

Catholic Mission Appeal—18th & 19th October



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

catholic MISSION Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



RETREAT IN BRISBANE, QLD
"AND MARY SAID, MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD."
Luke 1:46

MARIAN RETREAT
with Fr. Sam Samuel VC,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW
Saturday, 25th October, 2025
(9.30am to 3.30pm)
Holy Cross Church
110 Nottingham St, Kippa Ring, QLD, 4021
*Admission is FREE *No registrations needed *BYO food
For any further inquiries please contact: 0432833439
WHEN IN SYDNEY, PLEASE VISIT
DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE
160 Hansons Road, Somersby, SYDNEY NSW 2256
Tel: 02 4370 1708, email: drocd@divineretreat.com
www.divineretreat.com

Women's retreat
LOVE STORY
7-9 NOV 2025

SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/womensR25
for more info or to register.

The Cathedral of St Stephen presents
Jubilee!
Celebrating 25 years of the Jubilee Pipe Organ
Sunday 26th October
3.00pm

Hear the Cathedral come alive in a kaleidoscope of sound!
Works by Dubois, Gigout, Bach & Gabrieli
Undercover parking will be available
Please join us after for light refreshments in the Hanly Room.

Get your tickets by scanning the QR code or visit
www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

Christopher Trillitis, Organist,
joined by the Brisbane Baroque Brass

Children's Nativity Pageant
We are seeking the following donations:
Halo, wings and white dresses for angels.
Costumes for Kings, Shepherds and Roman soldiers.
Crowns for Kings.....Adult sizes welcome.
Can anyone assist with sewing new costumes?
Please contact Catherine in the Parish
Office 3822 2139 or email
pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.
The Rosary will be prayed before each Parish Mass during the month of October, commencing 30 minutes prior to the start of

We are now taking reservations for niches or memorial plaques in our Columbarium.
Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you have any enquiries or to arrange a suitable time to discuss your requirements.

Support Your Parish

Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are:
BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027
Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving
(this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank).
Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that 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 by all.

St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish
Birkdale

"Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish is called to be a community of faith, hope and love centred on Christ, seeking to recognise the relevance of God in our lives., to live our Christian faith in a way that demonstrates and communicates the relevance of God in our lives, our Parish and the wider community"

Our Priests **19th October 2025** **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs
(Parish Priest)
Email: gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au
Fr Prem Rethnamony
(Associate Parish Priest)
Priest Emergency Contact:
Phone 3822 2139, Option 3

Dear Parishioners and visitors,
Always Pray and Do Not Lose Heart
What can a shameless and unjust judge pitted against a crusty and pestering woman teach us about justice and vindication (to restore what is right and just) in the kingdom of God? Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenseless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defense and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly Father for his grace and help.



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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
9am to 2pm
Lisa Knight *(Parish Secretary, WH&S and Safeguarding officer)*
Catherine Robinson *(Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator)*
Parish Finance Council
John Devine (Chair),
Parish Pastoral Council
Chris Mahoney (Chair)
Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Kirsteen Devine, Rachael Chiang, Kayla Sciacca

Faith-filled persistence reaps the fruit of justice and grace
Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us (grace). In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6). Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

Education

St Mary MacKillop Primary School
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Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you?

Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Next Meeting : 14th October

STOpline

To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy
Phone: 1300 30 45 50 or email to:
bnecatholic.stoplينerreport.com

MASS TIMES 13th - 19th October 2025		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6:00PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
WEDNESDAY	5:00PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY	9:00AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
FRIDAY	9:30AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE (Anointing Mass on 2nd Friday of each month)
SATURDAY	4.30 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
	6.15 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
SUNDAY	7.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
	8.00 AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Eucharistic Adoration	Anointing Mass
MONDAY 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba TUESDAY 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale SATURDAY 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills. OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)	<i>First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE.</i> Next Adoration 7th November	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 14th November

We remember and pray

For recently died: Ron Pokarier, John Wellington, Noela Murphy, Bill Welsh, Tessie Gorogo

Anniversaries for Remembrances October: Chuito Daboin, Sam Catavittello, William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Gina Basso, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Veronica Lynch, Helen Masade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donnelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Daniel Costello, Laureen Smith, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Florio Basso, Susanne Conroy, Dennis Manche, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

We pray for the sick

Lena Bandiera, Antoinette Lucy Lo Presti, Jack Maitland, Christine Dickinson, Tina Ryan, Steve Knight, Frank Thompson, Terence Walsh, Peter Murphy, John Tucker, Dawn Montgomery, Cody-Lea Knight, Gwen and John Dillon, Raymond Davis, Ned Robinson, Ava Voorn, Finn Voorn, Mike Quilty, Heather Voigt, Maureen Phillips, Terry Coles, Rosita Ganac, Liana Lo Presti, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Clara Elms, Henk Hoonhout, Paul McKean, Kevin Harrop, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee., Paulina Pitts.

Roster 25th & 26th October

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Martin M	Tim F
Second Reading	Christine M	Sarah M
Welcome & POF	Mary S	Louise W
Communion Ministers	Elaine R, Catherine R & Gemma C	April M, Matty M Michael K
Music	Group 3	Group 4
PowerPoint	Emma M	David C
Counting	-----	Group 4

Scripture Readings

This Sunday, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
 Psalm: Ps 120
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
 Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Parish Diary

Monday 20th October
 1:00pm Rosary Group
 2:00pm Activities Group
 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session

Tuesday 21st October
 7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday 22nd October
 10:00am Rosary


Friday 24th October
 9:00am Rosary
 10:00am Divine Mercy

Feast Days for this week

Wed 22nd: St John Paul II - Pope,
 Thu 23rd St John of Capistrano,
 Fri 24th St Anthony Mary Claret.

Mass Intentions:
 Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.

Sacramental Journey - Reconciliation



Workshop 1 this weekend.
 All children who received First Holy Communion in 2025 or before are welcome to join our Sacramental Journey for Reconciliation. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 or email pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like any further information

Volunteers: Baptism Preparation Evening Coordinators

Do you have a heart for welcoming families into the life of the Church? We are currently seeking **volunteer coordinators** to help facilitate our **Baptism Preparation Evenings**. These sessions are offered to parents preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for their child. Coordinators help create a warm, informative, and faith-filled environment by:

- Welcoming families as they arrive
- Assisting with materials and set-up
- Presenting and guiding discussion
- Offering hospitality and encouragement

Training and support will be provided. If you enjoy working with families and want to be part of this important ministry, we'd love to hear from you! Preparation evenings typically occur once a month in our church. You will be rostered bi-monthly, and evenings take approximately an hour.

✉ To learn more please contact: Catherine in the Parish Office at 3822 2139 or pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au
 "Let the little children come to me..." — Matthew 19:14

RCIA Journey - its not too late to join

Interested in Becoming Catholic or know somebody who is?
 Our Parish is offering the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme — a journey for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and consider joining the Catholic Church. Whether you're just curious or ready to take the next step, you're warmly invited to join us! To enrol or find out more, please contact: Parish Office: 3822 2139 or Email: pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au
 We look forward to walking this faith journey with you!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Spiritual Morning

led by
Fr. Prem

Wednesday, 5th November, 2025
9.00a.m.

in the Community Hall at St. Anthony's

*Quieten your mind
 Open your heart
 Enrich your spirit*

Morning Tea will follow
Please bring a plate to share

EVERYONE WELCOME
 Hosted by Ladies' Group



Are you New to the Parish? WELCOME!!

You can register your family details at <https://stmarymackillop.flocknote.com/register> or by phone 3822 2139 or email birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

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