

## 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.



## Prins Willem Dutch Village

Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at the Prins Willem Dutch Village for their residents on Thursday 27th November at 10:30am. All residents are welcome.



Advent and Christmas Resources for Children

You can find all the resources at [tinyurl.com/AdventWithKids](http://tinyurl.com/AdventWithKids)

## Children's Liturgy—Next held on Sun 23 November

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.

**When:** Sun 23 November 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). 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).



## A Morning's Prayer

Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend our final A Morning's Prayer Retreat for 2025 where Melissa Ledwich from the Adult Formation team at Archdiocesan Ministries will lead this session on the theme, "Made Poor for Us: Preparing for the Hope of Christmas".

As we conclude our 2025 series on the Jubilee Year of Hope, this will be a great opportunity to take some time out to pray before the Advent season begins and look at the power of the incarnation through the lens of Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te ('I Have Loved you').

**When:** Saturday 29 November from 9am - 12pm  
**Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre - 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston

For more information and to register your attendance, please visit [tinyurl.com/AMP-nov25](http://tinyurl.com/AMP-nov25)



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 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: 25th 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)

## 16th November 2025

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Dear Parishioners and visitors,

How would you respond if someone prophesied that your home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone.

To the great consternation of the Jews, Jesus prophesied the destruction of their great temple at Jerusalem. The Jewish people took great pride in their temple, a marvel of the ancient world. The foretelling of this destruction was a dire warning of spiritual judgment in itself. They asked Jesus for a sign that would indicate when this disastrous event would occur. Jesus admonished them to not look for signs that would indicate the exact timing of impending destruction, but rather to pray for God's intervention of grace and mercy.

Sometimes we don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something "shakes us up" to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every individual who has lived on this earth. The reward for doing what is right and pleasing to God and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God are not always experienced in this present life - but they are sure to come in the day of final judgment.

The Lord Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning. Do not pass up, even for one day, God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace. This day may be your only chance before that final day comes. Jesus tells his disciples that if they endure to the end they will gain their lives - they will inherit abundant life and lasting happiness with God. Endurance is an essential strength which God gives to those who put their trust in him. Endurance is the patience which never gives up hope, never yields to despair or hatred. Patience is long-suffering because it looks beyond the present difficulties and trials and sees the reward which comes to those who persevere with hope and trust in God. That is why godly endurance is more than human effort. It is first and foremost a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit which enables us to bear up under any trial or temptation. What will attract others to the truth and power of the Gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel?



MASS TIMES 17th - 23rd 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	We pray for the sick
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**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, Brendan McNulty, Joseph Camilleri, Josephine Romero, Alex Parlato, Alice Harmey, 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

Gilbert Briscoe, 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 22nd & 23rd November**

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

**Scripture Readings**

**This 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  
  
**Next Sunday:**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 First Reading: 2 Sam 5:1-3  
 Psalm: Ps 121:1-5  
 Second Reading: Col 1:12-20  
 Gospel: Luke 23:12-20

**Parish Diary**

**Monday 17th November**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group  
 2:00pm Activities Group  
**Wednesday 19th November**  
 10:00am Rosary  
**Friday 21st November**  
 9:00am Rosary  
 10:00am Divine Mercy

**Feast Days for this week**

**Mon 17th Nov** St Elizabeth of Hungary  
**Tue 18th Nov** Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul  
**Fri 21st Nov** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Sat 22nd Nov** St Cecilia  
**Sun 23rd Nov** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and St Clement

**Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner**

**Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner  
 Tuesday 25th November 2025**  
 6:00 pm Mass followed by catered dinner in the Parish Centre.  
 For everyone who gives their time and talents to help our Parish.  
**Place name and details on the list in the church or contact the parish office on 3822 2139 or email birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au**  
**RSVP BY SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER**

**Daily Reflection for Advent.**



**IN HOLY STILLNESS**  
 A new prayer reflection resource for groups and individuals.  
 You are welcome to join our Parish Advent Group. Meetings will be at the Church on Wednesdays at 10:00am during Advent.

**Books — \$5.00 each**

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

**Join Us for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2025**  
 We are truly **ble**ssed to share the love and spirit of Christmas with families and children in our community! We warmly invite you to be part of this season of giving.  
**St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree**  
 From the weekend of **22nd and 23rd November 2025, on a table outside the church**, you'll find our **Giving Tree** ready to bring smiles and happiness to children and families in need. You are warmly invited to **take a tag from the tree and place your gift in the tubs** near the church entrance. **Each tag shows the child's age and gender** (for example: *Girl, age 6 or Boy, age 9*), so you can **choose a gift suitable for their age**. Please **return your Giving Tree gift by Sunday, 14th December 2025** so we can share the joy with everyone in time for Christmas. If you would like to make a monetary donation, our giving envelopes will also be available from the wishing tree. **EFT donations** can be made to the following account (please note not for over-the-counter deposits at the bank) BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 1000 26127 Account Name: SVDP St Mary MacKillop  
**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Hampers**  
 On the weekends of **6th & 7th and 13th & 14th December** donations of non-perishable food can be brought to Masses and placed in the baskets provided. **Thank you** for your generosity and kindness. Your gifts truly bring happiness and hope to children and families in our community.



**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 (Adult sizes also welcome):**  
 \* Halo, wings and white dresses for angels,  
 \* Costumes for Kings, Shepherds and Roman soldiers  
 \* Crowns for Kings  
 Children must be available on Christmas Eve, at 6:30 pm (Mass starts at 7:00pm) as well as rehearsals. Rehearsals 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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Tick this box to receive information about our Planned Giving Programme

(Place this completed form in the collection plate)

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