



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Presentation of the Lord - Year A - 2nd February 2020

Whatever we are waiting for usually shows up sooner or later:



A major part of our lives is spent waiting. We wait for a baby to be born, for our children to grow up and be independent, for retirement; indeed, we spend a lot of time waiting. Besides that we also have to wait for people who are late, we wait for the bus or train and whatever. But there is something interesting about waiting. Most of the time, whatever we are waiting for shows up sooner or later. Simeon and Anna had waited for a long time, and

finally their hope was fulfilled.

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically about God's promise to send a redeemer. Anna was a woman of great hope. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us feel hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna's hope in God and His promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope.

All those who, like Simeon and Anna, persevere in piety and in the service of God, no matter how insignificant their lives seem in people's eyes, are instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others. In His plan of redemption, God uses these simple souls to do much good for all mankind. In other words, the Holy Spirit employs ordinary men and women with simple faith as His instruments to bear witness to Christ, His ideals and teachings, just as He used Simeon and Anna. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to us when we are receptive and eager to receive Him.

Let us be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with us and in others. We need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to see the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in others. What do you hope for? The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way. The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father.

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Mal 3:1-4 – *The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

Psalm Response: The king of Glory comes the nation rejoices, open the gates before him lift up your voices.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18 – *He had to be made like us in all things.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 – *My eyes have seen your saving power.*

Next week's Readings First: **Mal 3:1-4** Second: **Heb 2:14-18** Gospel: **Luke 2:22-40**

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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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

*Always pray to have
eyes that see the best,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith.*

Parish Diary:

Monday 3rd February

2:00pm Activities Group

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday 5th February

St Agatha

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 6th February

St Paul Miki and companions

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm **Mass** (in the Church)

Friday 7th February

9:30am **Mass**

10:30am **Mass** at Regis Grange

4:00pm Parish Working Bee

Saturday 8th February

6:15pm **Mass**

Sunday 9th February

8:00am **Mass**

10:00am Golf at Howeston

Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, 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, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

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

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, Joseph McNamee, 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 8 th & 9 th February | | | |
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| Junior Ministers 6:15pm James R Holly J Alesha J 8:00am Volunteers | Readers 6:15pm (1st) Don F (2nd) Mary S (POF) Carolyne W 8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2nd) Julie C (POF) Jane W | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 6:15pm John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M, Anne-Maree C 8:00am Lena B, April M, Walter G, Mark C, Anthony W, 2 <i>Volunteers</i> | Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 Powerpoint 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 | |

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

Call For Volunteers the Parish is in need of volunteers. If you would like to help with the following duties please go to <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Full training will be given to all interested people.

**** SACRISTAN DUTIES** (preparing the altar before and after mass)

**** MINISTERS OF THE WORD, ** MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, ** ALTAR SERVERS, ** MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS**

Formation training will be provided by Fr Dantus for all new and existing Mass volunteers.

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

Garden Working Bee - The gardens and grounds are in need of a tidy up. We need helpers on **Friday 7th February from 4:00pm**. Please bring along tools, hats and sunscreen. Refreshments and water will be provided. Remember many hands make light work. **If you are not available on Friday but would like to help out, you are welcome to come and weed and tidy the Garden of Reflection or Columbarium area at any time that suits you!!**

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **9th February** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

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 **\$14,879.20**.

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.

The Little King's Movement - Once a year conducts a 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 **1st & 2nd February 2020**. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which volunteers are most grateful.

Connected Youth They're kicking off the year with a bang! Games, fun, laughs, food, friendships, and more!

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Date: Saturday 8 February Venue: Cleveland Parish Who for: Grades 4-6 and High School. For info contact Ella - 0499 024 309 or ConnectedYouth.Cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2nd February. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome - no experience necessary). **Auditions will be held on Sunday 2nd and 9th February from 12pm-12:30pm** in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further information or contact us at info@ipp.org.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: _____