

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December -

**St Anthony's. Alexandra Hills:** 4:30pm Christmas Carols  
5:00pm (Children's Pageant) and Mass  
**St Mary MacKillop Birkdale:** 6:30pm Christmas Carols  
7:00pm (Children's Pageant) and Mass

### Christmas Day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**St Luke's. Capalaba:** 7:00am Mass  
**St Mary MacKillop Birkdale:** 8:00am Mass  
**St Anthony's. Alexandra Hills:** 9:00am Mass



## Congratulations!!!



We extend our congratulations to Hugo, Charlie and Rosa Janicijevic, Gillian and Mia Textor, Harriet and Oscar Cox, Adaline Clarke, Matilda Topatig and all the children who were baptised in our parish in the month of November.

We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

## Anointing Mass



Anointing Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 12th December**

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.

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.



Advent and Christmas Resources for Children

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

Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs  
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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

## Education

**St Mary MacKillop Primary School**  
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[catholicearlyyedcare.qld.edu.au](http://catholicearlyyedcare.qld.edu.au)

## Welfare groups

**St Vincent De Paul Society**  
1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
**Next Meeting : 9th December**

## 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)

## 30th November 2025

## First Sunday of Advent

## Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Why did Jesus compare "the coming of the Son of Man" with the "days of Noah" (Matthew 24:37)? Scripture describes both events as a day of judgment and the separation of the just from the unjust. It is a time when the Lord of heaven and earth gathers to himself those who are his

own. Separation is an inevitable consequence of the fundamental choices people have made - whether for God or against God. The fundamental choices we make can either lead us towards God and his will for us or they can lead us in a direction that is opposed to God or contrary to his wisdom and plan for our lives and well-being.

The Book of Genesis describes why God chose to separate Noah and his family who were faithful to God from those who had utterly rejected God and corrupted the earth with violence and evil: Just as God provided a safe haven and place of refuge for Noah and his family in the ark which spared them from destruction (Genesis 7), the Lord provides for us today a place of refuge in the ark of his people - the body of Christ - who listen to his word and obey his voice. God made a covenant of peace with Noah and his descendants (Genesis 9:8-17). Noah's ark was a prophetic sign and beacon of hope which prefigured the new covenant of everlasting peace which the Lord Jesus would accomplish through his atoning death on the cross, resurrection, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

Jesus came to fulfill all the promises of God, including the covenant of peace which God made with Noah. Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission to set us free from sin and condemnation and to give us new life in his Holy Spirit. Jesus died for our sins, rose to everlasting life, and is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He now reigns over the heavens and the earth as the exalted Lord of creation. The Lord Jesus promised that he would return again in glory to complete the work of redemption which he began at his first coming.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the Lord would judge between the nations and establish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous - all peoples who believed in him and who listened to his teaching and instruction - would come to his holy mountain and house to worship him and dwell with him in everlasting peace (Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the time between the first coming and second coming of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him.

source: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)



MASS TIMES 1st - 7th December 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> <i>Next Adoration</i> <i>Friday 2nd January (NO ADORATION FOR DECEMBER)</i>	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on <b>Friday 12th December</b>

We remember and pray	We pray for the sick
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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, Page Brosnan, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee., Paulina Pitts.

**Roster 6th & 7th December**

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R
Second Reading	John E	Melissa R
Welcome & POF	Therese E	Margaret M
Communion	Elaine R, Betty A,	Kerry B, Maria S
Ministers	Anne Maree C	Volunteer
Music	Group 1	Volunteer needed
PowerPoint	Jed T	Clinton T
Counting	-----	Group 1

**Scripture Readings**

**This 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: Matt 24:37-44  
**Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**  
 First Reading: Isa 11:1-10  
 Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
 Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9  
 Gospel: Matt 3:1-12

**Parish Diary**

**Monday 1st December**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group  
 2:00pm Activities Group  
**Wednesday 3rd December**  
 10:00am Rosary  
 6:00pm School Grade 6 Graduation Mass  
**Friday 5th December**  
 9:30am School End of Year Mass

**Feast Days for this week**

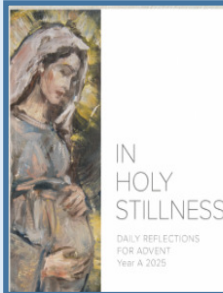
**Wed 3rd Dec:** Francis Xavier - Jesuit Missionary;  
**Thu 4th Dec:** John Damascene - Doctor of the Church;  
**Sat 6th Dec:** Nicholas - Bishop;  
**Sun 7th Dec:** 2nd Sunday Advent; Ambrose Bishop/Doctor of the Church.

**Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration**

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ROSARY OR ADORATION ON FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025**  
 Next Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on **2nd January 2026**

**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**



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

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

**Join Us for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2025**  
 We are truly blessed 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




**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)

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