

## 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



## BUILD YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE



**WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER**  
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## Children's Liturgy—Next held on Sun 23 Nov

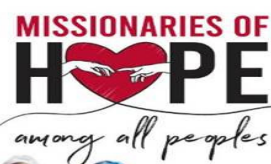
All children (ages 4–11) are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and reflection designed just for them. During the Liturgy of the Word, children will gather to hear the Gospel in an age-appropriate way, explore its meaning through stories and activities, and grow in their friendship with Jesus.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**When:** Sun 23 Nov during 8am Mass

**Where:** During Sunday Mass (children will be invited to go with the leaders after the opening prayer and return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist). Come and be part of this joyful experience as we help our children grow in faith and love! For more information or to volunteer, contact Catherine in the Parish Office 07 3822 2319 or [pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au).



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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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(Associate Parish Priest)  
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### Parish Office

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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: 11th November**

### STOpline

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

9th November 2025

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Is your life earth-bound or heaven-bound? The Sadducees had one big problem - they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven.



The Scriptures give witness - we will rise again to immortal life. Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The Scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, when God manifests his presence to Moses in the burning bush, the Lord tells him that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He shows that the patriarchs who died hundreds of years previously were still alive in God. Jesus defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death. As Psalm 73:23-24 states: "I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory."

The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25). Jesus asks us the same question. Do you believe in the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life with God?

Jesus came to restore Paradise and everlasting life for us. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the eternal truths of God's enduring love and the abundant life he desires to share with us for all eternity. Paul the Apostle, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17) states: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of Paradise - heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God - is beyond human reckoning. We have only begun to taste the first-fruits! Do you live now in the joy and hope of the life of the age to come?

Prayer: May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages. (Prayer of Origen, 185-254 AD)

MASS TIMES 3rd - 9th 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
<b>MONDAY</b> 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba <b>TUESDAY</b> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale <b>SATURDAY</b> 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>  <b>Next Adoration            Friday 5th December</b>	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on  <b>Friday 14th November</b>

**We remember and pray**

For recently died: Kaylene White, Ron Pokarier, John Wellington, Noela Murphy, Bill Welsh, Tessie Gorogo  
 Anniversaries for Remembrances November: Leo Topatigh, Paula Mary Vella, Mary Barry, Steve Raumer, 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 Harmeay, 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

**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 15-16th November**

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Tanina D	Tony M
Second Reading	Roisin B	Margaret M
Welcome & POF	Vern D	Brian Harris
Communion	Barb M, John E*	Elaine H, Christine M
Ministers	Therese E*	Maria S
Music	Group 1	Group 2
PowerPoint	Alan & Roisin B	Clinton T
Counting	-----	Group 3

**Scripture Readings**

**This Sunday, The dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
 First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
 Psalm: Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17  
 Gospel: John 2:13-22  
**Next Sunday, - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20  
 Psalm: Ps 97:5-9  
 Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

**Parish Diary**

**Monday 10th November**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group  
 2:00pm Activities Group  
**Wednesday 12th November**  
 10:00am Rosary  
**Friday 14th November**  
 9:00am Rosary  
 10:00am Adoration and Divine Mercy

**Feast Days for this week**

**Mon 10 Nov** St Leo the Great—Pope & Doctor of the church  
**Tues 11 Nov** St Martin of Tours—Soldier & Bishop  
**Weds 12 Nov** St Josaphat—Bishop & Martyr  
**Sat 15 Nov** St Albert the Great - Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
**Sun 16th** St Margaret of Scotland

**Anointing Mass**

Anointing Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 14th November**  
 All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.  
 Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.

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**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**

Congratulations to the Children of our parish who made their 1st Reconciliation this week!  
  
 May Jesus fill your heart with peace and joy.  
 May you always remember how much He loves you and how happy He is when you choose kindness and love., Amen.

**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.  
 All those wishing to attend please complete the sign up form outside Mass or contact the Parish office so we can organise catering.—thanks

**Children's Nativity Pageant**

We are inviting children to help tell the Christmas story at Christmas Eve Mass again this year.  
 There are a variety of speaking and non speaking roles suitable for various ages. Costumes are available.  
**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).  
 Children must be available before 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve, as well as rehearsals.  
 These will be held at the church from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on  
 •Thursday, 11 December  
 •Monday, 15 December  
 •Thursday, 18 December  
 •Monday, 22 December  
 For more information, please contact Catherine in the Parish Office 3822 2139 or Tania Logan on 0407436643 or britania@optusnet.com.au

**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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