Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 5th July 2020

Knowing God personally….

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Dear friends, in today's Gospel Jesus tells us "Take my yoke upon you...and I will give you rest." We need to hear these words often these days. Life can certainly be burdensome at times. We all know this is true. However, as Christians we know the one to whom we can always turn, the Lord Jesus. He says to each of us, "come to me".

The yoke of Christ can be seen as the sum of our Christian responsibilities and duties. To take the yoke of Christ, therefore is to put ourselves in a relationship with Christ as His servants and subjects, and to conduct ourselves accordingly.

However, to take the yoke of Christ is to associate and identify ourselves with Him: our destiny with His destiny, our vision with His vision and our mission with His mission. Thus we are invited to understand from this context that we are not wearing the yoke alone and by our power but together with Christ and by the strength that comes from Him. It is to know that Jesus is not just a teacher who gives us instructions but also a friend who helps us to do it.

We should never forget that we are yoked with Christ. He needs our feet to take Him where He is needed; our hands to bring His healing touch; our voices to speak His truth; our hearts to express His compassion and love. This is how the yoke becomes easy and the burden light.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

***First Reading*: Zech 9:9-10** – *See how humbly your king comes to you!*

Psalm Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13 – *If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matt 11:25-30 – *I am gentle and humble of heart.*

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Happy are those who take life day by day, Complain very little, and are thankful for the little things in life.

Next week's Readings ***First: Isa 55:10-11*** ***Second: Rom 8:18-23*** ***Gospel: Matt 13:1-23***

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)
Reconciliation: By appointment only
Parish Office Hours: Monday, 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: Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, 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 July: baby Belle Woolfe, Cliff Friswell, Kathleen Miles, Roy Longwill, Thomas Czapkowski, Kerry McPeake, Mary Baldacchino, Margaret Adkins, Alice Webster, Charles McCourt, Michael Mossop, Emilia Stephenson, Dulcie Perera, Nancy Hogan, Harry Elliott, Trevor Myatt, Norah Butler, Antonio Giavedoni, Peter Trevethan, Mick McErlain, George Amown, Fre Celestno, Marie Welsh, Marco Peressini, Sr Mary Robinson OSU, Nugget and Thelma Sweeney, Val Tranter, Alex Crimmins, Rose Mills, Anton Szwajczak, Ezilda Souza, Patricia Logan, Patricia Stevens, Francesca De Souza, Peggy Myatt, Noreen McGrath, Isabel Henry, Bart Szwajczak, Eileen Scanlan, Sydney Stone, Ranier Daboin, Fr Gerry Ronayne, Robert Bae, Gino Lippi, Kannika Bagster, Concetta Ragonesi, Doris Sharpe, Peg Knight, William Daley, Harry Kirkman, Jose Mangana.

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

Roster	Readers		Music
11th & 12th July	**6:15pm** (1st) Carolyn W (2nd) Don F (POF) Don F	**8:00am** (1st) Jane W (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Loretta M	**6:15pm** Gp 3 **8:00am** Gp 2 **Powerpoint** **6:15pm** Emma M **8:00am** Chris M

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 **80 people in attendance** at each Mass. 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)

When you arrive at Mass you must

- Clean your hands with sanitiser
- Sign in with your name, address and phone contact details
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit in your designated section with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members
- At this stage we are not permitted to have congregational singing.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions that are currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open. Remember, this too will pass.

Sacramental Journey 2020 We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with your child. In accordance with the sacramental policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Children in Year 3 will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this year. In **Year 4**, they will receive their **First Holy Communion** and the **Sacrament of Penance**. To be eligible for the **Sacrament of Confirmation,** your child must be Baptised. To be eligible for the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**, your child must be Confirmed. For enrolment information and dates please visit our website www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au

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. The Parish Office is open on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) between 9:00am and 1:00pm**. 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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'