

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 the Parish Office: 3822 2139 or Email:

pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au

We look forward to accompanying you on your faith journey.

Month of Remembering

November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Remembrance on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.



World Day of Prayer



Australian Church Women Inc
60 Years of Service
www.acw.org.au
ABN 68 539 329 715

World Community Day Service 2025

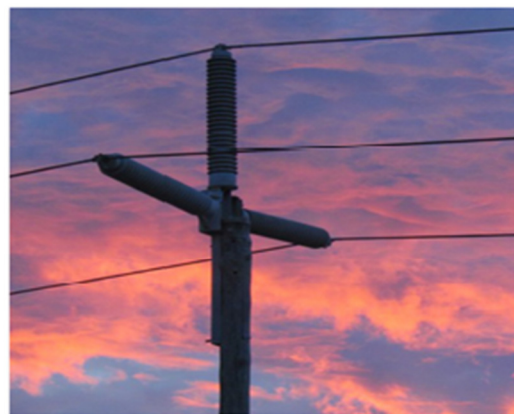


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**Be Not Afraid:
BRINGING CHRIST'S PEACE
TO THE WORLD**

St Anthony's Catholic Church, Alexandra Hills
Friday 31st October, 2025
Commencing at 11:30am
Light lunch to follow in the Parish Hall
All welcome

Please RSVP by 24th October to 0412999744 or ehardv@bigpond.net.au

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

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

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(Parish Priest)
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Fr Prem Rethnamony
(Associate Parish Priest)
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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

Education

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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Next Meeting : 28th October

STOpline

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

26th October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

How can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God



mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbour. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbour closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favour. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centred on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognise their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

MASS TIMES		
27th October - 2nd November 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	We pray for the sick
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For recently died: Kayleen White, 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.

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 1st & 2nd November

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Therese E	Margaret M
Second Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R
Welcome	John E	Melissa R
POF	Sacramental families	Sacramental families
Communion	Barb M, Tom M,	Christine M,
Ministers	Vern D	Elaine H, Maria S
Music	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
PowerPoint	Jed T	Chris M
Counting	-----	Group 1

Scripture Readings

This 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

Next Sunday, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
 First Reading: 2 Maccabees 12:43-45
 Psalm: Ps 27.1, 4, 13-14
 Second Reading: Romans 5:17-21
 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Parish Diary

Monday 27th October
 1:00pm Rosary Group
 2:00pm Activities Group
Tuesday 28th October
 7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Wednesday 29th October
 10:00am Rosary
Friday 30th October
 9:00am Rosary
 10:00am Divine Mercy
Saturday 1st November
 9:00am Mass—All Saints Day

Feast Days for this week

Tue 28th Oct: Sts Simon & Jude - Apostles
Sat 1st Nov: All Saints
Sun 2nd: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



Masses for All Saints and All Souls Day
Saturday 1st November (All Saints)
 9:00am at St Mary MacKillop Church, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) will be celebrated at our usual weekend Masses.

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

1st November: Workshop 2
 Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 or email pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au if you have any enquiries.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner

Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner
Tuesday 25th November 2025
 Mass at 6:00 pm followed by catered dinner in the Parish Centre.
 More information and booking details will be advised in future newsletters.

Congratulations!!!



We extend our congratulations to John Williams, Meg Richmond, Quinnlyn Platt, Robert Hinton, Max Macfarlane and all the children who were baptised in our parish in the month of October. We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

Please join us for a cup of tea and refreshments following the weekend Masses on **1st and 2nd November** and on the first Sunday of every month (including the Saturday evening Mass).

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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