



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Make use of our talents....** As we approach the final weeks of the Church year, we read the last parable Jesus taught. It's not only the final parable, but it is also one of the longest and most detailed. In this Gospel story, we hear about a man going away on a journey. He entrusts to his servants some possessions according to their ability. Those more capable are given more. The two who are more capable go out and double what they have been given. The third servant buried his talent to keep it safe but therefore it gained nothing. What we must realize, however, is that we are not talking about money and prestige. We are talking about God's gift to us and God's expectations. The basic teaching seems to tell us that we are to use everything that is given us in the best way possible - this is what God expects. All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent. We have received the gift of Faith. Our responsibility as a follower of Faith is not just to hold on to the Faith. Pope Francis encourages us to live our faith and not to bury it. And he reminds us, all the goods that we have received are to be shared with others, and thus they increase.

It is good for us to ask how we are increasing what God has given us. How do we share our faith, our joy, our hope and our love, our life with others? We need to make use of our talents at every opportunity. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish, work situation and the wider community. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities when we see a need - in creative worship in the Church liturgies and other parish activities. And let us remember time is more valuable than money. We can get more money, but we cannot get more time. Time is really the only capital that any human being has and the only thing that shouldn't be wasted. Let us use our time effectively. God has given us talents. He trusts us to use them wisely. Let us decide how best to use our gifts for building the kingdom of God.

### **Congratulations and thanks....**

I would like to extend my Congratulations to our boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion last weekend and those making their First Communion this weekend, in total 47 children. You have taken an important step in your journey of faith by readying yourselves to be fully initiated into the Body of Christ. I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all those who helped prepare the children for these special days. In particular, thank you to our parish sacramental coordinator Christine for coordinating. Thanks also to Lisa for her administrative support. And of course an enormous amount of credit needed to be given to our teachers for preparing the candidates so well, special thanks to David White, Megan Burke for the great work and wonderful contribution in preparing the children for this significant step in their faith journey and I remember everyone involved in this celebration. I thank the parents and family for your dedication in preparing the children and sharing your faith. Your efforts are much appreciated by the whole community of St. Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**First Reading:** *Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31* – Give her a share in what she has worked for.

**Psalm Response:** O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways;

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**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Second Reading:** *1 Thess 5:1-6* – The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.



**Gospel:** *Matt 25:14-30* – Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

**The best gift you can give to someone is your time, because you're giving them something you can never get back.**

### **Next week's Readings**

**First:** *Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17*

**Second:** *1 Cor 15:20-26, 28*

**Gospel:** *Matt 25:31-46*

Roster	6:15pm	Readers	8:00am	Music	8:00am
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	(1st) Vern D (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Tanina D	(1st) Emilia G (2nd) Peter L (POF) Peter L		6:15pm Gp 3 <b>Powerpoint</b> 6:15pm Emma M	Gp 2 David C

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)

**Reconciliation:** By appointment only

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### **A VOCATION VIEW:**

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full.

God calls you to live in happiness.

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, yClara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, 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:** Sam Catavittello, Catharina Mollee, Gloria Thorley.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances November:** Joan Brown, Michele Battel, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Clarence Wilcox, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Georgina Fleming, Gordon Fleming, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Josephine Romero, Alex Parlato, Alice Harney, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Veronica Brown, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleenon, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Bill & Martha Kluck, Anastacia Weiland, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak, Sr. Joe Maria. C.M.C (sister of Father Dantus).

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

**Mass Celebrations** 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.

**Saturdays** at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

**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

**When you arrive at Mass you must**

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided when you enter and leave the Church.
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members (family groups may sit next to each other)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

**Christmas Mass Times: NOTE the number of attendees at each Mass will be in accordance with the Government requirements at the time. On-line bookings for Masses are required for ALL ATTENDEES.**

**Christmas Eve Mass Times**

7:00pm St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale  
11:30pm St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale

**Christmas Day Mass Times**

8:00am St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale

**EAST TIMOR RAFFLE - WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW...**

We will be running a raffle for some much needed funds and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some special prizes (perhaps supporting a local business). Some suggested prizes could include: Restaurant vouchers, tourist / leisure activities, beauty / pamper products, Gold Class Movie tickets, gourmet food items, a special bottle of something, air fryer, coffee maker etc. If you would like to discuss any prize or sponsorship please contact the Parish Office during office hours. You can also drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Many Thanks

**The following children will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this week.**

Alexander Baker, Amelie Cadman, Jakob Rybka, Josephine Butler, Leticia White, Max Leben, Avey Walker, Max Michael, Zachary Sheirtcliff, Jacob Sheirtcliff, Sebastian Hayward, Callen Ryan, Ciara Gallagher, Harry Poulson, Aiden Hollier, Aurora Werner, Olivia Toon, Abbey Hindes, Ava Harvison, Felix Vickers, Thomas Stopa.

***Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.***

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

*St Elizabeth of Hungary*  
7:30pm Baptism Prep

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

7:30am HeartFIT  
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**PARISH OFFICE  
CLOSED FOR STAFF  
TRAINING**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**9:30am Mass**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

*Presentation of  
Blessed Virgin Mary*  
10:30am Baptism  
**6:15pm Mass**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*  
**8:00am Mass**

***Bookings for  
Weekend Masses  
are essential***

*Reconciliation is by  
appointment only.  
Please contact the  
Parish office to  
make a booking.*

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: A reading from the book of Proverbs**

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."