

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



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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23rd November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

What is the significance and meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems outdated and useless, especially in democratic societies where everyone is supposed to be treated equal and free. Many rulers in past ages claimed they had sovereign authority to rule by divine edict. But God did not give his people Israel a king at first. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and chose David as King over Israel with the promise that God would raise up through David's royal line a Savior who would establish an everlasting kingdom of righteousness and peace that would endure for all ages (Psalm 89:29).



The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess. Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin, guilt and condemnation, and from the wages of sin which is death (Romans 6:23) and separation from an all-merciful and just Father who gave us his son to set us free and to adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an imperishable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

As Jesus was crucified on the cross alongside two criminals who were thieves, one mocked him for his claim to divine kingship. But the other thief recognised through the eyes of faith that Jesus was truly God's Anointed King and Savior. He petitioned Jesus to treat his poor soul with mercy and pardon, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Jesus not only granted him forgiveness, but a place with him in his everlasting kingdom. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

If we follow the Lord Jesus and entrust our lives to him he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us by his Holy Spirit along the path that leads to our true homeland with God. If we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King and submit to his rule for our lives, we become citizens of heaven and inherit an everlasting kingdom which is ruled by righteousness, peace, and love. Is the Lord Jesus the true King and Master of your life?

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
9am to 2pm
Lisa Knight (Parish Secretary, WH&S and Safeguarding officer)
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John Devine (Chair.)
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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

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.



Oblate Youth Iona
ENCOUNTER NIGHT
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
5:00PM-8:00PM
IONA COLLEGE CHAPEL
AGES 15-25
ACTIVITIES. FRIENDSHIP. COMMUNITY.
SCRIPTURE. ADORATION. WORSHIP.
REGISTER NOW

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.

| MASS TIMES 24th - 30th November 2025 | | |
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| 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 |

| <i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> | <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> | <i>Anointing Mass</i> |
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| 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 Friday 5th December | Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 12th December |

| <i>We remember and pray</i> | <i>We pray for the sick</i> |
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For recently died: Ron Watson, 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

Evelyn Mawn, 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 29th & 30th November

| Readers | 6:15pm | 8:00am |
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| First Reading | Tanina D | Christne M |
| Second Reading | Mary S | Loretta M |
| Welcome & POF | Matty M | Margaret M |
| Communion | Elaine R, Betty A, | Kerry B, Maria S |
| Ministers | Anne Maree C | Volunteer |
| Music | Group 3 | Group 4 |
| PowerPoint | Jed T | Volunteer needed |
| Counting | ----- | Group 5 |

Scripture Readings

This 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
Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
 First Reading: Isa 2:1-5
 Psalm: Ps 121:1-52, 4-5, 6-9
 Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14
 Gospel: Matt24:37-44

Parish Diary

Monday 24th November
 1:00pm Rosary Group
 2:00pm Activities Group
Tuesday 25th November
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—STAFF TRAINING
 10:00am Rosary
 5:30Ppm Thanksgiving Mass followed by Dinner in Parish Centre
Wednesday 26th November
 10:00am Rosary
Friday 28th November
 9:00am Rosary
 10:00am Divine Mercy

Feast Days for this week

Mon 24th Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions: Martyrs
Tue 25th Nov St Catherine of Alexandria
Sun 30th Nov First Sunday Advent;
 St Andrew: Apostle

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.
Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 or birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like to attend.
RSVP BY MONDAY 24TH 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 with age tag attached 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



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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

Tick this box to receive our weekly newsletter by email

Tick this box to receive information about our Planned Giving Programme

(Place this completed form in the collection plate)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____