Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 21st June 2020

Back again to the ordinary time…. We are back into Ordinary Time of the Liturgical year. This seems to coincide with the current gradual emerging from our isolation into the ordinary pattern of living. We have approval to open our churches, as long as we follow the correct social distancing measures within our parish. That means we have protocols in place in each church, a register to record your contact details, sanitiser at entrances, and antibacterial wipes disinfect your pew as you leave church. Under the current restrictions we will be allowed to have 100 people attend but this number is reduced by the fact that we have to ensure there is 4 square metres per person. (In St. Mary MacKillop, Birkdale that means a maximum of 100 persons can attend. Gumdale Mass is still on hold at present.) I know this process has already been confusing for many. To help you to follow the protocols there will be two people designated to monitor the signing sheet at the entrance and to help you to find your seat. When you attend, please arrive early so the marshal can sign you in and ensure the hygiene requirements are met.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with these Government Protocols as we try to create safe and prayerful liturgies. Due to COVID we are not currently able to have collections during Mass. A collection box will be available at the entrance before and after Mass for envelopes and loose change.

The words of Jesus from today's Gospel according to St. Matthew are so strong! "Fear no one." We can only be free from fears if we truly believe in the Lord and desire everlasting life. The deepest truth about God that Jesus taught is that He is a caring God, compassionate and forgiving, a God who is on our side. "Don't be afraid. I am with you always." The only thing to fear is distancing ourselves from God, loss of trust our Creator. We follow Jesus, trusting that He is with us, not just for a moment, but for every moment of our lives. The mystery of God's call to us and of our response to Him is that He is always there for us. Nothing happens in our life without God's knowledge and it follows that God's care is unfailing. Today Jesus invites us to a life that is truly open and to a life follows His way to the Cross! Let us walk forward with faith and strive to live with joy and delight in the love of Jesus!

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

***First Reading**: **Jer 20:10-13** – He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Psalm Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

***Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15** – God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
And you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia.

***Gospel: Matt 10:26-33** – Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life isn't meant to be Easy,
it's meant to be Lived.
Sometimes Happy,
other times Rough.
But with every up and down
you learn lessons
that make you strong.

Next week's Readings First: Jer 20:10-13 Second: Rom 5:12-15 Gospel: Matt 10:26-33

Mass Times: Weekend Masses Cancelled until further notice
Reconciliation: Cancelled until further notice
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am to 2pm.
Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

A VOCATION VIEW:
Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit.
Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.
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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Henk Hoonhout, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, 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: Mona Quantock, Angelina Grasso, Jack Cochrane, Dolour Barnes, Peter O'Donnell.

Anniversaries & Remembrances June: Maria Topatig, Mary Lawes, Angelo Garbuio, Marjorie Tough, Tess Pellow, June Flynn, Veronika Wagner, Molly Kennedy, Rosalia Biscontin, Jack MacNamara, Des O'Connor, May Morrison, James Hume, Levina White, Luigina Basso, Trevor Bignell, Marguerita Freeman, Nellie Sheehan, Ray Bandiera, Peter Potts, Amedio Aquili, Billy Abrahams, Michael Hickey, Rita Freeman, Mary McCourt, William Webster, Evelyn Newman, Waclaw Kupidura, Paul Sklyarov, Ayda Daboin, Charlie Barry, Margaret Crichton, Richard Ashton, Lenore Thompson, Ernie McCullagh, Dick Curran.

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

Private Prayer in the Church the Church will be open for Private Prayer on Mondays from **1:00pm to 1:45pm** and Wednesdays from **11:00am to 11:45am**. You will also need to adhere to the same restrictions as with Mass Celebrations (see next item).

Mass Celebrations With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions we will be returning to our normal Weekend Mass. However, in line with the Government's social distancing guidelines, we are allowed a maximum of 100 people in attendance at each Mass (including the Priest and any ministers).

We have set up an online system to manage Mass registrations. Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system please call the parish office to register.

Parish Mass on Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190

Parish Mass on Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126

People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:-

You must NOT

- have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath

You must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people
- refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided in the Church when you enter and leave the Church
- Record your name and contact details in the register at the entry of the Church
- Leave at least 3 vacant chairs between the other parishioners (family groups may sit next to each other)

Keep in touch with your parish We are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, help to stay connected with the parish community or more information about sacraments please contact the parish office. **Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

BSB: 064 786 Account No: 100017027 Account name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving

Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Thank you very much for your generous financial support and prayers for our Parish. The Parish Office – open on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) between 9:00am and 2:00pm** until further notice. The preferred contact method is by phone 3822 2139 or email birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au. If you require a priest IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY ONLY please phone 3396 0742

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, '"Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'