avis Moore.

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 4th & 5th January

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music	
6:15pm	Isabelle L Bianca L	6:15pm	(1st) Siobhan 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	Volunteer	8:00am	(1st) Jeff C (2nd) Hilda A (POF) Volunteer	8:00am	Julie C, Elaine H, Kerry B, 4 <i>Volunteers</i>	6:15pm	Alan B 8:00am Chris M
						Counters:	Gp 5 Lisa K & Mary S
						Cleaning:	

Roster 11th & 12th January

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music	
6:15pm	James R Holly J Alesha J	6:15pm	(1st) Carolyn W (2nd) Don F (POF) Mary S	6:15pm	John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M, Anne-Maree C	6:15pm	Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
8:00am	Volunteer	8:00am	(1st) Margaret C (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Julie C	8:00am	Lena B, April M, Walter G, Mark C, Anthony W, 2 <i>Volunteers</i>	6:15pm	Emma M 8:00am Chris M
						Counters:	Gp 2 Maria S & Mike V
						Cleaning:	

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Manly - 5:00pm
Birkdale - 6:15pm

Sunday Gumdale - 7:00am
Birkdale - 8:00am
Manly - 9:30am

Week Day Mass Times

St John Vianney Manly Ph 3131 2610
Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am

St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Ph 3822 2139
Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am

Carmelite Monastery
7:00am Monday to Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Mary MacKillop Birkdale
Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm

St John Vianney Manly
Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm

St Jude Gumdale
Sunday following 7:00am Mass

Parish Office will close on Friday **20th December at 1:00pm** and reopen on Monday 6th January 2020 at 9:00am. Telephone messages will be checked periodically during this time. There will be no newsletter for the weekends 4th/5th and 11th/10th January.

Weekday Masses there will be no weekday Masses from 26th December. Regular weekday Masses will recommence on Thursday 9th January at 6:00pm (Reconciliation at 5:30pm).

Christmas Raffle Results - 1st: Libby Bartlett, 2nd: Michael Lawler, 3rd: Denis Ryan, 4th: Lena Bandiera. Thanks to all who donated items for the hampers and who bought tickets. We raised \$380.00.

New Year's Day Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 1st January at 9:30am** (6:00pm on Tuesday 31st December at St John Vianney, Manly).

Sacristan Roster We need volunteers to join the sacristan team who set up for Masses each week. Please contact Veronica on 0439 300 750 if you are able to help. All volunteers need to complete an Archdiocese Volunteer Form on line at <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>. Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

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.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT ...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14. 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. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane *Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church* as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State. Local Safeguarding Officer for Birkdale Parish is Lisa Knight: 3822 2139 birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au or **STOPLINE Contact:** AOB@stopleveline.com.au

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: _____